

The Chicken Industry Creates Jobs in Delaware

Companies that produce and process chicken are an integral part of Delaware's economy. Producers and processors of chicken along with the companies that provide supplies and materials to the industry provide well-paying jobs in the state and pay significant amounts in taxes to state and federal governments.

Economic Impact of the Chicken Industry in Delaware

	Direct	Supplier	Induced	Total
Jobs (FTE)	3,321	3,519	4,140	10,980
Wages	\$262,488,700	\$253,270,600	\$235,481,500	\$751,240,800
Economic Impact	\$1,309,591,400	\$880,958,700	\$793,908,600	\$2,984,458,700

The Chicken Industry is an Integral Part of the Economy in Delaware

- ❖ Companies that produce and process chicken in Delaware employ as many as 3,321 people across the state and generate an additional 7,659 jobs in supplier and ancillary industries. These include jobs in companies supplying goods and services to the industry.
- ❖ These are good jobs paying an average of \$68,400 in wages and benefits. And in today's economy, every job is important. In fact, in Delaware the unemployment rate has reached 3.8 percent. This means that there are 18,700 people trying to find jobs across the state.²

The Economic Benefits of the Industry Spread Throughout the State

- ❖ Not only does the chicken industry create good jobs in Delaware but the industry also contributes to the economy as a whole. The broader economic impact flows throughout the economy, generating business for firms seemingly unrelated to the chicken industry. Real people, with real jobs, working in industries as varied as banking, real estate, accounting, even printing all depend on the chicken industry for their livelihood.
- ❖ In fact, in 2018, the industry was responsible for as much as \$2.98 billion in total economic activity throughout the state, creating or supporting as many as 10,980 total jobs.
- ❖ Not only does the chicken industry create jobs, it also generates sizeable tax revenues. In Delaware, the industry and its employees pay about \$152.02 million in federal taxes and \$74.87 million in state and local taxes.

¹ John Dunham & Associates. *2018 Economic Impact Study of the Poultry Industry*. New York, October 2018.

² The Bureau of Labor Statistics. Available on-line at: <http://www.bls.gov/bls/unemployment.htm>. Data for November-18.