

Fiscal and Economic Impact Analysis

Fiscal impact and economic impact analyses often occur together—economic analysis focusing on growth, investment, and change, and fiscal analysis focusing on the financial consequences of that growth, investment, and change on cost and revenue. The Community Solutions Group at GAI Consultants conducts economic and fiscal studies in tandem so clients have sufficient information to make informed financial decisions.

Economic professionals researching economic conditions and following the impact means clients can make informed and profitable decisions.

GAI has been involved in scores of fiscal and economic studies, most involving significant projects with substantive effects on policy decisions. Our studies have been associated with major undertakings such as community investments, expansion of high technology

processes, rail and infrastructure improvements, utility systems and design, and developments for campus, military, or sports venues.

Fiscal impact analyses estimate the ways an action will affect the operating and capital needs of an activity. GAI's fiscal studies help clients understand how activities, projects, and public policy decisions affect resources and operational capacity.

On the other hand, economic impact analyses calculate how a project or policy affects the economy or the economic growth of a specific geography. Our professionals measure positive and negative economic impacts in terms of output, employment, and income, and further define direct (initial) and indirect (ongoing) impacts.

By conducting economic analyses, the Community Solutions Group at GAI can estimate the relative significance of changes in economic activity caused by a specific project or public policy.



Service Profile



Large positive economic impacts are considered “growth oriented,” particularly for regions or countries in need of jobs and income. Conversely, negative economic impacts are considered “growth deterrents.” GAI’s economic professionals understand that a common error with economic impact analysis is confusing estimated impacts with the overall positive or negative benefit, along with the broader decision-making process.

GAI’s Community Solutions Group remains top ranked in its ability to conduct impact analyses that provide the information needed for insightful decisions on government agency matters and private undertakings. Our team of economists, planners, and design professionals partner with clients from small communities to multi-million-dollar corporations with successful results.

Fiscal and Economic Impact Analysis Services

- IMPLAN, RIMS and other models
- Long term fiscal outlooks
- Local government financial support
- Evaluation of fees, design and increments
- Creation of special districts

GAI Services Summary

- Airport Planning and Design
- Bridge and Structure Inspection and Design
- Coal Combustion Residuals Management
- Construction Inspection and Management
- Cultural Resources Management
- Economic Analyses and Strategies
- Electric Transmission Design and Siting
- Environmental Engineering
- Environmental Studies, Species Studies, Permitting
- Gas Pipeline Surveying and Mapping
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Geotechnical Engineering and Geology
- Impoundment and Landfill Permitting and Design
- Land Development Engineering
- Landscape Architecture and Design
- Master Planning and Urban Design
- Mechanical, Electrical, Structural Engineering
- Natural Gas FERC Certification and Permitting
- Nuclear Energy Engineering Support
- Right of Way and Appraisal Support
- Land Surveying and Mapping
- Transportation Planning and Design
- Utility Management Consulting
- Water, Stormwater, Wastewater Management