

HONORING THE FUTURE

The University of Virginia
Center for Economic
and Policy Studies

“Guided by these four values—access, collaboration, communities, and impact—the Cooper Center is reimagining what public service means, how the work is carried out, and who is included in the conversation. Through our research, leadership development programs, and local government engagement initiatives, we continue to work toward our vision of good governance, equity, and resilience in every Virginia community.”

WELDON COOPER CENTER 2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

FORMING PUBLIC POLICY THROUGH ECONOMIC EVALUATION

The Cooper Center is taking bold steps to reimagine public service for the 21st century. In accordance with this goal, the Center for Economic and Policy Studies, a unit within the Cooper Center, is dedicated to strengthening the common good by applying economic analysis to the design, implementation, and evaluation of public policy. Providing our leaders with the best available economic data and analysis helps them make informed decisions that result in a stronger, more equitable society.

BETTER GOVERNMENT FOR THRIVING COMMUNITIES

Resilient communities begin with good governance and public policy that works for everyone. Just as good engineering supports better technology, our work contributes to a more efficient, effective government. By gathering, analyzing, and providing access to a wide variety of economic data, we generate new knowledge that can help improve well-being and strengthen communities. The center’s services include policy analysis, applied research, economic forecasting, and regional economic studies.



*OUR RESEARCH SPANS TIMELY ISSUES
INCLUDING ENERGY, HEALTH CARE,
EDUCATION, TRANSPORTATION FINANCE,
POLLUTION CONTROL, TAXATION,
AGRICULTURE, AND MORE.*

CURRENT AREAS OF FOCUS INCLUDE:

Creating more robust emission markets

Designing and testing new mechanisms that reduce price volatility and incorporate emission allowance auctions.

Evaluating economic incentives in Virginia

Analyzing small business incentives, including work force training programs, under contract with the Joint Legislative Audit & Review Commission.

Siting wind and solar power in Virginia

Partnering with the Energy Foundation and localities to develop best practices for the siting of solar and wind generation facilities.

Studying methods to reduce emissions in Virginia

Building models to reduce the impact of aggressive carbon sequestration on Virginia localities and the Chesapeake Bay.

Understanding locality use of highway funds

Documenting the sources and uses of road, street, and highway maintenance funds provided by VDOT.

YOUR SUPPORT

The Center for Economic and Policy Studies plays a critical role in realizing the Weldon Cooper Center's goal of "Reimagining Public Service." Gifts to support our work will contribute to creating strong communities and a more equitable society for all.

Your support is critical to further our efforts to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of our government, helping to fulfill our shared vision of making the commonwealth a national model for good governance and resilient communities.

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