

Questions for Upcoming Research

Regional Competitiveness

What barriers exist for increasing the number of patents issued to researchers at colleges and universities in Rhode Island? How are other states working with colleges and universities to increase the number of patents received?

How does Rhode Island compare nationally with wages and benefits for the private sector? What factors influence any variability? What other factors, including cost of living, need to be considered when making comparisons of wages across states?

How does the app-based and sharing economy business model impact the economy?

What are best practices for managing the regulations needed to meet the changing app-based and sharing economy business models?

How can states balance regulation while encouraging new types of business to emerge?