California’s natural gas and oil supports more than one million jobs, provides nearly $105 billion in wages and contributes more than $217 billion to the state’s economy. America’s natural gas and oil powers every sector of the U.S. economy and reaches every facet of our lives, from heating our homes and fueling transportation to supporting the manufacture of products we use every single day. Across the country, 10.8 million jobs are supported by U.S. natural gas and oil, which represents 5.4% of the nation’s total employment.\(^1\)

California’s natural gas and oil is used in every other U.S. industry from manufacturing and services to construction, wholesale and retail.

From petroleum engineers and truck drivers to contractors and manufacturers, America’s natural gas and oil supports a wide range of jobs across the state of California. Research shows that every direct job in the natural gas and oil industry generates 5.5 additional jobs in California.\(^3\)

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\(^1\) “Impacts of the Oil and Natural Gas Industry on the U.S. Economy in 2021,” prepared for the American Petroleum Institute by PwC in April 2023.

\(^2\) Non-retail jobs. 2021 industry average annual pay calculated from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

\(^3\) Includes the California economic impact of oil and gas industry state-to-state purchases.