International Students Support American Jobs

$39.9 BILLION

contributed to the U.S. economy

309,409 JOBS

created/supported by international students

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

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

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	**1,146,163**	**$39.9 BILLION**	**309,409**
Alabama	10,557	$249.2 million	1,639
Alaska	306	$9.7 million	44
Arizona	31,653	$1.0 billion	8,233
Arkansas	5,775	$107.8 million	591
California	131,283	$5.9 billion	47,511
Colorado	10,454	$378.4 million	3,202
Connecticut	20,990	$587.9 million	4,224
Delaware	5,204	$108.7 million	776
District of Columbia	11,122	$458.1 million	3,185
Florida	46,547	$1.4 billion	10,343
Georgia	29,617	$1.0 billion	8,251
Hawaii	3,920	$125.1 million	732
Idaho	3,403	$81.5 million	474
Illinois	67,389	$2.3 billion	20,055
Indiana	29,819	$875.0 million	6,957
Iowa	8,128	$257.2 million	1,663
Kansas	8,945	$193.7 million	1,131
Kentucky	4,722	$139.2 million	916
Louisiana	7,619	$258.7 million	1,856
Maine	1,985	$65.0 million	365
Maryland	26,779	$1.0 billion	9,173
Massachusetts	80,394	$3.3 billion	26,539
Michigan	36,485	$1.3 billion	9,754
Minnesota	15,141	$500.0 million	3,251
Mississippi	3,503	$89.6 million	627
Missouri	34,006	$707.3 million	5,472
Montana	892	$29.3 million	190
Nebraska	3,877	$98.6 million	591
Nevada	2,203	$70.2 million	540
New Hampshire	5,994	$174.3 million	1,253
New Jersey	26,353	$919.3 million	7,195
New Mexico	2,785	$76.1 million	568
New York	133,740	$5.6 billion	40,232
North Carolina	26,667	$857.1 million	7,163
North Dakota	2,519	$56.9 million	340
Ohio	36,067	$1.1 billion	8,439
Oklahoma	8,559	$219.7 million	1,325
Oregon	6,973	$251.3 million	1,679
Pennsylvania	49,560	$1.9 billion	17,998
Rhode Island	5,211	$278.8 million	2,122
South Carolina	6,915	$193.7 million	1,306
South Dakota	2,626	$62.4 million	267
Tennessee	11,655	$371.5 million	2,843
Texas	98,902	$2.3 billion	18,053
Utah	10,017	$312.3 million	2,312
Vermont	1,320	$57.1 million	324
Virginia	24,248	$920.1 million	7,234
Washington	23,537	$864.0 million	5,566
West Virginia	2,258	$76.3 million	426
Wisconsin	15,844	$518.8 million	4,326
Wyoming	951	$24.6 million	152
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NOTE: Jobs total does not include data for Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and Northern Marianas Islands. They are not listed here, as the U.S. Department of Commerce does not provide their data in the datasets used in calculating our jobs analysis.
*Sources used in NAFSA/JBI'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