Unemployment rates (07/2019)

1. Statewide: 07/2019: 4.6%
2. Statewide: 07/2018: 4.4%
3. Highest county rate: 07/2019: 9.7% (Ferry)
4. Lowest county rate: 07/2019: 3.1% (King)

1 = seasonally adjusted; 2 = not seasonally adjusted

Jobs (growth/loss 07/2019)

Month/month: 13,400 (preliminary)
Year/year: +86,400 or +2.5%
Since recession start (12/07): +497,500 or +16.5%

Top Growth industries:
Government +2,500
Professional and business services +2,100
Leisure and hospitality +2,000

Declining industries:
Retail trade -600

Total jobs (labor force): 3,885,500
Job losses during recession (12/07-6/09) -151,300
Job gains since recovery (6/09): 626,100
Unemployed, seeking work: 179,500

Unemployment claims (7/2019)

Claimants, 7/2019: 47,227 / YTD = 146,886
CY13 = 311,802; CY14 = 249,160; CY15 = 221,326; CY16 = 210,554; CY17 = 224,823; CY18 = 187,603

Continued regular claims: +3.1% since 7/2018

Benefits paid, 7/2019: $77.4M / YTD: $636.9M
CY13 = $1.8B; CY14 = $1.1B; CY15 = $1.0B; CY16 = $1.03B; CY17 = $1.0B

Average weekly benefit, 7/2019: $481
CY13 = $387; CY14 = $398; CY15 = $418; CY16 = $473; CY17 = $484; CY18 = $467

Highest/lowest weekly benefit: $790 / $188

Average weeks on regular benefits, 8/2018–7/2019: 16.7
CY13 = 16.2; CY14 = 15.6; CY15 = 14.9; CY16 = 14.8; CY17 = 14.9; CY18 = 15.6

Long-term unemployed (LTU)

Definition: unemployed more than 26 weeks
LTU job seekers in Washington, 8/2018-7/2019: 30,100
LTU = of all unemployed job seekers: 16.8%
LTU = of total labor force (3.8M): 0.8%
Male: 68%
Female: 32%

Average wage/minimum wage in Washington

Average yearly wage, 2018: $65,301 (+5.5% from 2017)
Average weekly wage, 2018: $1,255
Minimum wage, 2019: $12.00

Unemployment taxes/trust fund

Taxes collected, Q1-2019: $181.9M
CY13 = $1.37B; CY14 = $1.52B; CY15 = $1.33B; CY16 = $1.18B; CY17 = $1.12B; CY18 = $1.09B

Low/high tax rates, 2019: 0.13-5.72%, Avg. = 1.24%
($61-$2,706 per worker earning = / > $47,300/year)

Taxable wage base: 2019: $49,800; 2018: $47,300
Trust fund balance, 07/31/2019: $4.67B

WorkSource services (as of 7/31/19)

Total jobs listed on WorkSourceWA.com: 747,130*
Total employers with job postings: 13,045*
Total job seekers with WorkSourceWA.com accounts: 466,965*
WorkSource customers who found jobs: 125,862**
*Since WorkSourceWA.com go-live May 2016
**Rolling four quarters (CY2017 Q3 through CY2018 Q2)

ESD employees (as of 7/31/19)

Number of employees: 1,627 (1,594 perm)
Employee ages <25 = 1.4%; 25-39 = 22.8%; 40-54 = 37.9%; 55+ = 37.9%
Employees of color: 28.7%

Toll-free numbers

For UI claimants
- Regular claims: 800-318-6022
- Training benefits: 877-600-7701
- Debt collection unit (overpayments): 866-697-4831
- Trade Act: 888-317-0480
- Assistance with eServices sign-in: 855-682-0785

For employers
- UI benefits questions: 877-504-5607
- Web tax filing help and employer tax questions: 855-829-9243 (855-TAX-WAGE)
- SharedWork help line: 800-752-2500
- Work Opportunity Tax Credit: 360-902-9326

For job seekers
- Veterans (WorkSource): 877-453-5906
- Veterans (Dept. of Veterans Affairs): 800-562-2308

Other
- WorkSourceWA.com sign-in assistance: 888-316-5627
- Washington Service Corps: 888-713-6080
- Labor market information: 360-507-9621
- Benefit and tax fraud: 800-246-9763
- Federal bonding program: 509-826-7590
- Paid Family and Medical Leave: 833-717-2273

Washington Relay Service

Employment Security Department is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Language assistance services for limited English proficient individuals are available free of charge. Washington Relay Service: 711.