



INDEPENDENT SUPERMARKETS IMPACT AMERICA

Independent retail supermarkets and the wholesalers that supply them play a vital role in the communities they serve and are a major contributor to the economy of the **United States and South Carolina**. Defined as a privately held, or family-owned entrepreneurial business, independent supermarket operators run businesses of all formats and sizes, and are dedicated to their customers, associates and communities.



STORES AND SALES

In South Carolina, the independent supermarket channel includes **335** stores and generates **\$2.48 billion** in annual sales.



JOBS AND WAGES

In South Carolina, independent supermarket operators are responsible for creating **14,920** stable, reliable jobs and **\$449.25 million** in wages paid.



TAXES

In South Carolina, independent supermarkets and the wholesalers that serve them are a major source of tax revenue for federal, state and local governments. Together the independent channel and their employees generate about **\$183.82 million** in state and local tax and **\$196.99 million** in federal taxes. The combined total in the State of South Carolina is **\$380.82 million**.



NATIONAL IMPACT

The economic impact of the independent supermarket industry reaches all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Nationally there are **21,000** independently owned supermarkets that generate **\$131 billion** in annual sales, representing nearly **25%** of the total domestic market.

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