Your source for business and economic information

Labor Market and Economic Analysis

Are you paying competitive wages?

For the answer to this question and more, go to esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo

The Employment Security Department’s website offers data and analysis of Washington’s employment conditions, economy, job market and workforce. The tools and reports help job seekers, employers and public officials make informed career, business and policy decisions.
Search our data. It’s quick, it’s easy and it’s right at your fingertips.

**Monthly indicators:**

Go to [www.esd.wa.gov](http://www.esd.wa.gov) and click on the *Labor Market Info* navigation tab. From the Washington map, select a county to get monthly indicators for:

- Labor force
- Employed
- Unemployed
- Initial unemployment insurance claims
- Unemployment rate

**Wage and economic data reports:**

Investigate wage estimates by occupation and area, employment projections and occupations in demand including skill sets at: [esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo/occupations](http://esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo/occupations).

**Employment estimates:**

Check out our employment projections, reports and tools. These estimates can be found at: [esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo/projections](http://esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo/projections) and are used by public and private organizations to:

- Guide decisions on plant location, sales and purchases
- Negotiate labor contracts
- Determine the employment base for bond ratings
- Plan for swings in the economy
- Evaluate economic health of the state and communities
- Guide decisions about monetary policy
- Forecast tax revenue for the states and local areas

**YesVets program for proud employers:**

Employment Security Department, in partnership with Washington Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Commerce, Washington State Military Transition Council, and local chambers of commerce across the state, have partnered to create a statewide campaign to hire veterans. If you would like to support those who served, go to [esd.wa.gov/yesvets](http://esd.wa.gov/yesvets) to learn more detailed about the YesVets program for employers.

**Data + analysis = informed decisions**

**WorkSource system performance:**

The WorkSource system performance dashboards provide data and analysis for the state’s WorkSource system. The Labor Market and Economic Analysis (LMEA) division, produced them for the state and its 12 workforce development areas (WDAs). These dashboards can be found at: [esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo/WorkSource-system-performance](http://esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo/WorkSource-system-performance) and include:

- Location, year and quarter
- Employers served (using WorkSource)
- Top 5 jobs in demand
- Top 5 industry sectors posting jobs
- More information on job seekers served

**Economic symposium event:**

Save the date! Come to the annual economic symposium event to hear the state of the state economy and more! Details are on our website at: [esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo/presentations](http://esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo/presentations). To get on the invitation list, send an email to lmpa@esd.wa.gov.

**Need a presentation?**

Our economists can provide labor market presentations on Washington’s economy and local business trends. Interested? Send an email to lmpa@esd.wa.gov.

**Call on us!**

We’re here to provide economic information and analysis you need. Find your nearest economist by visiting [esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo](http://esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo), go to Quick links and then click on Contact an economist.

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