

### Unemployment rates (01/2020)

<sup>1</sup> Statewide:	01/2020: 3.9%
<sup>1</sup> Statewide:	01/2019: 4.5%
<sup>2</sup> Highest county rate:	12/2019: 10.6% (Ferry)
<sup>2</sup> Lowest county rate:	12/2019: 2.1% (King)

<sup>1</sup> = seasonally adjusted; <sup>2</sup> = 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	+3,300
Leisure and hospitality	+2,300
Professional and business services	+1,900

#### Declining industries:

Construction	-3,500
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**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](http://www.esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo)

### Unemployment claims (01/2020)

**Claimants, 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 1/31/20)

**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.