

New ASHG Report: Genetics Research — \$265 Billion Annual U.S. Economic Impact



On May 19, 2021, ASHG released a new report titled, "The Economic Impact and Functional Applications of Human Genetics and Genomics." The report captures the economic impact of human genetics and genomics and includes a detailed look at its impact on health and society. Read the full report here.

Major findings from the report







850,000 TOTAL SUPPORTED JOBS

Join us on June 3, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. ET for a webinar to discuss the findings from the report.

Register

Speakers:

Lynn Jorde, PhD, ASHG Government & Public Advocacy Committee Chair, University of Utah, Moderator

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ASHG Congressional Briefing: Impact of Human Genetics & Genomics on the U.S. Economy and Health



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On May 19, 2021, ASHG sponsored a congressional briefing to inform congressional offices on the value of federally funded research, featuring findings from the new ASHG-TEConomy report. Dr. Jarvik moderated a discussion with panelists Dr. Green, Dr. Nussbaum, and Mr. Tripp on how genetics and genomics research advances health care and the U.S. economy.

On the same day, Dr. Jarvik submitted <u>written testimony</u>, on behalf of the Society to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, recommending a \$46.1 billion budget for the NIH. The testimony highlighted economic impact data from the report.

ASHG Members Take to Capitol Hill



April 22, 2021, marked the first-ever ASHG Capitol Hill Day. The Government and Public Advocacy Committee (GPAC), ASHG President Gail Jarvik, MD, PhD, and other volunteer committee leaders met, virtually, with key congressional offices. Our advocates urged Congress to support increasing NIH's budget, provide research recovery funding for labs disrupted by COVID-19, and support

diversity in both the research workforce and participants. Read more about their <u>Hill Day experiences</u> at ASHG.

Senate Committee Advances Eric Lander's Nomination

The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportaion has <u>advanced Eric Lander's nomination</u> as the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) for consideration by the full Senate. The committee vote follows his nomination hearing late last month. In March, ASHG sent a <u>letter to the committee</u> in support of the confirmation of Dr. Lander as the Director of OSTP.

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