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New Report: Oil and Gas Supported 134,000 Jobs, Added \$16.6 Billion to New Mexico Economy

SANTE FE, NEW MEXICO, September 30, 2020 – The New Mexico Oil and Gas Association (NMOGA) today released a [new report](#) showing that New Mexico’s oil and natural gas industry supported 134,000 in-state jobs and added \$16.6 billion to New Mexico’s economy in 2018. According to the analysis, the industry accounted for 12% of statewide employment and 16% of the state’s economy. The report was prepared by the New Mexico Tax Research Institute and was presented virtually to a meeting of the New Mexico Legislative Finance Committee.

“The oil and natural gas industry supports jobs and local economies in every corner of our state, and this report underscores the employment ripple effect inherent in this industry when it is allowed to be successful,” said NMOGA Executive Director Ryan Flynn. “New Mexico’s economic outlook and future generations depend on continuing policies that prioritize the development of our abundant energy resources, just as we have safely done for the past several years. The result is a stronger, more resilient New Mexico for everyone.”

The report highlights the oil and gas industry’s direct economic activity in New Mexico as well as the indirect and induced jobs and economic value added to the economy through its purchases, employment, and payments to state and local governments. The 134,000 jobs supported by industry provided \$7.6 billion in labor income to New Mexicans, accounting for 14% of income earned statewide and some level of employment in each of New Mexico’s 33 counties. In the public sector, one of every seven government jobs was also supported by industry, mostly in state and local government.

This report follows a [recent analysis](#) by NMOGA and the American Petroleum Institute (API) warning of negative consequences for New Mexico if a ban on federal leasing and public lands were to take effect. New Mexico is projected to be among the states hardest hit, losing over 62,000 jobs by 2022.

“Smart, sound policy is critical to the success of our industry and has a clear impact on other sectors of the economy supported by oil and natural gas,” added Flynn. “The fact that industry

supports one of every seven government jobs shows that New Mexico just can't afford misguided proposals like a federal leasing ban that put teachers, first responders, and health care workers on the chopping block.”

NMOGA provided support and funding for this report to the New Mexico Tax Research Institute. View the full report and methodology at [NMOGA.org/EconomicActivityReport](https://www.nmoga.org/EconomicActivityReport).

NMOGA is a coalition of more than 1,000 oil and natural gas companies and individuals operating in the state of New Mexico. NMOGA is the oldest and largest organization representing the oil and gas industry in New Mexico and its members include all facets of oil and gas production, transportation, and delivery. The oil and gas industry is the greatest economic contributor to the state of New Mexico, supporting more than 134,000 jobs and \$16.6 billion in annual economic activity. Taxes and royalties from the industry account for 39% of the State of New Mexico's annual budget, including over \$1.4 billion for public schools. Visit [NMOGA.org](https://www.nmoga.org) to learn more about the importance of oil and natural gas to New Mexico.

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