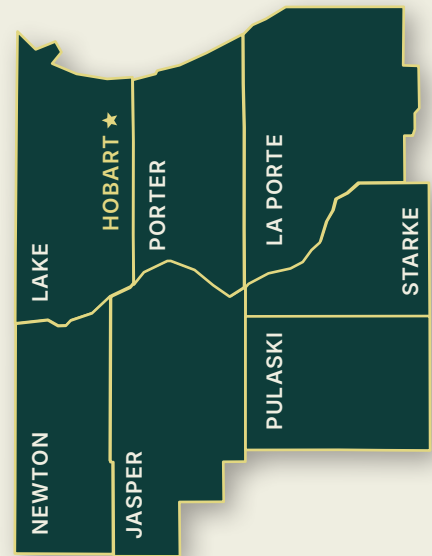


ECONOMIC IMPACT OF DATA CENTERS

A Data-Backed Look at How Data Center Development Could Impact NWI Communities

A [2026 independent analysis by University researchers](#)¹ found that a hyperscale data center campus in Northwest Indiana would directly generate billions in regional economic output and create thousands of jobs.



CONSTRUCTION PHASE

*1GW Data Center



\$5.45B

in regional output



14,651

average construction jobs
OVER 3 YEARS

LONG-TERM ECONOMIC OUTPUT

Sustained Impact of a 1GW Data

\$691M

Regional Output Each Year
(That's \$16.1 billion put
into communities'
economies over 20 years)

926

Direct Jobs
(includes contract
and vendor personnel)

300

Permanent Employees

2,090

Total Jobs
(includes supply-chain effects)

IMPACT SCALES AS DEVELOPMENT GROWS

	0.5 GW / \$5B CAMPUS	1 GW / \$10B CAMPUS (CENTRAL CASE)	1.5 GW / \$15B CAMPUS
CONSTRUCTION	\$2.73B	\$5.45B	\$8.18B
JOB-YEARS	7,328	14,651	21,979
ANNUAL OPS	\$345.5M	\$691M	\$1,036.6M
ANNUAL JOBS	1,047	2,090	3,137
LIFETIME	\$8.07B	\$16.14B	\$24.22B

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¹ Independent academic analysis by economists at Indiana University and Capital University, using the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis's RIMS II model (May 2026 release).
Covers seven counties: Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Jasper, Newton, Pulaski, and Starke.