

# Independent Producers Fuel America's Economy

Independent oil and gas producers drive America's energy dominance and economic strength. **Upstream, onshore independents accounted for the overwhelming share of national production, investment, and economic impact of the U.S. upstream sector from 2022-2024, according to a study conducted by Rystad Energy, including 87% of the sector's total economic contributions in 2024.**

Independents deliver reliable and secure energy that powers the U.S. economy, catalyze the creation of millions of jobs, and provides substantial government revenues that strengthen communities across the country. **The foundation of America's energy security is built on the investment and innovation of independent producers.**

## Independent Operator Share of Onshore Activity (2022-2024)



**85%**

Of Produced Crude Oil, Condensate, and NGLs



**90%**

Of Produced Natural Gas



**95%**

Of Producing Wells Operated



**90%**

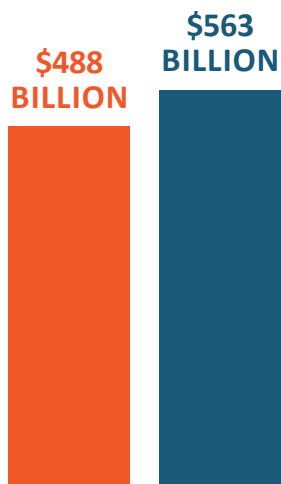
Of New Wells Drilled



**90%**

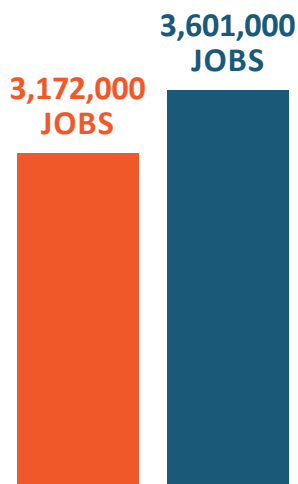
Of Capital and Operating Expenditures

## Economic Impact of Independents (2024)



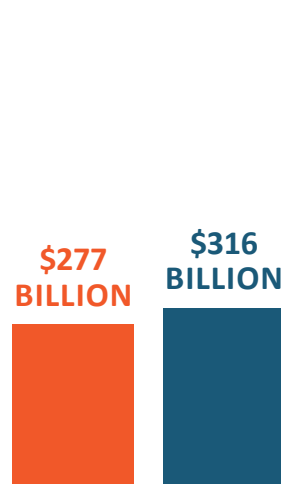
Independent Producers | Total Upstream Sector

**GDP OUTPUT**



Independent Producers | Total Upstream Sector

**JOBS SUPPORTED**



Independent Producers | Total Upstream Sector

**LABOR INCOME**



Independent Producers | Total Upstream Sector

**TAXES PAID**

Source: "Economic Impact of US Independent Operators," conducted by Rystad Energy for the American Exploration & Production Council in August 2025.