



# Economic Impacts of PFAS in Delaware

- **PFAS (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances)** are chemicals used in a wide variety of health, safety, and consumer applications.
- **Numerous industries in Delaware use PFAS as vital inputs**, whether as an important component of a final product itself or as part of its production process.
- **These industries help support economic activity in addition to what is reported in the official statistics.** This additional economic activity, known as indirect (upstream supply chain) and induced (spending of disposable income by employees) impacts, is estimated using input-output analysis and IMPLAN, a widely used economic modeling system.

## Key PFAS-Utilizing Industries



Aerospace



Medicine and Pharmaceuticals



Batteries



Refrigeration, Air Conditioning, and Heat Pumps

*In total, the PFAS-utilizing industries analyzed help support nearly 2,200 jobs and contribute over \$500 million to state GDP.*

## Economic Impacts

|              | Employment   | Labor Income    | GDP             |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Direct       | 1,147        | \$114.7M        | \$386.5M        |
| Indirect     | 505          | \$33.1M         | \$70.0M         |
| Induced      | 518          | \$29.5M         | \$56.4M         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>2,171</b> | <b>\$177.3M</b> | <b>\$512.9M</b> |

### Employment Multiplier

Each job in a PFAS-utilizing industry helps support 0.9 other jobs in the economy.

### Share of State GDP

PFAS-utilizing industries, their supply chains, and induced impacts account for 0.6% of state GDP.



# Economic Impacts of PFAS in Delaware: Industry Focus



**Aerospace** - Delaware's aerospace industry use PFAS compounds for maintaining airworthiness and safety performance of aircraft. PFAS help to prevent degradation, corrosion, leakage, and contamination that can otherwise require high levels of maintenance or lead to failures.

In total, the aerospace industry supports 31 jobs and contributes \$7.6 million to the state economy.

|              | Employment | Labor Income  | GDP           |
|--------------|------------|---------------|---------------|
| Direct       | 17         | \$2.6M        | \$6.0M        |
| Indirect     | 4          | \$0.3M        | \$0.5M        |
| Induced      | 10         | \$0.6M        | \$1.1M        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>31</b>  | <b>\$3.5M</b> | <b>\$7.6M</b> |



**Batteries** - PFAS compounds are used by manufacturers to produce a wide array of battery types due to their chemical, temperature, and oxidation resistance. The uses of batteries include a growing number of green energy applications, including solar energy storage and electric vehicle propulsion.

Battery manufacturers in Delaware support 940 jobs and generate \$100 million in GDP.

|              | Employment | Labor Income   | GDP             |
|--------------|------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Direct       | 549        | \$56.5M        | \$54.6M         |
| Indirect     | 157        | \$10.5M        | \$20.1M         |
| Induced      | 234        | \$13.4M        | \$25.5M         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>940</b> | <b>\$80.4M</b> | <b>\$100.2M</b> |



**Medicine and Pharmaceuticals** - PFAS compounds are used as active ingredients and as a resource to achieve purity in the manufacturing and research stages. They are also used in medical packaging applications which preserve the shelf life of life-saving products.

In total, the medicine and pharmaceutical industry supports 436 jobs and contributes nearly \$280 million to the state economy.

|              | Employment | Labor Income   | GDP             |
|--------------|------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Direct       | 154        | \$25.1M        | \$239.4M        |
| Indirect     | 156        | \$10.3M        | \$24.7M         |
| Induced      | 126        | \$7.2M         | \$13.7M         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>436</b> | <b>\$42.6M</b> | <b>\$277.7M</b> |



**Refrigeration, Air Conditioning, and Heat Pumps** - The refrigeration, air conditioning, and heat pump industry depends on PFAS to produce equipment which preserve perishable foods, protect the pharmaceutical cold chain, and support air conditioning systems of vehicles, homes, and industries.

Delaware's refrigeration, air conditioning, and heat pump manufacturers support 763 jobs and contribute almost \$130 million to state GDP.

|              | Employment | Labor Income   | GDP             |
|--------------|------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Direct       | 427        | \$30.3M        | \$86.5M         |
| Indirect     | 188        | \$11.9M        | \$24.7M         |
| Induced      | 148        | \$8.4M         | \$16.1M         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>763</b> | <b>\$50.7M</b> | <b>\$127.3M</b> |