International Students in College and University English Language Programs (ELP) SUPPORT AMERICAN JOBS

$273 MILLION
contributed to the U.S. economy

1,761 JOBS
created/supported by international students

For every **four international students** enrolled in a college or university ELP, **one U.S. job** is created and supported by spending occurring in sectors such as:

- higher education
- accommodation
- dining
- retail
- transportation
- telecommunications
- health insurance

International students studying at colleges and universities across the United States contribute **$39.9 billion** to the U.S. economy and support **309,409 jobs**. 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 by state and congressional district level, access NAFSA's *International Student Economic Value Tool* at
NAFSA.ORG/ECONOMICVALUE

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STATE	INT'L STUDENTS*	U.S. DOLLARS*	JOBS*
TOTAL	**6,653**	**$273.0 MILLION**	**1,761**
Alabama	67	$2.6 million	16
Alaska	N/A†	N/A†	N/A†
Arizona	353	$16.2 million	130
Arkansas	9	$288,193	2
California	655	$35.5 million	265
Colorado	113	$5.3 million	44
Connecticut	80	$3.9 million	27
Delaware	91	$4.3 million	36
District of Columbia	35	$2.2 million	14
Florida	727	$29.5 million	147
Georgia	145	$4.8 million	32
Hawaii	20	$731,744	3
Idaho	50	$2.5 million	13
Illinois	243	$10.3 million	75
Indiana	12	$521,353	4
Iowa	56	$2.0 million	7
Kansas	40	$1.2 million	6
Kentucky	46	$1.5 million	7
Louisiana	12	$542,126	3
Maine	8	$358,240	3
Maryland	45	$2.1 million	15
Massachusetts	129	$7.0 million	54
Michigan	85	$3.0 million	17
Minnesota	99	$3.4 million	17
Mississippi	34	$1.1 million	6
Missouri	91	$2.7 million	15
Montana	4	$184,873	1
Nebraska	54	$1.9 million	8
Nevada	14	$501,770	3
New Hampshire	N/A†	N/A†	N/A†
New Jersey	104	$5.6 million	25
New Mexico	16	$561,222	5
New York	532	$28.6 million	168
North Carolina	100	$3.3 million	20
North Dakota	N/A†	N/A†	N/A†
Ohio	96	$3.1 million	20
Oklahoma	41	$1.6 million	11
Oregon	283	$13.3 million	96
Pennsylvania	258	$12.1 million	98
Rhode Island	9	$588,619	2
South Carolina	49	$2.1 million	17
South Dakota	N/A†	N/A†	N/A†
Tennessee	147	$6.0 million	42
Texas	894	$26.8 million	145
Utah	288	$7.0 million	43
Vermont	N/A†	N/A†	N/A†
Virginia	105	$4.7 million	40
Washington	381	$14.1 million	53
West Virginia	N/A†	N/A†	N/A†
Wisconsin	30	$844,894	3
Wyoming	3	$116,781	1
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*Sources used in NAFSA's economic analysis for 2025-2026 Academic Year: U.S. Department of Education, Petersons Data, Common Data Set, U.S. Department of Commerce, and the *Open Doors* report. † No college and university ELPs reporting to *Open Doors* survey.