

CU ECONOMIC IMPACT

FY 2025-26

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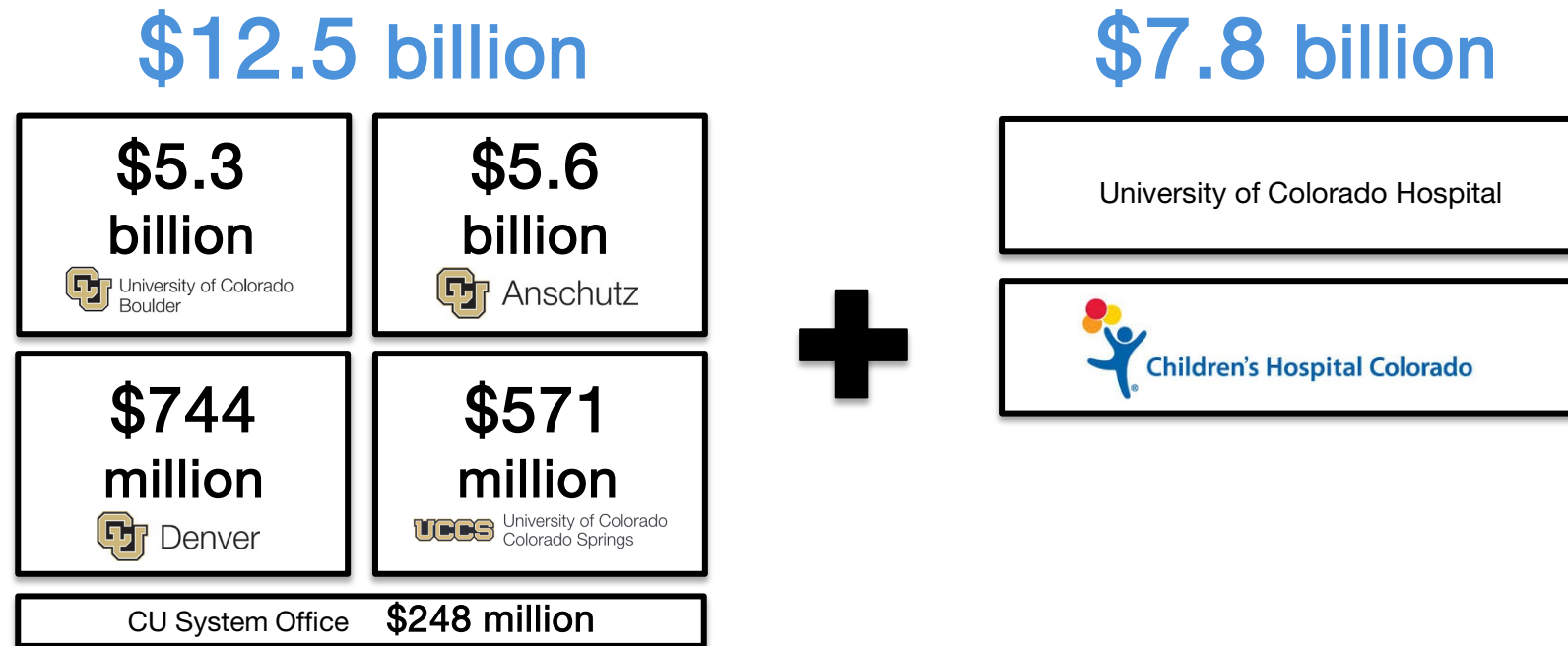


University of Colorado
Boulder | Colorado Springs | Denver | Anschutz

CU Economic Impact + Hospitals (FY 2025-26)

\$20.3 billion

Total impact from CU Campuses + Anschutz affiliate hospitals



Key Findings

- **\$20.3 billion** total economic impact including CU campuses and CU Anschutz affiliated hospitals
 - The University of Colorado is among the **top 5 largest employers** in Colorado by employment and generated an economic impact of **\$12.5 billion** in FY 2025-26 for the State of Colorado.
 - The University of Colorado’s affiliates, including the University of **Colorado Hospital and Children’s Hospital Colorado** generated an additional economic impact of **\$7.8 billion**.
- The total economic impact for each CU campus is as follows:

CU Anschutz	CU Boulder	CU Denver	UCCS	System Admin
\$5.6 billion	\$5.3 billion	\$744 million	\$571 million	\$248 million



Additional Findings

- The university directly employed a total of **60,604 individuals (faculty, staff, and student & temp workers)** at some point in FY 2025-26. A snapshot of employment totaled more than 28,000 faculty and staff during fall 2025.
- Salary, wages, and benefits totaled **\$4.5 billion** in FY 2025-26, representing **70% of total spending**.
- The university's total expenditures were **\$6.5 billion** in FY 2025-26, with a significant portion relating to sponsored programs and other restricted fund activity

Sources of Economic Impact

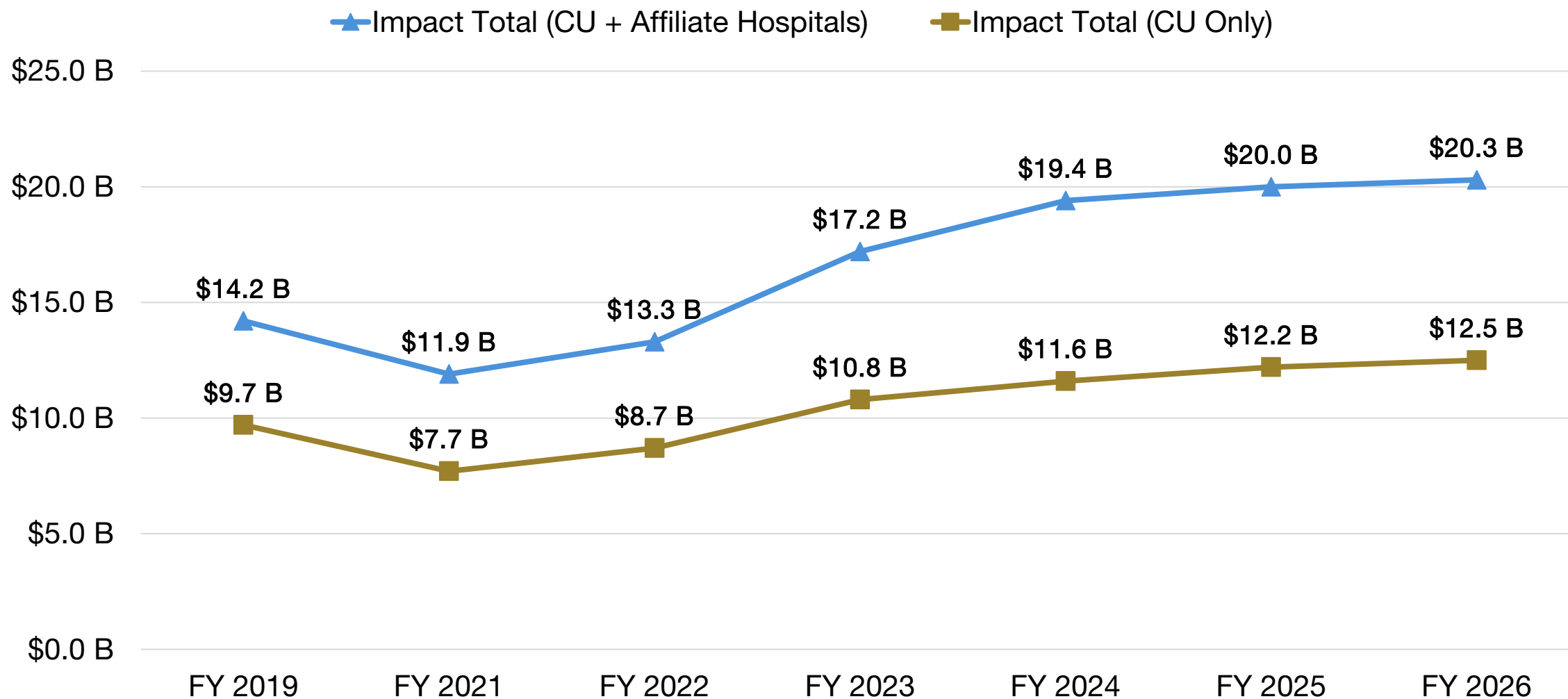
✓ Included in the study:

- ✓ education
- ✓ operations
- ✓ research
- ✓ construction
- ✓ clinical care
- ✓ student & visitor spending
- ✓ licenses, royalties, equity

▪ Not included in the study:

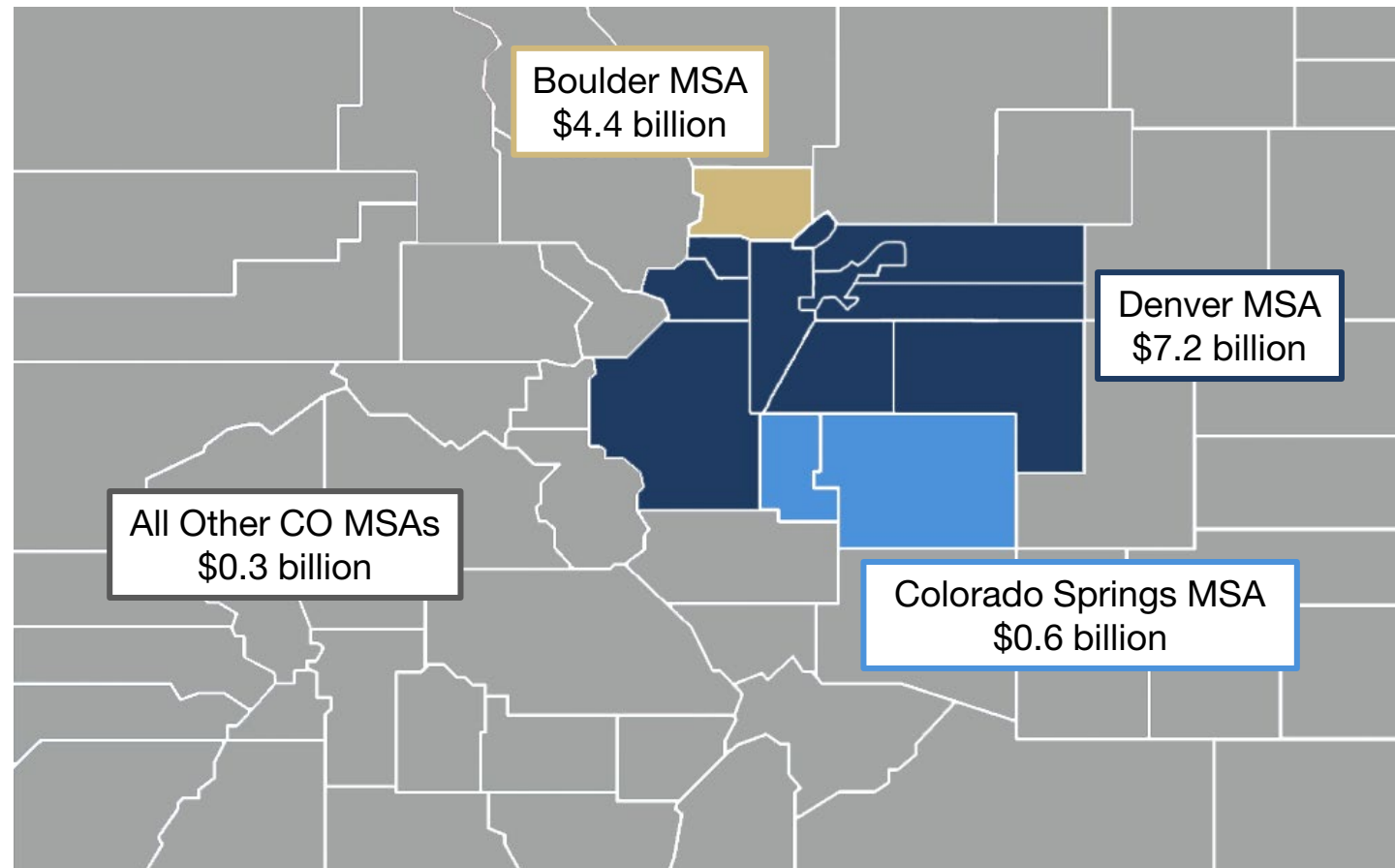
- alumni
- visits from
football/conferences/concerts
- innovation

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CU Economic Impact on Colorado by MSA

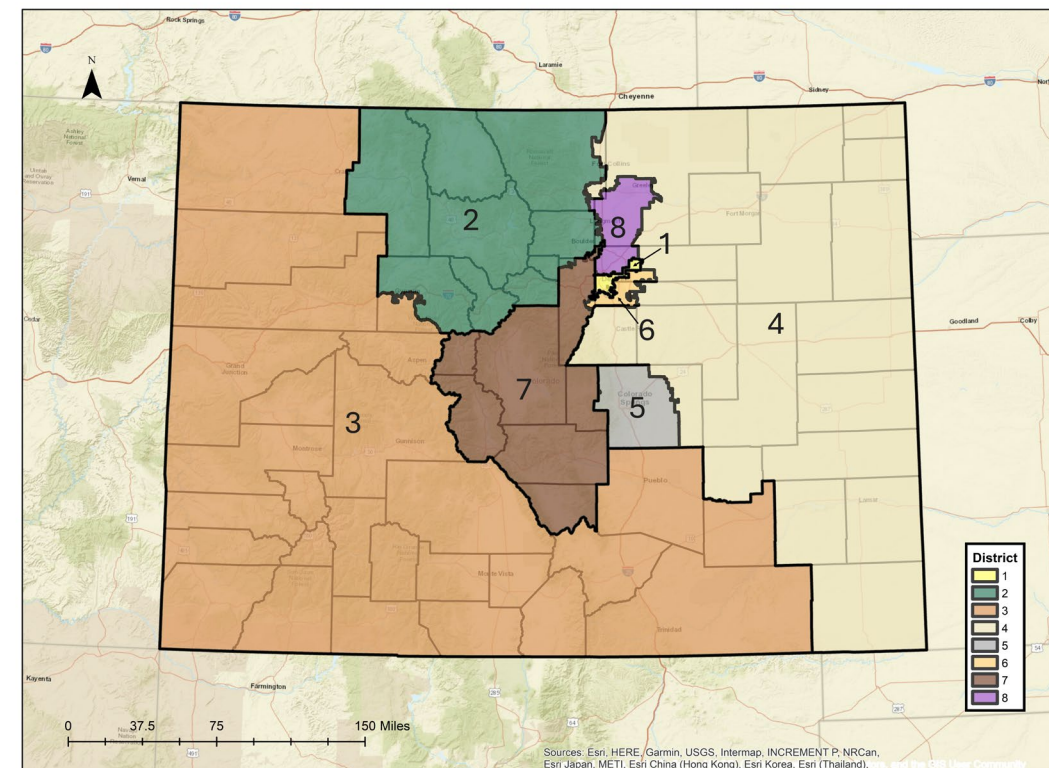
Total Impact of CU Campuses: **\$12.5 billion**



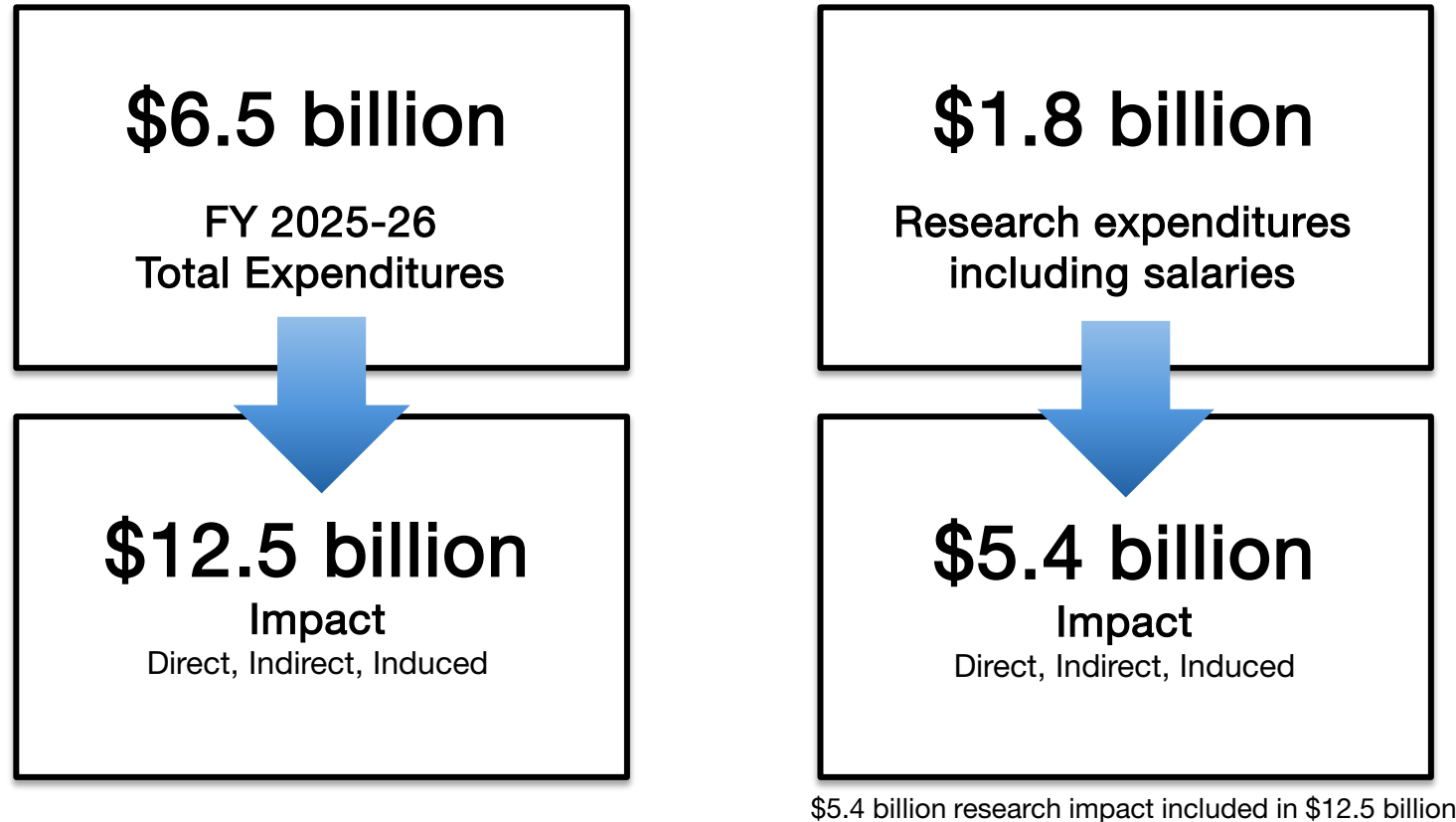
CU Economic Impact by Congressional District

Total economic impact from CU Campuses (excluding affiliate hospitals)

CO Congressional District	CU Economic Impact on Colorado
1	\$2 billion
2	\$4.5 billion
3	\$38 million
4	\$646 million
5	\$586 million
6	\$3.8 billion
7	\$541 million
8	\$327 million
Total Impact	\$12.5 billion



CU Economic Impact (FY 2025-26)



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