

National Facts About CITGO ***Locally Owned and Operated in America***

Millions of gallons of quality fuel products. Thousands of local jobs. Hundreds of service hours logged. Daily involvement in local organizations. From the largest of economic impacts to the smallest of good deeds, locally owned and operated CITGO locations are there at every turn in their communities, fueling good day in and day out.

CITGO, headquartered in Houston, is a community of more than 4,000 employees and almost 60,000 workers employed by a vast retail network of independent entrepreneurs that benefits local, state and national economies throughout America.

Each of the approximately 7,000 branded CITGO retail locations is locally owned and operated by small- to medium-size, American-owned business enterprises. These local businessmen and businesswomen, in addition to providing local jobs, are an integral and vital part of the communities they serve.

- CITGO stations are found in 27 states across the country and in the District of Columbia.
- Nationally, CITGO retail locations also account for nearly 60,000 indirect jobs.

CITGO operations provide significant economic stimuli throughout the United States via:

- More than 7,000 locally owned and operated gas stations
- Refineries located in three states
- More than 40 terminal locations
- Giving programs aimed at local communities

Given the importance of these operations, it is vital to remember that when political attacks are leveled against CITGO, they are being aimed directly at the tens of thousands of Americans whose livelihoods depend on providing the products and services we need to fuel our economy.

An assault on CITGO is an assault on thousands of hard-working American business owners who provide much-needed economic stimuli in our communities, and who work equally hard at giving back to the citizens of the cities and towns they serve.

Locally Owned and Operated Gasoline Stations

Locally owned and operated CITGO retail outlets are found primarily in the eastern half of the United States, serving the Central, Northeast, and Southern regions of the country. Retail locations are found in 27 states, including Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin, and the District of Columbia.

Refineries Located in Three States

CITGO is a refining powerhouse, with 749,000 barrels-per-day of refining capacity. It is a reliable source of fuel that helps neighborhood businesses succeed and families get where they need to go. There are three CITGO refineries in the United States, located in Lake Charles, La.; Corpus Christi, Texas; and Lemont, Ill. **The Lake Charles refinery is the fourth-largest refinery in the country.**

The economic impact of these refineries is significant, **providing more than 6,000 well-paying jobs**, and **paying more than \$100 million annually** in state and local taxes that are vital to their regional economies.

Lake Charles, La.

- Employs more than 3,000, with annual payroll/benefits exceeding \$175 million
- Contributes more than \$40 million annually in state and local taxes
- Projected to invest nearly \$1 billion in regional capital projects over the next five years

Corpus Christi, Texas

- Employs more than 1,000, with annual payroll/benefits exceeding \$125 million
- Contributes more than \$16 Million annually in state and local taxes
- Projected to invest more than \$400 million in regional capital projects over the next five years

Lemont, Ill.

- Employs 1,000, with annual payroll/benefits exceeding \$75 million
- Contributes more than \$27 million annually in state and local taxes
- Projected to invest nearly \$796 million in regional capital over the next five years

Giving Back to Local Communities

Total CITGO contributions of more than \$120 million to worthwhile causes in 2008 was more than twice the average percentage of donations from the *Fortune* 100 companies and five times that of all other energy industry companies.

CITGO and its people are committed to being good neighbors in the communities they serve.

Help, Hope and Friendship for Sufferers of Neuromuscular Disease:

- With more than \$100 million raised since its first involvement in 1985, CITGO has become the largest corporate sponsor of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. This unprecedented fundraising effort has been accomplished primarily through the outstanding efforts of CITGO Marketers, Retailers, employees and vendors.

Heating Oil for the Poor:

- When the price of heating oil skyrocketed after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, CITGO was the only company that responded to a request from U.S. senators to provide energy assistance to low-income Americans. During the first winter of the program, 40 million gallons of heating oil were distributed to approximately 546,000 people and social service providers in eight states at a discount of 40 percent. CITGO more than doubled the total to 100 million gallons during the 2006-2007 winter season, which helped approximately 1.2 million people in 17 states stay warm as temperatures dropped. In addition, the program provided 10 million gallons of heating oil, worth about \$11 million, to Native Americans in 163 tribes in Alaska, Maine, New York, Minnesota, Montana and South Dakota in 2006-2007.

Building a Brighter Future in Local Communities:

- CITGO entered into a long-term partnership with the Southwest Louisiana Center for Health Services (SWLA) in Lake Charles, La.; in 2006. As part of this partnership, CITGO and its parent company donated more than \$5 million to expand SWLA's health services to the underserved and uninsured through the CITGO Healthy Community Resource Center expansion project.

Local Business, Local Service:

In addition to the charitable work from CITGO, thousands of independent owners and operators throughout the network of more than 7,000 gas stations also play an important role in their local communities, volunteering for local events, fundraising for local charities and helping their friends and neighbors in countless ways.