

The Community and Economic Impacts of Data Centers

Data Centers: Economic Engines for Local Communities

Data centers are economic engines powering America's future. They are long-term community investments creating permanent jobs and tax revenue that support community schools, roads, and parks without increasing taxes on residents. A new U.S. Chamber of Commerce analysis, *The Community and Economic Impacts of Data Centers*, quantifies what a single facility delivers:

- Thousands of jobs
- Hundreds of millions in local tax revenue that fund schools, roads, and public safety
- Sustained economic growth for decades

Data center growth and community interests are not competing goals. Communities deserve transparency, early engagement, and confidence that developers will pay for the infrastructure needed to support new growth. When that happens, data centers become a powerful source of jobs, investment, and long-term economic opportunities.

Construction Creates an Immediate Economic Surge

Construction of a data center alone creates thousands of jobs. The building process drives demand for local workers and businesses across skilled trades, engineering firms, equipment manufacturers, logistics providers, and professional services.

Did you know?

During a typical two-year construction phase, one facility supports:

An average of

5,200

jobs per year statewide

Draws

1,700

additional workers into the state labor force

Adds

\$680

million to the state economy

Generates

\$400

million in state personal income annually — approximately \$13 million added to the state economy and \$7.7 million in personal income every week

Local Revenue for Schools, Roads, and Public Safety

Data centers do more than create jobs. They provide communities with substantial local tax revenue that helps fund the priorities residents care about most. This means more spending on schools, public safety, roads, and infrastructure while often lowering residential taxes. Unlike one-time investments, this revenue continues year after year, and residents see those returns directly in their community.

The analysis looked at four major counties with data center development and the local tax revenues these facilities generate to support community improvements.

Locality	Five-Year Impact	Average Per Year
Dallas County, Texas	\$174 million	\$34.8 million
Prince William County, Virginia	\$114 million	\$22.8 million
Fulton County, Georgia	\$111 million	\$22.2 million
Franklin County, Ohio	\$96 million	\$19.2 million

*Annual averages are simple five-year totals divided by five, are based on modeling, and do not reflect individual data center tax status.

Long-Term Jobs and Economic Opportunity

Long after construction is complete, data centers continue supporting careers for local workers and businesses. Local employers benefit from ongoing demand across industries such as HVAC, electrical work, security, logistics, and administration.

By the Numbers: Long-Term Economic Impact of a Typical 50-Megawatt Data Center

750

additional workers in the workforce

740

permanent jobs supported per year statewide

\$125M

personal income generated annually

\$2.4M

to the state's economy every single week

The National Opportunity

The stakes at the national level are immense. When communities across the country support responsible data center development, they create opportunities for good-paying jobs, increased incomes, and the investments communities need to support future growth. **What could adding 13.6 GW of data center capacity mean for Americans?**

- 2.9 million jobs
- \$450 billion in annual economic activity
- \$240 billion in family and household income during the build-out period

Workforce, supply chain, and equipment constraints will shape the outcome. The opportunity is real, and it is available now to states and communities that act.

Conclusion

A single data center delivers for local communities in many ways: immediate construction jobs, long-term operational employment, sustained personal income growth, and reliable local tax revenue for community priorities. The U.S. Chamber's analysis makes clear that data centers are a gateway to investment, industries, and economic growth that will define the next decade. States and communities that welcome responsible investment from data center developers will be better positioned to compete.

Source: U.S. Chamber of Commerce, The Community and Economic Impacts of Data Centers (2026). State employment, labor-force, economic output, and personal-income figures are statewide estimates. Local revenue figures apply to the named jurisdictions.

All numbers are based on 50 MW facilities