



RIPEC

**The Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council** is a nonpartisan and nonprofit public policy research organization dedicated to providing objective research and analysis that addresses the critical challenges surrounding public finance and economic opportunity in Rhode Island.

## WHAT DOES RIPEC DO?

Since its founding in 1932, RIPEC has been at the forefront of the most pressing issues facing state and local government, working to develop policy solutions to critical challenges facing the Ocean State.

**Today, we focus on three primary areas:**

### Helping Make State and Municipal Governments More Efficient and Effective

*Assists policymakers in developing sustainable spending practices and revenue policies, partially through . . .*

- Analyzing the state [budget](#) and [bond referenda](#).
- Supporting the Rhode Island Foundation's '[Make it Happen](#)' initiative, making recommendations for state spending of \$1.1 billion in federal rescue funds.
- Developing an interactive [financial data dashboard](#) to assist municipal leaders in decision making.

### Protecting Taxpayers

*Advocates for preserving and improving Rhode Island's tax climate, in part by . . .*

- Collaborating with the business community to effectively oppose [economically harmful tax proposals](#), including an income tax hike for high earners.
- [Analyzing](#) Rhode Island's business tax climate ranking and making [recommendations](#) for policymakers, such as exploring changes to the state corporate income tax.
- Serving on a committee to address [Providence's financial challenges](#).

### Improving K-12 Education

*Supports and advances K-12 education reform through work like . . .*

- An [Analysis of Charter Public Schools](#) in Rhode Island, a report [reframing](#) the debate around the proposed charter school moratorium.
- A school reopening and distance learning [report](#) that found [increased inequity](#) between low-income students and their peers during the pandemic.
- [How Rhode Island Compares](#), a report that stacks up Rhode Island's [K-12 expenditures](#) to other states.

## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Work closely with other business, civic, and community leaders to help develop solutions to the major issues facing our state. With your support, RIPEC will continue to provide trusted and objective analysis that help shape the solutions to Rhode Island's most important challenges.

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