UC’s Economic Impact on California

The University of California is a major contributor to the state’s vitality, generating $82 billion in economic activity per year, and supporting more than half a million jobs.

UC produces a significant return on investment through strong state and federal partnerships. This alliance has been critical for combatting the COVID-19 pandemic, and UC is poised to continue its essential role in California’s social and economic recovery. As the data demonstrate, UC activities in education, health care, research and public service benefit every corner of the state.

**Statewide Economic Activity**

- **$82B**
  - Generated in economic activity per year
- **$21.04**
  - In economic output for every $1 in state support it receives

UC attracts $3.36 in non-state-government funds for every $1 of State funding it receives.

**Workforce Development**

- **74%**
  - UC alumni who stay in California
- **15,000**
  - Health science students, part of the nation’s largest medical training program

UC is a primary source of California’s health care workforce. Large numbers of alumni also work in education, technology, and business.

**Tax Revenue**

- **$12B**
  - Generated in federal, state, and local taxes ($7.5 billion in federal taxes and $4.2 billion in state and local taxes)
- **25%**
  - Of UC employee compensation spending returns to the state and federal governments

**Health Care**

University of California Health (UCH) is the largest academic health system in the U.S., and the fourth largest health care delivery system in California.

- **8.1M**
  - Outpatient visits, including 349,000 emergency room visits in 2019-20
- **$1.4B**
  - Spent on community benefits in 2018-19, of which the largest share, $920 million, was uncompensated costs for treating Medi-Cal patients

**Job Creation**

- **3rd largest employer in California**
- **1 in 45 jobs**
  - UC activities account for more than half a million jobs, or 2 percent of the state’s total

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Educational Access

40% OF UC UNDERGRADUATES ARE THE FIRST IN THEIR FAMILY TO ATTEND COLLEGE.

35% OF UC’S CURRENT UNDERGRADUATES WHO COME FROM LOW-INCOME FAMILIES AND RECEIVE PELL GRANTS.

56% OF ALL CALIFORNIA RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATES RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID THAT FULLY COVERS THEIR SYSTEMWIDE TUITION AND FEES.

Economic Mobility

$9,300 MORE EARNED ANNUALLY BY UC UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI THAN INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK IN CALIFORNIA AND HOLD A BACHELOR’S DEGREE FROM ANOTHER INSTITUTION.

$35,400 MORE EARNED ANNUALLY BY UC GRADUATE ALUMNI THAN INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK IN CALIFORNIA AND HOLD A GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL DEGREE FROM ANOTHER INSTITUTION.

Public Service

5,900 UC MASTER GARDENERS WHO VOLUNTEER ACROSS CALIFORNIA TO TEACH IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

41,000 COMMUNITY-BASED COURSES OFFERED BY UC’S AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION ACROSS CALIFORNIA COUNTIES IN 2018-19.

Innovation

5 inventions per day

12,658 ACTIVE INVENTIONS, WITH 1,825 DISCLOSED IN 2018-19.

$5.8B RECEIVED IN RESEARCH AWARDS IN 2018-19.

UC is awarded more National Institutes of Health and National Science Foundation funding than any academic research institution in the United States.

All data drawn from the 2018-19 fiscal year unless otherwise noted. For the full report, visit: ucal.us/economicimpact

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