



# Economic Impact of the Horse Industry

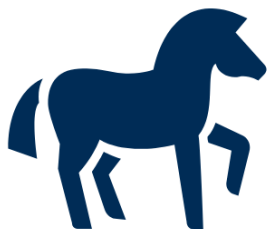
## IN ILLINOIS

Total Value Added to the Illinois Economy: **\$2 billion**

Total Employment Impact: **25,594 Jobs**

Direct Contribution to GDP: **\$1.1 billion**

Direct Employment Impact: **19,771 Jobs**



**150,367** horses in Illinois- making it the **eighteenth largest state** in terms of horse population

Horse Ownership, Equine Institutions & Profit Making Organizations, and Tourism Spending by Participants and Spectators combine for a

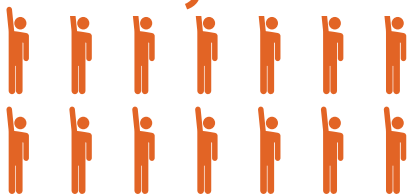


**\$3.23 billion economic impact**



In total, **30.5%** of households—or **1.6 million in Illinois**—contain horse enthusiasts.

**69,000**



Number of Illinois residents volunteering their time for horse-related activities.

**645,000**

acres of land in Illinois used for horse-related purposes.



## ECONOMIC IMPACT The Racing Sector



supports  
**9,565 jobs**



adds **\$766 million**  
in value to the  
state economy



Racing Sector  
Total Economic  
Impact of:  
**\$1.16 billion**

## ECONOMIC IMPACT The Competition Sector



supports  
**6,296 jobs**



adds **\$386 million**  
in value to the state  
economy

Competition  
Sector  
Total Economic  
Impact of:  
**\$630 million**

## ECONOMIC IMPACT The Recreation Sector



supports  
**4,804 jobs**



adds **\$269 million**  
in value to the state  
economy

Recreation Sector  
Total Economic  
Impact of:  
**\$429 million**

## ECONOMIC IMPACT Equine Therapy



supports  
**275 jobs**



adds **\$12.6 million**  
in value to the  
state economy



## ECONOMIC IMPACT Equine Rescues & Sanctuaries



supports  
**17 jobs**



adds  
**\$890,000**  
in value to the  
state economy



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