



Data centers can strengthen local communities

More tax revenue. More jobs. More private investment in local infrastructure.


Data shows that data centers can bring major long-term economic value to communities.



\$204B+
paid in federal, state, and local taxes in 2024



\$24.9B
paid in property taxes in 2024




5.5M jobs
supported by the data center industry in 2024



6+ jobs
supported elsewhere for every direct data center job



\$926B+
annual contribution to U.S. GDP in 2024



\$2.3B-\$3.8B
estimated investment for a large 250 MW data center



\$525B+ in wages, salaries, and benefits paid in 2024




\$1 = \$13 | For every \$1 in county services data centers require, they can generate up to \$13 in local tax revenue.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR COMMUNITIES



More money for public services
Data center tax revenue can help support schools, roads, public safety, utilities, and other local services. Because these are private investments, they can expand the tax base without adding large numbers of new residents.



Jobs beyond the building
Projects create work for construction crews, electricians, engineers, maintenance teams, suppliers, security hotels, restaurants, and local service businesses.



Long-term local investment
Large data centers can represent billions of dollars in buildings, equipment, power systems, fiber, and site improvements. They can also help revitalize former industrial and brownfield sites.



Support for small businesses
Construction and operations can mean years of local spending at restaurants, hotels, rental companies, contractors, and other nearby businesses.

Bottom line: Data centers are major private investments that can generate tax revenue, support jobs, and help communities build a stronger economic base.

Sources: [DCC/PwC 2025 Impact Study](#) | [DCC Benefits Beyond the Buildings](#) | [AFBF](#) | [U.S. EPA](#)