International students studying at U.S. colleges and universities contribute $32.8 billion to the U.S. economy and support 400,812 jobs*. For every seven international students enrolled, three U.S. jobs are created and supported by spending occurring in the higher education, accommodation, dining, retail, transportation, telecommunications and health insurance sectors.

The economic contributions of international students are in addition to the immeasurable academic and cultural value these students bring to our campuses and local communities. For a more detailed analysis, access NAFSA’s International Student Economic Value Tool at nafsa.org/economicvalue.

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NOTE: Total enrollment and dollars includes data from Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. They are not listed, as the U.S. Department of Commerce does not include them in the datasets used in our jobs analysis.