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## Family physicians have tremendous impact on Pennsylvania's economy, jobs

*(HARRISBURG, PA. Oct. 16, 2018)* The Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians is delighted to reveal the tremendous economic benefits family physicians provide to Pennsylvania.

According to the [2018 AMA Economic Impact Study](#), family medicine contributed \$9.4 billion in direct and indirect economic output and generated 57,276 direct and indirect jobs. Family medicine was the leader in economic impact and jobs created versus among 10 major physician specialties measured in study.

Among a total physician output of \$77.3 billion in Pennsylvania – accounting for more than 10 percent of the state's economic output – each physician in Pennsylvania supported an average of 12.7 jobs each.

“Family physicians truly understand the critical role of social determinants that affect health and as such, economic health of communities directly correlates with improved population and community health.” said PAFP President David O’Gurek, MD. “We’re pleased to have such a positive impact on the economy of the Keystone State which only furthers our commitment to advancing the health of all Pennsylvanians.”

Total economic impact is equal to direct plus indirect economic impacts. The direct impact is the value of the four vital economic barometers that are produced from physicians while indirect impact includes the same barometers which are generated by the industries that are supported by physicians.

Pennsylvania is the nineteenth-largest economy in the world – surpassing the economies of nations like Switzerland, Saudi Arabia, and Sweden. It is also the sixth-largest economy in the United States, as well as the sixth-most populous state according to 2010 census data.

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