

II. The Economic Impact of the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians

The combined economic effect of the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians Tribal and Casino activities in 2003 resulted in the direct employment of 1,953 individuals residing in Congressional District 49. The Pechanga Resort and Casino payroll, tribal payroll and other payments to individuals through tribal programs totaled \$102,255,908.¹ These wages and payments are estimated to have produced \$23,723,371 in additional federal and state payroll and income taxes. In addition, the Tribe and the Pechanga Resort and Casino were responsible for the direct purchase of \$21,026,193 worth of goods and services.²

In addition to the direct economic effects, tribal gaming has indirect or multiplier effects on the rest of the California economy. Employment, purchases and tax payments made by tribal casinos lead to increased business for surrounding communities and the rest of the state. Output, earnings and employment multipliers are widely used. To estimate the indirect economic impact we use the *Regional Input-Output Modeling System (RIMS II)* multipliers for output, wages and employment for the state of California as calculated by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce.³

Table 1: Total Economic Impact of Economic Activities			
	Employment	Payments to Individuals	Purchases
Direct Effects	1,953	\$102,255,908	\$21,026,193
Indirect Effects	<u>6,418</u>	<u>\$181,105,439</u>	<u>\$48,923,747</u>
Total Effects	8,371	\$283,361,347	\$69,949,940

The total indirect and direct effects of the Tribe's economic activities accounted for the creation of 8,371 jobs paying wages and benefits totaling \$283,361,347 in 2003. In addition, purchases of goods and services in the amount of \$69,949,940 occurred as a result of the Tribe's activities.

The majority of the impact of the Tribe's activities was in Congressional District 49. In particular, the portions of the cities of Temecula, Lake Elsinore, Wildomar, Perris and Sun City within the district received significant economic benefit as a result of the Tribe's activities. The following analysis focuses on the total impact on specific portions of the district and the portions of these cities lying within the district.