# MEASURING THE DIGITAL ECONOMY:
## How the Internet Is Powering Economic Growth in the U.S. & South Dakota

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**Measuring the Digital Economy: Advertising, Content, Commerce, and Innovation**, led by Harvard Business School Professor Emeritus John Deighton, explores the internet's expanding impact on the U.S. economy. The 2025 edition of IAB's quadrennial study finds the digital economy now drives $4.9 trillion of economic value — 18% of U.S. GDP — and supports 28.4 million jobs. Additionally, 70% of recent job growth comes from independent creators, e-commerce entrepreneurs, platform workers, and large integrated tech companies. The data below highlights how the digital economy drives growth and job creation nationally and in South Dakota.

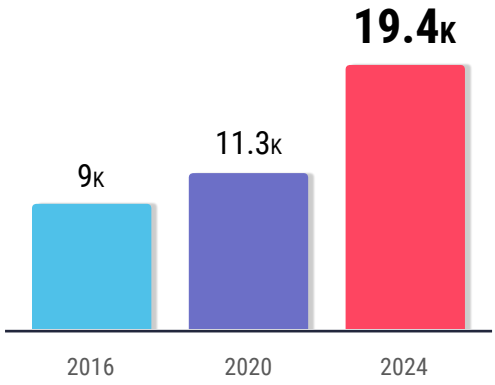
## The Digital Economy's Impact on South Dakota

**19.4K**

South Dakota's total internet-dependent jobs in 2024

**SOUTH DAKOTA'S TOTAL INTERNET-DEPENDENT JOBS**

↑ 71% Growth since 2020

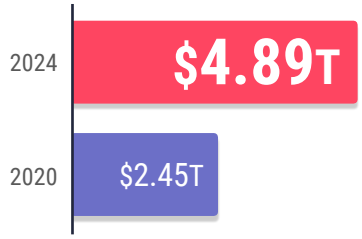



**$8.6B**

South Dakota's 2024 internet jobs' contribution to national digital economy

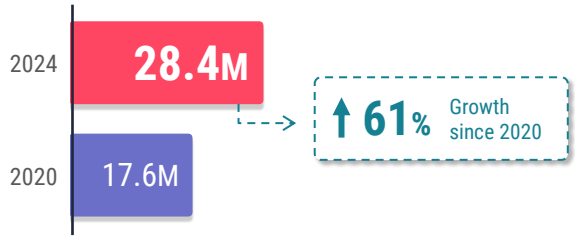
## The Digital Economy is the Leading Driver of U.S. GDP Growth

**VALUE OF THE DIGITAL ECONOMY**



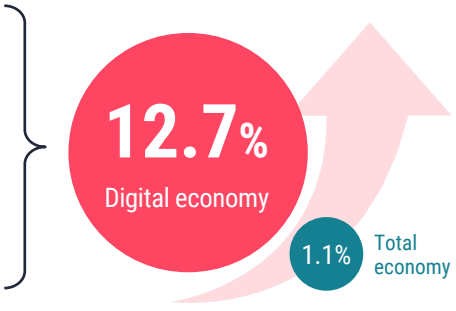

**18%** Digital economy's share of total U.S. GDP in 2024

**U.S. INTERNET-DEPENDENT JOBS**




**ANNUAL JOB GROWTH RATE SINCE 2020**

**12x**




**1.5M**

The number of full-time equivalent (FTE) creators in the U.S.

↑ 7.5x Growth since 2020— up from 200,000 jobs

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## The Digital Economy in South Dakota

| Congressional District (CD) | CD Population |
|---|---|
| CD At Large | 919,318 |

| Internet-Dependent Jobs (Est.) | Internet Jobs Relative to CD's Population |
|---|---|
| **19,417** | 2.11% |