North Dakota’s Workforce and Economy: Powered by Natural Gas and Oil

North Dakota’s natural gas and oil supports more than 72,000 jobs, provides over $5.5 billion in wages and contributes more than $16 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

**North Dakota’s Energy Workforce**

Good jobs mean community-supporting wages that are spent on homes, in local restaurants, and at car dealerships and small businesses. Among natural gas and oil jobs, the average wage is 65% greater than the U.S. average.²

**North Dakota’s Economy**

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

**72K ND Jobs Supported by Natural Gas & Oil**

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 North Dakota. Research shows that every direct job in the natural gas and oil industry generates 1.7 additional jobs in North Dakota.³

3. Includes the North Dakota economic impact of oil and gas industry state-to-state purchases.

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