

AMA examines economic impact of physicians

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The study was prepared by IMS Health and estimated the economic impact of the approximately 720,000 physicians who mainly engage in [patient care](#) activities at the national and state levels. Output, jobs, wages and benefits, and state and local tax revenue were measured.

According to the results of the study, these physicians support a total economic output of \$1.6 trillion and 10 million jobs nationally,

equivalent to \$2.2 million and 13.84 jobs per physician. At the national level, physicians support \$775.5 billion in wages and benefits. They also contribute \$65.2 billion in total state and local taxes nationally, equivalent to a per-physician contribution of \$90,449 in local and state tax revenue. Physicians support greater [economic output](#) than legal services, [home health care](#), higher education, and nursing home and residential care at a national level.

"The new AMA study illustrates that physicians are strong economic drivers [who] are woven into their local communities by the jobs, commerce, and taxes they generate," Ardis Dee Hoven, M.D., president of the AMA, said in a statement. "These quality jobs not only support the caring role of [physicians](#), but also generate taxes that support schools, housing, transportation, and other public services in local communities."

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