

The Economic Impact of Cincinnati State Technical and Community College



2026 FACTSHEET

Through its students, alumni, and day-to-day operations, the institution plays a critical role in supporting jobs, generating income, and strengthening the regional economy. This analysis estimates the total economic impact supported across the region, reflecting the combined effects of educational outcomes, institutional spending, and workforce participation.

Total Impact: \$1.3 Billion | Jobs Supported: 8,449

Alumni Impact

\$1.1B

Operational Impact

\$131.7M

Student Impact

\$18.1M

Alumni Impact: \$1.1B

The largest share of total impact comes from alumni who live and work in the region. By earning higher wages and contributing to the local workforce, alumni generate sustained economic value year after year.

- **\$1.1 billion** in economic impact
- **7,410** jobs supported
- **\$410.7 million** in earnings generated
- **\$63.5 million** in taxes generated
- Cincinnati State alumni have the **highest earnings** of community college graduates in the state¹.



Operational Impact: \$131.7M

Institutional operations, which includes payroll and purchases from local vendors, support jobs and income throughout the regional supply chain.

- **\$131.7 million** in economic impact
- **899** jobs supported
- **\$57.9 million** in earnings generated
- **\$4.8 million** in taxes generated

Student Impact: **\$18.1M**

Student spending generates meaningful economic activity across the region. Spending by current students supports local businesses, housing, and services. About 5% of 2025 Cincinnati State students come to Cincinnati from outside the metropolitan area. Additionally, some students may have left the region had there not been the presence of Cincinnati State. The impact of their added spending to the regional economy is outlined below.

- **\$18.1 million** in economic impact
- **140 jobs** supported
- **\$7.5 million** in earnings generated
- **\$937,048** in taxes generated

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Student Returns

For the 2025 school year, students paid approximately **\$87.7 million** in tuition, fees, supplies, and interest on loans. In addition, students forewent an estimated **\$233.7 million** in earnings, representing income they could have earned from employment during the time they spent enrolled in classes rather than working. As a result of earning their credentials, the average Cincinnati State student is projected to receive approximately **\$560,000 in additional lifetime earnings**, totaling **\$6.0 billion** for 2025's enrolled students. This translates to approximately **\$17 in lifetime earnings for every dollar** invested in their education.

Taxpayer Returns

In 2025, taxpayers invested **\$52 million** in Cincinnati State through grants and other sources of local, state, and federal support. That same year, Cincinnati State alumni contributed approximately **\$63.5 million** in tax revenue to the local, state, and federal economy.

As a result, public investment in Cincinnati State generates a one-year taxpayer return of **\$1.22 for every \$1 invested**, producing a net positive fiscal impact of **\$11.5 million** annually.

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