

Collective Copies: Economic and Environmental Impacts, Annually

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1. Economic Impacts

- **Jobs Contributed to the Local Economy:** Aside from the 11 positions created for worker-members of the cooperative, its economic activities generate an additional 19 full-time jobs in the local community for a total contribution to the local economy of 31 jobs. Collective Copies also supports over 20 local authors through publishing services provided by its Levellers Press.
- **Dollar Contribution to the Local Economy:** Collective Copies contributed a gross total of \$2,620,000 to the local economy last year based on economic multiplier effects calculated using IMPLAN. This includes over \$20,000 in purchases of products and services from local businesses, with an additional \$23,000 in purchases from co-operatives.
- **Contribution to State and Local Revenue Base:** Last year the total revenue contribution made by Collective Copies and its worker-members to state and local government was over \$29,000 and the total government revenue generated by its economic activities was over \$117,000.

2. Environmental Impacts

- **Environmental Benefits of Recycled Paper Use:** Collective Copies use of recycled paper kept 25,000 pounds of green-house gasses out of the atmosphere last year. This policy also saved 75,000 pounds of wood and timer products and 120,000 gallons of water.