

Economic Impact of the Packaging Industry:

United States

	Jobs	Wages	Economic Output
Direct Impacts¹			
Glass	13,398	\$1,585,191,900	\$8,240,570,300
Metals	48,229	\$5,300,938,800	\$47,333,230,400
Paper/Fiber/Wood	226,493	\$22,480,604,200	\$137,798,674,100
Plastics	91,855	\$8,459,157,700	\$44,935,069,700
Total Direct Impacts	379,975	\$37,825,892,600	\$238,307,544,500
Supplier Impacts²			
Agriculture	17,947	\$1,225,577,200	\$2,153,498,200
Mining	6,510	\$1,203,882,400	\$5,192,517,500
Construction	11,135	\$1,028,804,600	\$2,593,864,400
Manufacturing	152,106	\$18,413,239,200	\$138,112,440,100
Transportation & Communication	184,317	\$15,886,548,400	\$46,489,715,800
Wholesaling	84,384	\$10,183,058,200	\$38,098,466,600
Retailing	7,850	\$476,657,500	\$1,291,390,400
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	73,028	\$5,332,991,100	\$25,387,149,500
Travel & Entertainment	22,320	\$1,007,363,200	\$2,869,295,000
Business & Personal Services	180,428	\$16,912,195,100	\$32,736,451,700
Government	9,039	\$1,106,487,200	\$3,181,031,400
Total Supplier Impacts	749,064	\$72,776,804,100	\$298,105,820,600
Induced Impacts³			
Agriculture	11,938	\$557,872,900	\$2,323,874,600
Mining	1,224	\$263,292,500	\$1,035,168,600
Construction	6,184	\$544,931,300	\$1,259,006,800
Manufacturing	25,058	\$2,556,331,000	\$18,089,916,900
Transportation & Communication	52,855	\$5,342,233,400	\$18,090,018,500
Wholesaling	19,225	\$2,400,379,800	\$8,881,612,600
Retailing	85,116	\$4,185,477,000	\$10,871,968,700
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	87,722	\$6,392,860,400	\$40,473,626,700
Travel & Entertainment	102,690	\$4,156,785,700	\$12,333,085,500
Business & Personal Services	273,607	\$21,664,883,300	\$41,685,876,900
Government	7,173	\$847,649,800	\$2,261,671,600
Other	18,690	\$877,323,100	\$1,069,587,600
Total Induced Impacts	691,482	\$49,790,020,200	\$158,375,415,000
Total Economic Impact	1,820,521	\$160,392,716,900	\$694,788,780,100
	Federal Taxes	State and Local Taxes	Total Taxes
Business Taxes	\$40,130,893,100	\$23,221,057,800	\$63,351,950,900

¹ Impacts solely attributable to packaging manufacturers.

² Impacts including goods and services purchased by packaging manufacturers from other industries.

³ Impacts of the re-spending of income earned by employees and business owners in the direct and supplier segments.

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