

BUSINESS & COMMERCE IMPACTS

The Economic Value of Front Range Community College | May 2017

In FY 2015-16, FRCC's total impact on the FRCC Service Area economy was \$590.6 million in added income, equal to 0.8% of the region's GRP. This contribution that the college provides on its own is slightly larger than the entire Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation industry in the region.

FRCC PAYROLL & EXPENSES SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

- In FY 2015-16, FRCC employed **1,546** full-time faculty, adjunct instructors, and staff, with an annual payroll of **\$68.7 million**. Much of this was spent in the FRCC Service Area to purchase groceries, clothing, and other household goods and services.
- The college is itself a buyer of goods and services and spent another **\$41.9 million** to support its operations during the analysis year.
- The net impact of college payroll and expenses in the FRCC Service Area was **\$80.1 million** in added income. FRCC construction expenditures added another \$5 million in added income to the region in FY 2015-16.

FRCC STUDENTS BOOST LOCAL SPENDING

- Around **8%** of students attending FRCC originated from outside the region. Some of these students relocated to the FRCC Service Area and spent money on groceries, transportation, rent, and so on at regional businesses.
- In addition, a number of in-region students would have left the region for other education opportunities if not for the existence of FRCC.
- The expenditures of these relocated and retained students added approximately **\$37.4 million** in income to the region during the analysis year.

FRCC TRAINING SUSTAINS A SKILLED WORKFORCE

- Over the years, students have studied at FRCC and entered or re-entered the workforce with newly-acquired skills. Today, thousands of former students are employed in the FRCC Service Area.
- As students apply the skills they acquired at the college, they are rewarded with higher earnings. They also raise business profits through their increased productivity. These higher earnings and increased profits create even more earnings as they are spent in the region.
- In FY 2015-16, the impact of former FRCC students on the regional economy amounted to **\$468 million** in added income.

ADDED INCOME CREATED BY FRCC IN FY 2015-16



\$80.1 million
Operations Spending Impact



\$5 million
Construction Spending Impact



\$37.4 million
Student Spending Impact



\$468 million
Alumni Impact



\$590.6 million
Total Impact