Ohio’s oil and gas industry is a crucial part of Ohio’s economy directly employing thousands of workers and billions of dollars of investments. Since the first wells were drilled more than 150 years ago, this industry has provided quality, good-paying jobs for generations of workers.

JOBS

Recent data from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services shows that Ohio’s natural gas and crude oil industry employs 20,232 direct jobs and 189,183 indirect jobs for a total of 209,415 jobs. In comparison, in 2010, there were a total of 13,000 jobs (4,500 direct and 8,500 indirect). This significant job increase represents new technology and the ability to produce crude oil and natural gas from additional geological formations such as the Utica Shale. Currently, Ohio’s oil and gas industry pays around $10 billion dollars annually in salaries and personal income. This continues to demonstrate the vital importance of oil and gas development to Ohio’s economy.

Today, there are more than 75 different careers available in Ohio’s oil and gas industry, covering a wide range of educational backgrounds and skills. In demand positions range from welders, diesel mechanics and CDL truck drivers to highly technical positions such as geologists, engineers, environmental specialists and surveyors. Quality training programs for all 75 careers are available at educational and training institutions across Ohio, demonstrating a great opportunity for Ohio employers and job seekers.

Data Sources: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and OOGEEP Economic Impact Study

INVESTMENT

Over the last five years, Ohio’s oil and gas industry has invested an additional $40 BILLION in pipelines, processing facilities, buildings and other infrastructure. This number is greatly impacted by the development of the midstream infrastructure necessary to process and transport record amounts of crude oil and natural gas being produced in the state. This infrastructure is critical to continued oil and gas development in Ohio, and is widely responsible for the positive job growth associated with the industry.

Data Source: Bricker and Eckler, LLP

THE FUTURE

The career outlook for the industry is positive as a generation of Ohio workers reaches retirement age, and new innovations and technologies continue to create additional opportunities for jobs and career growth associated with oil and gas production, processing and transportation. The amount of energy needed to power Ohio and America continues to grow so there will always be a need for workers to produce the crude oil and natural gas that is used by everyone each and every day.