



Economic Impacts of the Westlands Water District on the Local and Regional Economy

As farmworkers, cities and communities in the Central Valley continue to feel the negative implications of restrictive water policy, it is critical to remember the contributions the region has as one of the most productive agricultural areas in the world.

WESTLANDS ALONE IS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR MASSIVE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS:

29,000 jobs
throughout the economy

\$3.6 billion of economic activity
across the region, state and nation



WATER SUPPLY RESTRICTIONS HAVE RESULTED IN:



5,200 job losses
or 18% employment loss in the region



\$650 million
of economic output



220,000 acres
of farmland taken out of production

FARMING SERVES AS ECONOMIC DRIVER FOR THIS REGION:



\$1.8 billion
crop value



More than
351,000 acres
of farms

POVERTY IS AN ISSUE FOR SIGNIFICANT PORTIONS OF THE REGION:

Household incomes are:

75%
of the statewide median household income

\$45,201
regionally compared to **\$61,489** statewide median household income



MORE THAN HALF OF THE REGION IS OF HISPANIC ETHNICITY, RESULTING IN SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS TO THIS POPULATION:

50.4%
of the region is Hispanic

By 2060, the Hispanic population is expected to grow to more than

60%



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