Our Economic Impact

The University of Birmingham has a major economic impact on the city and region as an educator, employer, research leader and international gateway.

In early 2013 **Oxford Economics (http://www.oxfordeconomics.com/)** calculated the economic impact of the University of Birmingham on the city of Birmingham and the West Midlands region in 2011–12 (following a similar economic impact study in 2005–06). This page outlines the headline findings of the study.

For further information, you can read the **summary report (PDF - 914KB) (/Documents/university/economic-impact-report-summary.pdf)** .

The study shows that the University of Birmingham:

- generated £1.072 billion of spending in the West Midlands economy in the 2011/12 academic year, a 38% increase since the 2005/06 study;
- made a value-added contribution of £530 million to the region's economy;
- supports 11,830 jobs in the region, including a high proportional of highly skilled roles;
- is a net importer of talent to the region;
- acts as an international gateway to the city attracting overseas students, visitors and spending
- attracted £145.5 million research funding in 2011/12 , 87% of the research income received by all Birmingham Higher Education Institutions and 12% of the region's total R&D spend.

The **full report (PDF - 4MB) (/Documents/university/economic-impact-of-university-of-birmingham-full-report.pdf)** by Oxford Economics was discussed by Vice-Chancellor, Professor David Eastwood, at the first **University Annual Meeting (/university/about/university-annual-meeting-2013.aspx)** .

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