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Background

Dennis Coates is a Professor of Economics at University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). He is one of the nation's leading scholars on the economics of professional sports, with more than two decades of peer-reviewed research on stadium subsidies, franchise relocation, and public financing of sports facilities. Dennis holds a PhD in economics from University of Maryland and is one of the most cited professionals in the economics of sports. He is a past president of the North American Association of Sports Economists and a frequent commentator on these issues in national media and policy forums.

His 2024 review in the *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* documents the near consensus among economists that stadiums do not deliver promised local economic development despite routine state and local subsidization, and his comprehensive 2023 survey in the *Journal of Economic Surveys* catalogs decades of evidence that franchises and venues generate little to no net local economic gain.

Education

Dr. Coates received his PhD in Economics from the University of Maryland. He received his B.A. from State University of New York (SUNY) at Albany and his M.A. in Economics from the University of Arizona.