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Average wage/minimum wage in Washington:

- Average yearly wage, 2018: $65,301 (+5.5% from 2017)
- Average weekly wage, 2018: $1,255
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Jobs (growth/loss 01/2020)

| Month/month: | +6,800 (preliminary) |
| Year/year: | +79,400 or +2.3% |
| Since recession start (12/07): | +466,000 or +15.5% |

Top Growth industries:
- Retail trade: +3,300
- Leisure and hospitality: +2,300
- Professional and business services: +1,900

Declining industries:
- Construction: -3,500

Total jobs (labor force): 3,955,200
Total covered employment: 3,513,500

Job losses during recession (12/07-6/09): -151,300
Job gains since recovery (6/09): 594,600
Unemployed, seeking work: 155,500

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Unemployment claims (01/2020)

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Unemployment taxes/trust fund

Taxes collected, Q4-2019: $234.6M
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, 01/31/2020: $4.71B

WorkSource services (as of 1/31/20)

Total jobs listed on WorkSourceWA.com 873,239*
Total employers with job postings 14,189*
Total employers with WorkSourceWA.com accounts: 20,066*
Total job seekers with WorkSourceWA.com accounts: 526,244*
WorkSource customers who found jobs: 116,201**

*Since WorkSourceWA.com go-live May 2016
**Rolling four quarters (CY2018 Q2 through CY2019 Q1)

ESD employees (as of 1/31/20)

Number of employees: 1,658 (1,628 perm)
Employee ages <25 = 1.3%; 25-39 = 22.8%; 40-54 = 37.8%; 55+ = 38.1%
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: 800-669-9271

Other
- Veterans (Dept. of Veterans Affairs): 800-562-2308
- WorkSourceWA.com sign-in assistance: 888-316-5627
- Washington Service Corps: 888-713-6080
- Labor market information: 360-890-3735
- Benefit and tax fraud: 800-246-9763
- Federal bonding program: 800-669-9271
- 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.