

## Unemployment rates (10/2019)

<sup>1</sup> Statewide:	10/2019: 4.5%
<sup>1</sup> Statewide:	10/2018: 4.4%
<sup>2</sup> Highest county rate:	10/2019: 9.6% (Ferry)
<sup>2</sup> Lowest county rate:	10/2019: 2.7% (King)
<sup>1</sup> = seasonally adjusted; <sup>2</sup> = not seasonally adjusted	

## Jobs (growth/loss 10/2019)

Month/month:	-1,600 (preliminary)
Year/year:	+67,600 or +1.9%
Since recession start (12/07):	+494,600 or +16.4%

### Top Growth industries:

Retail trade	+1,300
Information	+800
Construction	+700

### Declining industries:

Other services	-1,300
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### Total jobs (labor force):

Job losses during recession (12/07-6/09)	-151,300
Job gains since recovery (6/09):	623,200
Unemployed, seeking work:	178,300

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

## Unemployment claims (10/2019)

<b>Claimants, 10/2019:</b>	<b>45,942 / YTD = 173,926</b>
CY13 = 311,802; CY14 = 249,160; CY15 = 221,326; CY16 = 210,554; CY17 = 224,823; CY18 = 187,603	

### Continued regular claims:

+6.0% since 10/2018

### Benefits paid, 10/2019:

\$73.1M / YTD: \$864.4M

CY13 = \$1.8B; CY14 = \$1.1B; CY15 = \$1.0B;  
CY16 = \$1.0B; CY17 = \$1.03B; CY18 = \$995.4M

### Average weekly benefit, 10/2019

\$505

CY13 = \$387; CY14 = \$398; CY15 = \$418;  
CY16 = \$473; CY17 = \$484; CY18 = \$467

### Highest/lowest weekly benefit:

\$790 / \$188

### Average weeks on regular benefits, 11/2018-10/2019:

16.7

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

### LTU job seekers in Washington, 11/2018-10/2019:

31,600

LTU = of all unemployed job seekers:

17.3%

LTU = of total labor force (3.9M):

0.8%

Male:

71%

Female:

29%

## 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, Q2-2019:

\$374.1M

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:

2019: \$49,800; 2018: \$47,300

### Trust fund balance, 10/31/2019:

\$4.77B

## WorkSource services (as of 10/31/19)

### Total jobs listed on WorkSourceWA.com

820,287\*

### Total employers with job postings

13,751\*

### Total employers with WorkSourceWA.com accounts:

19,430\*

### Total job seekers with WorkSourceWA.com accounts:

495,808\*

### WorkSource customers who found jobs:

119,479\*\*

\*Since WorkSourceWA.com go-live May 2016

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

## ESD employees (as of 10/31/19)

### Number of employees:

1,656 (1,627 perm)

Employee ages <25 = 1.3%; 25-39 = 22.9%; 40-54 = 37.8%; 55+ = 38.0%

Employees of color: 28.5%

## 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.