

Physicians strengthen Wyoming's economy

Wyoming's office-based physicians ensure the health and well-being of their communities. A recent report by The Lewin Group proves they also strengthen Wyoming's economy by creating jobs, purchasing goods and services, supporting wages and benefits, and generating state and local tax revenue.¹ The people of Wyoming benefit directly when the state creates a positive practice environment for physicians. By attracting and keeping physicians in the state, the people of Wyoming have better access to health care and a stronger state economy.

- **Jobs:** Office-based physicians support almost 5,000 jobs in Wyoming
- **Output:** Office-based physicians contribute \$1 billion in economic output or sales revenue, representing 6.2 percent of the total GDP in Wyoming
- **Wages & Benefits:** Office-based physicians in Wyoming generate \$700 million in wages and benefits
- **Taxes:** Office-based physicians generate more than \$28 million in state and local tax revenue in Wyoming

In addition to supporting the state economy, physicians also give back to their community by providing charity care. In 2008, physicians provided an estimated \$24.4 billion in charity care on a nationwide basis.²

2011 Economic Impact Study of Office-Based Physicians

	Wyoming	National
Total Number of Office-Based Physicians	896	638,661
Total Number of Jobs Supported by Office-Based Physicians	4,996	4.0 Million
Average Number of Jobs Supported per Office-Based Physician	5.6	6.2
Total Sales Revenue Generated by Office-Based Physicians	\$ 1.0 Billion	\$ 1.4 Trillion
Total Wages & Benefits Supported by Office-Based Physicians	\$ 700 Million	\$ 833.1 Billion
Total State & Local Tax Revenue Generated by Office-Based Physicians	\$ 28.3 Million	\$ 62.9 Billion

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¹ *The State-Level Economic Impact of Office-Based Physicians Report*, The Lewin Group, Jan 2011.

² Kane, Carol. (2008, October) *Medical Care for the Uninsured: Who Pays for it and How Will Spending Change Under Universal Coverage?*, American Medical Association. <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/363/prp200803.pdf>