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.

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**

- **32,320** Natural Gas and Oil
- **13,200** Exploration and Production
- **26,620** Services
- **2,720** Construction
- **3,150** Transportation and Warehousing
- **2,230** Manufacturing
- **5,700** Wholesale and Retail
- **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.