

THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH

An Overview of the Key Activities

- Seventeen major research programs
- Special group projects within each program
- Fifteen working groups
- Sixteen regular annual conferences

- 569 Research Associates (senior faculty members)
- 253 Faculty Research Fellows (junior faculty members)

Communicating results

- NBER web site (www.nber.org)
- Books published by the University of Chicago Press
- NBER annuals and special issues of academic journals
- Working Papers -- 821 in 2004
Available on the Web: 2.5 million downloads in 2004
- Monthly *Digest* and Quarterly *Reporter*
- Quarterly *Aging and Health Bulletin*

Research Programs

- Monetary economics
- Economic fluctuations and growth
- International trade and investment
- International finance and investment
- Labor studies
- Public economics
- Asset pricing
- Corporate finance
- Industrial organization
- Productivity
- Health economics
- Health care economics
- Economics of education
- Law and economics
- Aging
- Children
- Development of the American Economy

Working Groups

- Behavioral economics
- Chinese economy
- Cohort studies
- Economics of National Security
- Entrepreneurship
- Environmental economics
- Higher education
- Indian economy
- Market Microstructures
- Insurance
- International trade and organizations
- Organizational economics
- Personnel economics
- Political Economy
- Urban economics

Special group projects within programs

These are in addition to smaller projects done by single researchers or small groups of researchers.

- **Monetary economics**
 - *Deflation*
 - *Asset Prices and Monetary Policy*
 - *The Great Inflation*

- **International trade and investment**
 - *Trade in Services*
 - *China Trade*

- **International finance and macroeconomics**
 - *Current Account Deficits in Industrial Countries-*

- **Economic Fluctuations and Growth**
 - Household savings in the United States

- **Labor studies**
 - *The Labor Market for Scientists and Engineers*

- **Public economics**

- *Social Security*
- *Taxes Rules and Taxpayer Behavior*
- *Tax Reform Options*

- **Asset pricing**
 - *Risk Problems in Insurance Markets*
 - *Market Microstructure Issues*

- **Corporate Finance**
 - *Concentrated Ownership*
 - *Corporate Governance Around the World*

- **Law and Economics**
 - *Corporate Governance*
 - *Political Economy of the Law*

- **Industrial Organization and Productivity**
 - *International Differences in Productivity Growth*
 - *Entrepreneurship*
 - *Regulation*

- **Health Economics**
 - *Substance Abuse*
 - *Early Indicators of Later Work Levels, Disease and Death*

- **Health Care**
 - *Medical Expenditures of the Elderly*
 - *Access to Medical Care*
 - *Economic Status, Economic Inequality and Health Inequality*
 - *Medicare*

- **Economics of Education**
 - *School Accountability*
 - *Higher Education: International Comparison*

- **Development of the American economy**
 - *The Progressive Era*

- **Aging**
 - *Personal Retirement Saving and Retiree Wealth)*
 - *Social Security*
 - *Understanding Disability Change and Its Implications*
 - *Living Arrangements, Health and Wealth of the Elderly*

- *Determinants of Saving in 401(k) Plans*

- **Children**

- *Disadvantaged Children*

- **Conference on Research in Income and Wealth**

- *Inflation and Output Measurement in the Service Sector*

Sixteen regular annual or biannual conferences:

- Conference on Research in Income and Wealth
- Universities Research Conferences
- Macroeconomics Annual
- Tax Policy and the Economy
- Frontiers of Health Economics
- International Seminar on Macroeconomics
- Inter-American Seminar in Economics
- East Asia Seminar in Economics
- U.S.-Japan Economics Conference
- Japan Working Group
- US-China Economics Conference
- US-India Economics Conference
- Franco-American Seminar
- Transatlantic Public Economic Seminar
- International Seminar in International Trade
- Innovation Policy and the Economy