



# Economic Impacts of PFAS in West Virginia

- **PFAS (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances)** are chemicals used in a wide variety of health, safety, and consumer applications.
- **Numerous industries in West Virginia 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



Batteries



Refrigeration, Air Conditioning, and Heat Pumps



Automotive



Medicine and Pharmaceuticals



Semiconductors

*In total, the PFAS-utilizing industries analyzed help support over **10,000 jobs** and contribute more than **\$2 billion to state GDP.***

## Economic Impacts

	Employment	Labor Income	GDP
Direct	4,327	\$586.4M	\$1,431.3M
Indirect	2,930	\$212.9M	\$361.0M
Induced	3,126	\$154.7M	\$275.0M
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,382</b>	<b>\$953.9M</b>	<b>\$2,067.3M</b>

## Employment Multiplier

Each job in a PFAS-utilizing industry helps support 1.4 other jobs in the economy.

## Share of State GDP

PFAS-utilizing industries, their supply chains, and induced impacts account for 2.4% of state GDP.



# Economic Impacts of PFAS in West Virginia: Industry Focus



**Aerospace** - West Virginia's aerospace industry uses 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 over 2,600 jobs and contributes \$314 million to the state economy.

	Employment	Labor Income	GDP
Direct	1,534	\$170.7M	\$217.8M
Indirect	333	\$21.0M	\$31.6M
Induced	740	\$36.6M	\$65.1M
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,607</b>	<b>\$228.3M</b>	<b>\$314.5M</b>



**Automotive** - The automotive industry depends on PFAS compounds to manufacture engine components and in-car electronics. Additionally, PFAS are implemented in some types of automotive safety technology (including driver assistance systems).

West Virginia's automotive industry helps support 280 jobs and contributes more than \$70 million to GDP.

	Employment	Labor Income	GDP
Direct	118	\$9.1M	\$55.1M
Indirect	101	\$6.5M	\$11.1M
Induced	60	\$3.0M	\$5.3M
<b>Total</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>\$18.6M</b>	<b>\$71.4M</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 West Virginia support almost 170 jobs and generate \$18 million in GDP.

	Employment	Labor Income	GDP
Direct	95	\$10.9M	\$11.5M
Indirect	25	\$1.6M	\$2.6M
Induced	48	\$2.4M	\$4.3M
<b>Total</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>\$14.8M</b>	<b>\$18.4M</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 nearly 7,200 jobs and contributes over \$1.6 billion to the state economy.

	Employment	Labor Income	GDP
Direct	2,519	\$391.4M	\$1,141.2M
Indirect	2,423	\$180.5M	\$311.1M
Induced	2,248	\$111.2M	\$197.7M
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,189</b>	<b>\$683.1M</b>	<b>\$1,650.0M</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.

West Virginia's refrigeration, air conditioning, and heat pump manufacturers support over 40 jobs and contribute almost \$4 million to state GDP.

	Employment	Labor Income	GDP
Direct	24	\$1.6M	\$2.2M
Indirect	9	\$0.6M	\$0.9M
Induced	8	\$0.4M	\$0.7M
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>\$2.6M</b>	<b>\$3.9M</b>



**Semiconductors** - West Virginia's semiconductor industry depends on PFAS compounds to manufacture revolutionary technologies that underpin our digital society.

When indirect and induced impacts are included, activity related to semiconductor manufacturing supports nearly 100 jobs and contributes over \$9 million to the state economy.

	Employment	Labor Income	GDP
Direct	37	\$2.8M	\$3.5M
Indirect	38	\$2.7M	\$3.7M
Induced	21	\$1.1M	\$1.9M
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>\$6.5M</b>	<b>\$9.1M</b>