Southern California: The Oil and Gas Industry Refining Capacity & Jobs Leader

Accounting for 53% of total oil refining capacity in the state and almost half of all industry employment, Southern California plays a central role in California’s oil and gas industry.

65,844 Southern California residents directly employed by the oil and gas industry

1.2% Share of Jobs in the region

$7.9B State & Local Tax Revenue

153,830 Total number of jobs in the Southern California Region supported by the oil and gas industry

That's enough people to fill LA Memorial Coliseum almost two times.*

$62.8B Total Economic Contribution

$9.7B Total wages and benefits that are reinvested into the local economy for homes, transportation, food, etc.

That dollar amount is nearly three times more than the GDP of Iceland.*

*Source: Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum website
*Source: United Nations Statistics Division
Regional Factsheet: Southern California

Breakdown by County

- Imperial
  - Total Jobs: 800
  - Economic Contribution: $142.5 Million
  - State & Local Tax Revenue: $677 Million
  - Labor Income: $24.5 Million
  - Share of Total Jobs in County: 1.0%

- Los Angeles
  - Total Jobs: 77,550
  - Economic Contribution: $46.7 Billion
  - State & Local Tax Revenue: $3.9 Billion
  - Labor Income: $5.3 Billion
  - Share of Total Jobs in County: 1.2%

- Orange
  - Total Jobs: 18,790
  - Economic Contribution: $4.2 Billion
  - State & Local Tax Revenue: $1.04 Billion
  - Labor Income: $1.1 Billion
  - Share of Total Jobs in County: 0.8%

- Riverside
  - Total Jobs: 9,100
  - Economic Contribution: $1.5 Billion
  - State & Local Tax Revenue: $779 Million
  - Labor Income: $368 Million
  - Share of Total Jobs in County: 0.9%

- San Bernadino
  - Total Jobs: 10,390
  - Economic Contribution: $1.9 Billion
  - State & Local Tax Revenue: $867.5 Million
  - Labor Income: $425.5 Million
  - Share of Total Jobs in County: 1.0%

- San Diego
  - Total Jobs: 20,900
  - Economic Contribution: $5.5 Billion
  - State & Local Tax Revenue: $1.3 Billion
  - Labor Income: $1.3 Billion
  - Share of Total Jobs in County: 1.0%

South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)

- Total Jobs: 115,830
- Labor Income: $7.2 Billion
- Economic Contribution: $54 Billion
- State and Local Tax Revenue: $1.3 Billion
- Share of Total Jobs in SCAQMD: 1.1%

A report titled “2019 Report Oil & Gas in California: The Industry, Its Economic Contribution and User Industries at Risk” examined the economic contribution of the oil and gas industry in California for the year 2017, the most recent annual data available, as well as identified user industries of refined products most vulnerable to cost increases, supply restrictions and competitive pressures from outside the state. The study was conducted by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation on behalf of the Western States Petroleum Association.

To read the full report, visit wsopa.org/LAEDC