

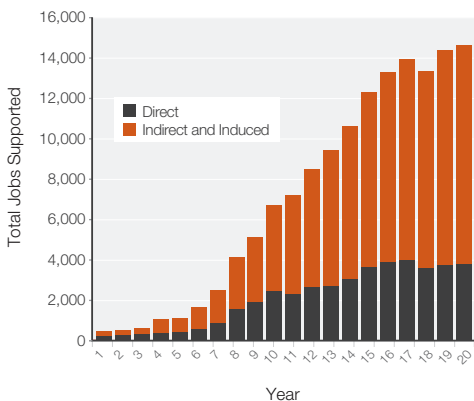


Alabama

The Benefits of U.S. Offshore Oil and Natural Gas Development in the Eastern Gulf

Alabama is projected to see an increase in spending, employment and contributions to its economy if Eastern Gulf OCS oil and natural gas resources are developed. Alabama could see annual spending grow to over **\$890 million per year within 20 years** due to offshore oil and natural gas exploration in the Eastern Gulf and development activity through significant private investment related to oil and natural gas development activities.

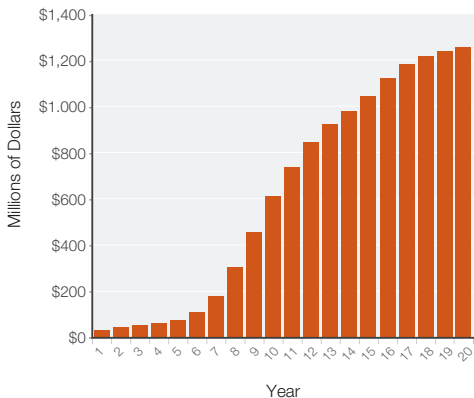
Alabama's Projected Employment Direct vs. Indirect



Employment

Employment in Alabama due to spending by the Eastern Gulf offshore oil and natural gas industry is projected to reach **over 14,000 jobs**. Direct employment due to offshore oil and natural gas exploration and production could reach nearly 4,000 jobs, with indirect and induced employment of over 10,000 jobs projected throughout the forecast period.

Projected Contributions to Alabama's Economy



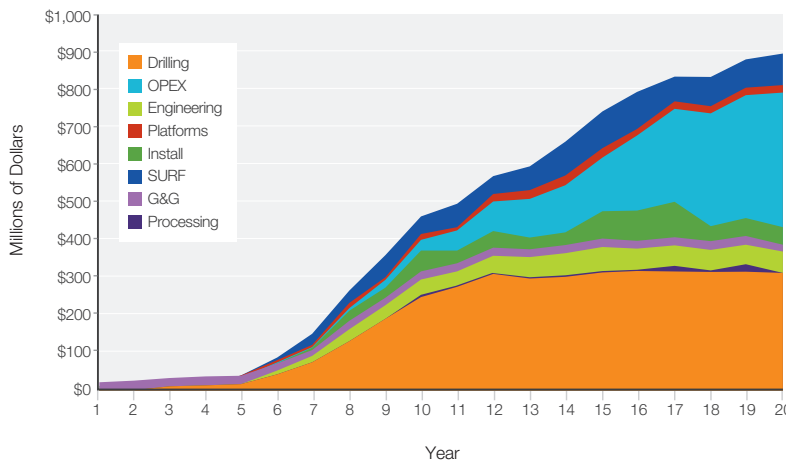
Benefits for Alabama's Economy

Contributions to Alabama's state economy due to development of the Eastern Gulf OCS oil and natural gas exploration activities could be over **\$1.2 billion per year** by the end of the forecast period. Additionally, if the existing Gulf of Mexico state/federal revenue sharing arrangement is extended to the Eastern Gulf OCS, Alabama's share of the bonuses, rents and royalties generated could reach **\$270 million per year** within 20 years, with cumulative effects totaling **\$22.2 billion**.

Eastern Gulf Development Bolsters AL's Existing Industries

Spending on Eastern Gulf oil and natural gas exploration and development are projected to be over **\$890 million per year** at the end of the forecast period. This spending would likely lead to large increases in employment and economic activity for a wide range of industries and companies throughout Alabama.

Projected Alabama Spending by Sector



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