

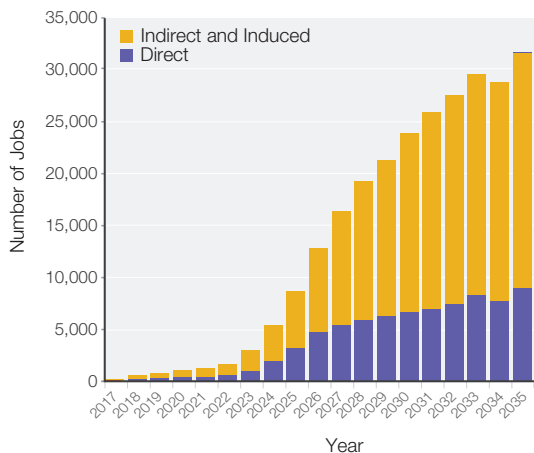


Louisiana



The Benefits of U.S. Offshore Oil and Natural Gas Development in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico

Despite the decades-long history of U.S. offshore oil and natural gas development in the Gulf of Mexico, which currently produces approximately **1.4 million barrels of oil per day** and **3.1 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day**, 98 percent of the Eastern Gulf of Mexico is currently under a statutory moratorium that prohibits leasing until 2022. However, understanding the potential economic benefits of energy production is critical for making informed decisions about the future.

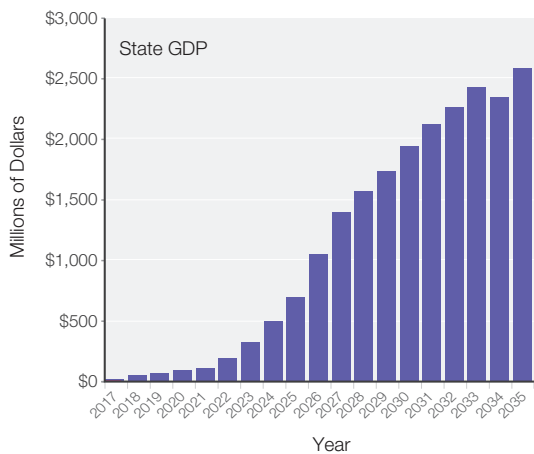


31,000 New Louisiana Jobs

Offshore oil and gas development in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico could create more than **31,000 jobs in Louisiana by 2035**, with direct employment expected to reach over **10,000 jobs** and indirect and induced employment at nearly **21,000 jobs**.

Billions in New Private Investment

Louisiana is expected to benefit by opening the Eastern Gulf to offshore oil and natural gas exploration and production. Annual spending in the state for Eastern Gulf of Mexico development is projected to reach just over **\$2.1 billion per year by 2035** and total nearly **\$19 billion** over the 18-year study period.



Billions in Economic Stimulus and Potential Revenue

Eastern Gulf of Mexico oil and natural gas exploration and production is expected to contribute over **\$2.5 billion** per year to the state's GDP by 2035.

Louisiana could also potentially see significant government revenues. If the current state/federal **37.5 percent** revenue sharing arrangement is amended to include Eastern Gulf activity, Louisiana's revenue from oil and natural gas activities in the Eastern Gulf could reach nearly **\$344 million per year by 2035**. The cumulative revenue for Eastern Gulf activity alone from 2017 to 2035 could reach over **\$2.3 billion**.

Louisiana is Home to Industry Suppliers

The oil and natural gas industry is established in the state of Louisiana. Not only are many of the offshore operators and service companies located in the state, Louisiana is also home to the largest offshore supply base in the country at Port Fourchon. The state is also home to many of the industry's suppliers including the Gulf Island shipyard and many offshore vessel suppliers such as Harvey Gulf International.

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