Unemployment rates (01/2020)

- **Statewide:** 01/2020: 3.9%
- **Statewide:** 01/2019: 4.5%
- **Highest county rate:** 12/2019: 10.6% (Ferry)
- **Lowest county rate:** 12/2019: 2.1% (King)

1 = seasonally adjusted; 2 = not seasonally adjusted

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
- Professional and business services
- Hospitality

Declining industries:
- Construction
- Wholesale trade

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

www.esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo

Unemployment claims (01/2020)

- **Claimsant, 01/2020:** 77,784 / YTD: 77,784
- **CY14 = 249,160; CY15 = 221,326; CY16 = 210,554; CY17 = 224,823; CY18 = 187,603; CY19 = 196,545**
- **Continued regular claims:** +4.8% since 01/2019
- **Benefits paid, 01/2020:** $118.5M / YTD: $118.5M
- **CY14 = $1.1B; CY15 = $1.0B; CY16 = $1.0B; CY17 = $1.03B; CY18 = $995.4M; CY19 = $1.06B**
- **Average weekly benefit, 01/2020:** $488
- **CY14 = $398; CY15 = $418; CY16 = $473; CY17 = $484; CY18 = $467; CY19 = $478**
- **Highest/lowest weekly benefit:** $790 / $188
- **Average weeks on regular benefits, 02/2019–01/2020:** 16.8
- **CY13 = 16.2; CY14 = 15.6; CY15 = 14.9; CY16=14.8; CY17= 14.9; CY18 = 15.6; CY19=16.9**

Long-term unemployed (LTU)

- **Definition:** unemployed more than 26 weeks
- **LTU job seekers in Washington, 02/2019 - 01/2020:** 34,500
- **LTU = of all unemployed job seekers:** 20.4%
- **LTU = of total labor force (3.9M):** 0.9%
- **Male:** 65%
- **Female:** 35%

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, 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 1/31/2020)

- **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 1/31/2020)

- **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
  - Internal Revenue Service: 800-829-9243 (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: 800-697-6080
- 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.