

Biography of Zack Cooper

Zack Cooper is an Associate Professor of Public Health and Associate Professor of Economics at Yale University. He also serves as Director of Health Policy at Yale's Tobin Center for Economic Policy. Professor Cooper is a health economist whose work is focused on producing data-driven scholarship that can inform public policy. In his academic work, he has examined how rising health care spending impacts the wider US economy, the drivers of variation and growth in US health spending, and the effect of competition in hospital and insurance markets. Cooper has published his research in leading economics and medical journals, including the Quarterly Journal of Economics and the New England Journal of Medicine. He has also presented his research at the White House, the Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Department of Health and Human Services, and he has testified before the US Senate. Cooper's work on surprise medical bills is widely credited with being one of the key drivers of the No Surprises Act, a federal law passed in 2021 that protects consumers from unexpected bills.

Cooper received his undergraduate degree from the University of Chicago and his PhD from the London School of Economics. He is a Faculty Research Fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research and is a 2019 winner of an Andrew Carnegie Fellowship from the Carnegie Corporation of New York.