

Physicians strengthen Louisiana's economy

Louisiana's office-based physicians ensure the health and well-being of their communities. A recent report by The Lewin Group proves they also strengthen Louisiana's economy by creating jobs, purchasing goods and services, supporting wages and benefits, and generating state and local tax revenue.¹ Louisianans benefit directly when the state creates a positive practice environment for physicians. By attracting and keeping physicians in the state, the people of Louisiana have better access to health care and a stronger state economy.

- **Jobs:** Office-based physicians support almost 50,000 jobs in Louisiana
- **Output:** Office-based physicians contribute \$11 billion in economic output or sales revenue, representing 5.3 percent of the total GDP in Louisiana
- **Wages & Benefits:** Office-based physicians in Louisiana generate more than \$6.5 billion in wages and benefits
- **Taxes:** Office-based physicians generate more than \$400 million in state and local tax revenue in Louisiana

In addition to supporting the state economy, physicians also give back to their community by providing charity care. In 2008, physicians provided an estimated \$24.4 billion in charity care on a nationwide basis.²

2011 Economic Impact Study of Office-Based Physicians

	Louisiana	National
Total Number of Office-Based Physicians	8,569	638,661
Total Number of Jobs Supported by Office-Based Physicians	48,859	4.0 Million
Average Number of Jobs Supported per Office-Based Physician	5.7	6.2
Total Sales Revenue Generated by Office-Based Physicians	\$ 11 Billion	\$ 1.4 Trillion
Total Wages & Benefits Supported by Office-Based Physicians	\$ 6.6 Billion	\$ 833.1 Billion
Total State & Local Tax Revenue Generated by Office-Based Physicians	\$ 400.8 Million	\$ 62.9 Billion

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¹ *The State-Level Economic Impact of Office-Based Physicians Report*, The Lewin Group, Jan 2011.

² Kane, Carol. (2008, October) *Medical Care for the Uninsured: Who Pays for it and How Will Spending Change Under Universal Coverage?*, American Medical Association. <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/363/prp200803.pdf>