Impact of the Natural Gas and Oil Industry on Ohio

— STATEWIDE IMPACT —

The oil and gas industry provides well-paying and safe jobs to hundreds of thousands of Ohioans, invests billions in our communities, reliably generates the energy that powers our homes and businesses, and is leading the way in reducing CO2 emissions.

An independent study by Cleveland State University, which was commissioned by JobsOhio, shows that from 2012, the industry invested an estimated $97.8 billion into Ohio.

According to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services the industry employs over 208,000.

The same report shows the average wage is $81,749 in core oil and gas related industries, and $70,787 in ancillary industries. In both cases, this is higher than the average wage in all Ohio industries: $51,740.

A report by the American Petroleum Institute shows that in 2019 the rate of job-related nonfatal injuries and illnesses in the oil and gas industry was only 1.5 incidents per 100 full-time workers. In comparison, the overall U.S. private sector experienced 2.8 incidents per 100 full-time workers.

EIA data shows that between 2005 and 2015 the Ohio power sector reduced their carbon emissions by 50 million metric tons a year (37.7%). This was the biggest reduction of any state in the country and largely due to the increased use of natural gas to produce power.

More than $300 million to improve Ohio roads!

Nearly $8.6 billion in royalty payments to Ohio landowners!

— OHIO’S PRODUCTION STATISTICS —

The oil and gas industry is highly active in Ohio thanks to the Utica Shale Play. According to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, as of 2019 Ohio has:

- 275,000 drilled wells
- 2.6 trillion cubic feet of natural gas production
- 55,921 producing wells
- 27 million barrels of crude oil production

Ohio is home to 4 oil refineries, which can process nearly 600,000 barrels of crude oil daily. That’s enough oil to produce 11.4 million gallons of gasoline per day! With that much gasoline, you could drive an Ohio-built Honda Accord to the moon and back more than 900 times every day!

About the Institute: The Ohio Natural Energy Institute is an organization of professionals who educate people about the essential energy that makes life better, specifically focusing on natural gas and oil production. In the community and in classrooms, we provide trusted, factual information through teacher workshops, first responder training, guest speaker programs, and more. Engage with us via OhioNaturalEnergy.org, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.