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We all know that Social Security helps families, but we rarely stop to think how much it helps the larger economy. In fact, it helps tremendously. Social Security fuels nearly \$1.4 trillion of economic activity and supports over 9.2 million jobs nationally according to a new study by AARP's Public Policy Institute.

Find out just how far Social Security benefits go in supporting your state's economy with the chart below:

State	Dollars Added to the Economy (In Billions)	Number of Jobs Supported
Alabama	23.2	159,000
Alaska	1.7	10,000
Arizona	29.9	202,000
Arkansas	13.7	95,000
California	147.4	887,000
Colorado	19.5	126,000
Connecticut	16.3	102,000
Delaware	4.5	30,000
District of Columbia	1.4	8,000
Florida	107.8	738,000
Georgia	39.8	265,000
Hawaii	5.7	37,000
Idaho	6.5	46,000
Illinois	58.5	375,000
Indiana	30.6	213,000
Iowa	13.5	95,000
Kansas	12.0	82,000
Kentucky	20.3	142,000
Louisiana	18.2	125,000
Maine	6.9	49,000
Maryland	22.2	143,000
Massachusetts	30.4	190,000
Michigan	55.0	381,000
Minnesota	24.7	163,000
Mississippi	12.7	88,000

State	Dollars Added to the Economy (In Billions)	Number of Jobs Supported
Missouri	30.1	206,000
Montana	4.5	32,000
Nebraska	7.2	51,000
Nevada	10.0	65,000
New Hampshire	6.6	44,000
New Jersey	41.3	256,000
New Mexico	7.7	52,000
New York	87.2	525,000
North Carolina	45.2	309,000
North Dakota	2.5	16,000
Ohio	51.8	349,000
Oklahoma	16.9	113,000
Oregon	19.0	131,000
Pennsylvania	70.9	470,000
Rhode Island	5.0	33,000
South Carolina	22.3	155,000
South Dakota	3.4	24,000
Tennessee	33.0	222,000
Texas	96.7	619,000
Utah	9.0	61,000
Vermont	3.0	21,000
Virginia	31.5	206,000
Washington	30.4	192,000
West Virginia	9.5	65,000
Wisconsin	28.1	195,000
Wyoming	1.9	12,000

This is just one more reason why we need a national debate about the future of Social Security so Americans can make their voices heard. Our financial security depends on keeping Social Security strong.