HERE’S WHAT AMAZON JUST DID

In 2021, Amazon’s third-party marketplace sales displaced the equivalent of...

**136,000**  
storefronts

**1.1 million**  
square feet of commercial space

In 2021, by quashing the viability of local bricks-and-mortar retail, Amazon deprived thousands of communities of public revenue necessary for schools, roads, and first responders, as well as of vibrant downtowns and main streets.

Amazon received the benefits of local subsidies, tax breaks, road improvements, and other government considerations to build its distribution centers, notwithstanding the net loss in jobs, property taxes, and downtown vitality.

Amazon’s dominance over the book industry is greater than Standard Oil’s share of the refined oil market just before it was broken up in 1911.\(^*\)

In 2021, Amazon produced a net loss of **1,750,000+** retail jobs nationwide.

Amazon has cheapened the value of printed and electronic publishing, and dampened opportunities for new authors and diverse ideas, by discounting books to lower than wholesale price and bullying publishers and its marketplace sellers.

In our state, Amazon accounts for a sales tax gap of $___________ and the displacement of ____ square feet, which is the equivalent of

| retail storefronts | jobs |

Amazon’s total sales and operations revenue have increased, meaning the above 2021 figures are likely to be understated.

For more information, visit indiebound.org/cost-of-amazon.  
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Sources: Civic Economics. Unfulfilled: Amazon and the American Retail Landscape, 2022.