Unemployment rates (02/2020)

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<td>2.5% (King)</td>
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1 = seasonally adjusted; 2 = not seasonally adjusted

Unemployment claims (02/2020)

- **Total claims, 02/2020:** 67,681 / YTD = 92,573
  
  CY14 = 249,160; CY15 = 221,326; CY16 = 210,554; CY17 = 224,823; CY18 = 187,603; CY19 = 196,545
  
  **Continued regular claims:** -13.8% since 02/2019
  
  CY14 = $1.1B; CY15 = $1.0B; CY16 = $1.0B; CY17 = $1.03B; CY18 = $995.4M; CY19 = $1.06B
  
  **Benefits paid, 02/2020:** $102.9M / YTD: $221.1M
  
  CY14 = $308; CY15 = $441; CY16 = $473; CY17 = $484; CY18 = $467; CY19 = $478
  
  **Average weekly benefit, 02/2020:** $480
  
  CY14 = $308; CY15 = $441; CY16 = $473; CY17 = $484; CY18 = $467; CY19 = $478
  
  **Highest/lowest weekly benefit:** $790 / $188
  
  **Average weeks on regular benefits, 03/2019–02/2020:** 17.1
  
  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, 03/2019 - 02/2020:** 34,200
  
  LTU = of all unemployed job seekers: 20.8%
  
  LTU = of total labor force (3.9M): 0.9%
  
  Male: 64%
  
  Female: 36%

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, 02/2020:** $4.74B

WorkSource services (as of 2/29/20)

- **Total jobs listed on WorkSourceWA.com:** 892,859*
- **Total employers with job postings:** 14,379*
- **Total employers with WorkSourceWA.com accounts:** 20,334*
- **Total job seekers with WorkSourceWA.com accounts:** 535,155*
- **WorkSource customers who found jobs:** 116,234**
  
  *Since WorkSourceWA.com go-live May 2016
  
  **Rolling four quarters (CY2018 Q2 through CY2019 Q1)

Esd employees (as of 2/29/20)

- **Number of employees:** 1,676 (1,645 perm)
  
  Employee ages <25 = 1.3%; 25-39 = 33.2%; 40-54 = 37.9%; 55+ = 38.6%
  
  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:** 877-877-379

Washington Relay Service

Employment Security Department is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxilary 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.