

Economist

Public Policy and Economic Analysis Practice Area

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Anderson Economic Group is seeking an experienced and motivated individual to join our practice as an economist in our public policy practice area, in our East Lansing, Michigan office. The position requires specific technical skills; strong communications ability; and a commitment to our core values of professionalism, integrity, and expertise.

At Anderson Economic Group, we work on unique and interesting projects every day, answering questions including: Where should Amazon build its next headquarters? What is the economic impact of an auto workers strike? What would happen if a state changed its pension investment strategy? Can a state raise enough revenue to fund roads without increasing the gas tax? What impact does rent control have on a city's housing market?

Responsibilities

Upon joining the firm, the right candidate will:

- Apply economic reasoning and employ appropriate models to analyze public policy issues.
- Collect, analyze, manage, and visualize data using mathematical and statistical software.
- Critically analyze data sources, methods, and metrics, documenting and defending these as an essential part of the analytical work.
- Write reports and presentations that meet standards for both clarity and credibility, and contribute to the review of other reports and research methods.

Our consultants work with a team of highly motivated and skilled professionals, including geographers, mathematicians, economists, and business analysts. They are given specific training on quality assurance and project management, and are provided the opportunity to employ advanced techniques in economic and fiscal analysis and data analytics. After demonstrating proficiency in both the technical and managerial aspects of consulting, we expect our consultants to manage projects, as well as grow the practice by bringing in new clients.

Preferred Qualifications

The skills required for this position include:

- Experience with mathematical, statistical, and office software. Python, R, or something similar is required. Matlab, Tableau, and Stata are useful as well. Excel and other standard software is required.
- Understanding of research methods is required, as is the ability to select, retrieve, document, analyze, and summarize data.
- Real-world experience with economic modeling, as well as graduate-level course work or similar work experience is required.

About Anderson Economic Group

Anderson Economic Group LLC (AEG) is a boutique consulting firm founded in 1996. A number of AEG reports have become benchmarks in their respective fields, including our annual *State Business Tax Burden* analysis; pioneering work on high-technology clusters; award-winning research on business location decisions; critical assessment of tax incentives; successful involvement in tax reform involving sales, property, income, and business taxes; and national studies on the economic contribution of research universities. Our recent clients include

McDonald's Corporation, the National Association of REALTORS, the University of Chicago, the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, the Joyce Foundation, and the States of Kentucky, Tennessee, Michigan, Wisconsin, and New Jersey.

Articles written by our consultants have received at least five national awards. Our consultants are regularly quoted in state and national news media in their area of expertise.

Work Location and Compensation

The available position is at our office in East Lansing, Michigan. Some travel may be expected in the future, including occasional travel to our office in Chicago. Compensation includes a competitive salary, bonus, and a range of benefits including medical insurance and a retirement plan.

This position reports to the public policy practice area manager and will primarily be assigned to project teams in that practice area. Based on interest and need, this position will likely also be assigned to projects in our other practice areas, strategy and business valuation (SBV) and market and industry analysis (MIA).

COVID-19 Impact on Work

At Anderson Economic Group, the health and safety of our employees is very important. We follow CDC and MIOSHA guidance on providing a safe workspace. We expect all of our employees to follow this guidance for their own health and safety, as well as the health and safety of our consulting team and their families.

To Apply

We insist on high standards in our work and adherence to our core values, therefore only motivated individuals who thrive in a challenging work environment should apply. Applications must consist of a resume, cover letter, and writing sample that demonstrating your writing and analytic abilities.

Before applying, please review the Careers, Public Policy, Publications, and other pages on our website: www.AndersonEconomicGroup.com.

To apply, e-mail your resume, cover letter, and a two to five-page work sample to Tyler Marie Theile, Vice President, at TTheile@AndersonEconomicGroup.com.

In your cover letter, please mention a report or case study from www.AndersonEconomicGroup.com that is indicative of the type of work you find most interesting at AEG. **Materials are due by February 26, 2021.**

Anderson Economic Group is an equal opportunity employer, and we welcome qualified applicants from diverse backgrounds.