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Dr. Bartik’s research focuses on state and local economic development and local labor markets. This includes research on how early childhood programs affect local economies, and on job-creation programs.


National debates over the recent recession have included the policy option of job creation tax credits. Such job creation programs were proposed in Bartik’s 2001 book, *Jobs for the Poor: Can Labor Demand Policies Help?* Bartik’s work was extensively cited in the debate during 2009 and 2010 over job creation policies.


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- Earnings Benefits of Tulsa’s Pre-K Program for Different Income Groups

- Including Jobs in Benefit-Cost Analysis

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