

### Unemployment rates (11/2019)

<sup>1</sup> Statewide:	11/2019: 4.4%
<sup>1</sup> Statewide:	11/2018: 4.5%
<sup>2</sup> Highest county rate:	11/2019: 10.3% (Ferry)
<sup>2</sup> Lowest county rate:	11/2019: 2.3% (King)
<sup>1</sup> = seasonally adjusted; <sup>2</sup> = not seasonally adjusted	

### Jobs (growth/loss 11/2019)

Month/month:	+12,200 (preliminary)
Year/year:	+66,100 or +1.9%
Since recession start (12/07):	+501,800 or +16.6%

#### Top Growth industries:

Education and health services	+3,600
Leisure and hospitality	+2,700
Construction	+1,900

#### Declining industries:

Retail trade	-400
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#### Total jobs (labor force):

	3,940,000
Job losses during recession (12/07-6/09)	-151,300
Job gains since recovery (6/09):	630,400
Unemployed, seeking work:	175,000

[www.esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo](http://www.esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo)

### Unemployment claims (11/2019)

<b>Claimants, 11/2019:</b>	<b>52,750 / YTD = 183,608</b>
CY13 = 311,802; CY14 = 249,160; CY15 = 221,326; CY16 = 210,554; CY17 = 224,823; CY18 = 187,603	

<b>Continued regular claims:</b>	+4.0% since 11/2018
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<b>Benefits paid, 11/2019:</b>	\$79.9M / YTD: \$944.4M
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CY13 = \$1.8B; CY14 = \$1.1B; CY15 = \$1.0B;  
CY16 = \$1.0B; CY17 = \$1.03B; CY18 = \$995.4M

<b>Average weekly benefit, 11/2019</b>	\$491
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CY13 = \$387; CY14 = \$398; CY15 = \$418;  
CY16 = \$473; CY17 = \$484; CY18 = \$467

<b>Highest/lowest weekly benefit:</b>	\$790 / \$188
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<b>Average weeks on regular benefits, 12/2018–11/2019:</b>	16.8
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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

<b>LTU job seekers in Washington, 12/2018-11/2019:</b>	<b>31,400</b>
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LTU = of all unemployed job seekers: 18.0%

LTU = of total labor force (3.9M): 0.8%

Male: 71%

Female: 29%

### Average wage/minimum wage in Washington

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

### Unemployment taxes/trust fund

<b>Taxes collected, Q3-2019:</b>	<b>\$303.3M</b>
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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:** 2020: \$52,700; 2019: \$49,800

**Trust fund balance, 11/30/2019:** \$4.86B

### WorkSource services (as of 11/30/19)

<b>Total jobs listed on WorkSourceWA.com</b>	<b>837,148*</b>
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<b>Total employers with job postings</b>	<b>13,904*</b>
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<b>Total employers with WorkSourceWA.com accounts:</b>	<b>19,672*</b>
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<b>Total job seekers with WorkSourceWA.com accounts:</b>	<b>505,052*</b>
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<b>WorkSource customers who found jobs:</b>	<b>120,096**</b>
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\*Since WorkSourceWA.com go-live May 2016

\*\*Rolling four quarters (CY2018 Q1 through CY2018 Q4)

### ESD employees (as of 11/30/19)

<b>Number of employees:</b>	<b>1,656 (1,627 perm)</b>
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Employee ages <25 = 1.2%; 25-39 = 23.0%; 40-54 = 37.9%; 55+ = 37.9%

Employees of color: 28.6%

### 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: 360-902-9691
- Agricultural services: 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.