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## Wesley Tharpe Policy Analyst

Wesley focuses his research on state taxation and economic development policy, with emphasis on analyzing strategies for building a more prosperous, equitable Georgia. Beyond promoting sensible state tax reform, his priorities include analyses of state policies for job creation and broad-based growth and the annual State of Working Georgia report, which outlines how everyday Georgians are faring across various economic measures. A native of Fayetteville, Ga., Wesley holds a master's in public policy from the Johns Hopkins University and a bachelor's in political science and international affairs from the University of Georgia.

## Policy Areas:

- *State Taxes*
- *Economic Development*

## Recent Published Work:

- ***State of Working Georgia 2011: From Job Crisis to Job Creation (November, 2011)***  
Report provides an analysis of the vitality of Georgia's workforce, addressing issues such as declining employment, rising inequality and the accessibility of economic opportunity for all Georgians.