The Perryman Group The Economic Consequences of Predatory Lending January 2022

Payday and auto title lending cause harms well beyond the extremely high interest associated with the loans. Such predatory loans increase financial distress for some of the most vulnerable populations and negatively affect the economy.

Oftentimes, the fees and short-term due dates cause families to become mired in a cycle of debt in which they are paying large amounts on rollover fees but never come any closer to retiring the original loan. Defaults can seriously damage credit, not only making it more difficult to obtain lowcost loans in the future, but also impairing the ability to find a job or affordable housing since employers and landlords increasingly make decisions based on credit history. In fact, according to the Center for Responsible Lending, one in seven job seekers with "blemished credit" were passed over for a job following a credit check. Also, the community as a whole can suffer as lending

drains away resources normally spent in the local economy and causes an added strain on social services from families caught in a cycle of debt.

Negative effects of predatory loans generate additional losses through the economy due to multiplier effects such as reduced consumer spending. A substantial portion of the amounts paid to predatory lenders leaves the area, while the normal spending by the affected households is displaced. Based on the results of the recent survey from the East Texas Human Needs Network, The Perryman Group estimates that the payday and auto title loans lead to a decrease in business activity in the Tyler area of \$24.2 million in annual total spending, nearly \$12.0 million in annual gross product, \$7.3 million in annual personal income, and 151 jobs (including multiplier effects).

The Estimated Annual Impact Associated with Predatory Lending on Business Activity in the Tyler Area

Industry	Total Expenditures	Gross Product	Personal Income	Jobs
Agriculture	-\$519,399	-\$141,484	-\$96,249	-1
Mining	-\$404,959	-\$90,880	-\$46,660	-0
Utilities	-\$1,279,165	-\$287,038	-\$125,256	-1
Construction	-\$478,510	-\$245,217	-\$202,074	-3
Manufacturing	-\$1,839,883	-\$624,902	-\$349,164	-5
Wholesale Trade	-\$543,197	-\$367,583	-\$211,951	-2
Retail Trade	-\$7,562,566	-\$5,711,920	-\$3,327,424	-93
Transportation & Warehousing	-\$448,934	-\$312,056	-\$206,383	-3
Information	-\$828,064	-\$511,641	-\$218,436	-2
Financial Activities	-\$5,567,988	-\$896,749	-\$335,075	-3
Business Services	-\$720,018	-\$403,617	-\$329,248	-4
Health Services	-\$1,462,692	-\$1,036,724	-\$876,560	-13
Other Services	-\$2,594,403	-\$1,352,756	-\$1,073,147	-21
Total, All Industries	-\$24,249,778	-\$11,982,567	-\$7,397,627	-151

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