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Other important impacts include:

- INL brought money into Idaho and generated additional value-added output of more than $1.78 billion
- Nearly $1.5 billion of economic output was generated through INL suppliers and employee household spending
- INL increased personal income in the state by $1.25 billion
- INL economic impacts accounted for 1.4% of all personal income in the state
- INL impacts resulted in an estimated $120 million in state and local tax revenues
- Taxes generated by INL operations account for 2% of total state and local tax revenue (based on FY-2021 state tax revenues)
- Average base salary of an INL employee in FY-2021 was $108,142, up from $104,157 in FY-2020.
- BEA subcontracted nearly $203 million to Idaho subcontractors
- BEA corporate office contributed more than $627,200 in charitable contributions

**INL DIRECTLY EMPLOYED 5,282 WORKERS IN IDAHO; SECONDARY EFFECTS IN IDAHO ACCOUNTED FOR AN ADDITIONAL 9,984 JOBS FOR A TOTAL OF 15,266 JOBS – A 6.7% INCREASE FROM FY-2020**
Direct Effects

Direct effects include total operating expenses including the purchase of goods and services, taxes, education reimbursements, and payments to employees. These direct effects for FY-2021 account for $1.57 billion (see Table 2). Payments to employees can be broken down into payment of wages and salaries, and employee benefits.

To improve the accuracy of the economic impact model, INL operations and expenditures were analyzed according to the department or directorate where the expenses were incurred. Direct effects were aggregated according to industry and directorate similarities creating a series of industry categories that more closely represent INL operations.

INL EXPENDITURES (MILLIONS): FY-2016-2021

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<td>$1,572,181,120</td>
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* A change in accounting methodology resulted in a shift of funds from the payroll categories into goods and services
* Total Payroll Salaries and taxes include base salary, special pay, overtime, and taxes
In FY-2021, INL operations added $3.08 billion to Idaho’s gross economic output. This represents more than 3.7% of Idaho’s total output or gross state product. During FY-2021, the lab contracted to purchase more than $203 million in goods and services with Idaho businesses. According to the economic impact model and the presence of potential supporting businesses, the actual indirect impact of INL operations could reach nearly $738 million.

INL employees’ spending creates an additional $772 million to Idaho’s economy. For every $100 in direct economic activity at INL, an additional $96 of activity is created or sustained throughout the state’s economy (resulting in an output multiplier of 1.96). Impacts increased by 61.5% between 2016 and 2021.
INL’s average employment for FY-2021 was 5,282. An additional 4,639 jobs are created or sustained by industries supporting lab operations. INL employee spending creates or sustains an additional 5,345 jobs throughout Idaho.

The combined employment impact accounts for 15,266 jobs. For every INL job, there are 1.89 additional jobs created throughout Idaho. Between 2016 and 2021, employment impacts have increased by 35.5%.
Impact on Labor Income

INL’s impact on Idaho’s total labor income for FY-2021 was more than $1.25 billion — or 1.4% of Idaho’s total personal income. Total labor income includes wages and salaries, employee benefits and payroll taxes. The total income for employees of industries supporting INL operations was nearly $222 million. INL employees’ household spending patterns generated $228 million in employee compensation for individuals employed by Idaho businesses.

THE AVERAGE BASE SALARY OF AN INL EMPLOYEE

$108,142
Value-added impacts are created by a combination of innovation and improvement as basic resources and intermediate goods are processed into final goods. Service-related production also added significant value to the economy. INL directly added more than $1 billion of value to Idaho. Industries supporting the lab indirectly added more than $347 million of value to Idaho. Induced value-added impacts resulted in more than $415 million in economic activity. The total value-added impact was more than $1.78 billion. Value added impacts increased by more than 64 percent between 2016 and 2021.
INL Total Impact Comparison

INL’s increased economic activity in FY-2021 led to a $202 million, or 7%, increase in output when compared to FY-2020. This resulted in a net change of 953 jobs throughout Idaho. Added employment at INL and supporting business fueled growth in labor income by almost $106 million – a 9.2% increase over FY-2020. The combined value-added impact of innovation at INL and supporting businesses improved by nearly $155 million or 9.5% from FY-2020 to FY-2021.

INL TOTAL IMPACT COMPARISON ($BILLIONS)

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<td>14,313</td>
<td>15,266</td>
<td>953</td>
<td>6.7%</td>
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Multipliers

INL’S 2021 OUTPUT MULTIPLIER WAS 1.96

• **Output Multiplier** – INL’s output multiplier was 1.96, which means that for every $100 of direct impact added by INL operations, an additional $96 will be generated throughout the Idaho economy.

• **Employment Multiplier** – INL’s employment multiplier is 2.89, which means that an addition of 100 employees to INL’s payroll will result in an additional 189 created throughout the Idaho economy.

• **Labor Income Multiplier** – INL’s labor income multiplier is 1.56, which means that if employee compensation by INL to its employees were to increase by $100, then an additional $56 in employee compensation would be added to the Idaho economy.

• **Value Added Multiplier** – INL’s value added multiplier is 1.75, which means that if value added by INL to the production of final goods and services were to increase by $100, an additional $75 in value would be added to the Idaho economy.