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**OFF-CAMPUS EXPENDITURE**

Spending by international students benefits businesses all over Britain. As well as what they spend on university fees and accommodation, in 2014–15 international students spent £5.4 billion off-campus on goods and services.

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**OUTPUT GENERATED**

£25.8bn

On- and off-campus spending by international students and their visitors generated £25.8 billion in gross output in the UK in 2014–15 – equivalent to a £13.8 billion contribution to GDP.

**TAX CONTRIBUTION**

The economic activity and employment sustained by international students’ subsistence spending generated £1 billion in tax revenues in 2014–15 – equivalent to the salaries of 31,700 nurses or 25,000 police officers.

**BOOSTING OTHER SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY**

International students are not just an economic asset to the higher education sector: they also also boost other British industries. For example, in 2014–15 their off-campus spending added £750 million to the UK transport industry and £690 million to the retail industry.