

Natural Gas and Oil Fuels West Virginia's Economy and Workforce

Access to natural gas and oil development will be a key driver of the post-pandemic recovery in West Virginia. **The industry supported 82,000 West Virginia jobs, provided over \$5.1 billion in wages and contributed more than \$11.1 billion to the state's economy in 2019**, according to a study conducted by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) that compiles the latest available government data.



JOBS OVERVIEW

From petroleum engineers and truck drivers to contractors and manufacturers, the natural gas and oil industry supports a wide range of jobs across the West Virginia economy. Research shows that every direct job in the natural gas and oil industry generates an additional 1.5 jobs in West Virginia.

JOBS SUPPORTED BY THE INDUSTRY



32,320Natural Gas and Oil



13,200
Exploration and Production



26,620Services



5,700 Wholesale and Retail



2,720 Construction



3,150Transportation and Warehousing



2,230Manufacturing



9,220 Other



OVER \$5.1 BILLION IN WAGES

Good jobs mean community-supporting wages that are spent on homes, at local restaurants, car dealerships and small businesses.



MORE THAN \$11.1 BILLION IN ECONOMIC IMPACT

Industry activity boosts manufacturing, logistics, banking and construction among dozens of other economic sectors.



