



Economic Impact of the Horse Industry

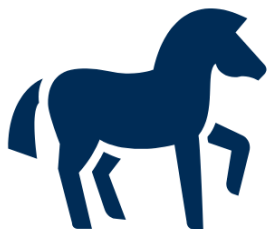
IN ILLINOIS

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

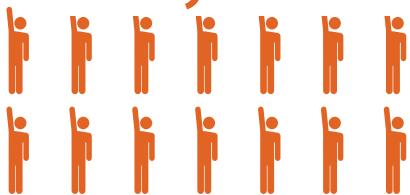


\$3.23 billion economic impact



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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