## Unemployment rates (09/2019)

1. **Statewide:** 09/2019: 4.6%
   1. **Statewide:** 09/2018: 4.4%
2. **Highest county rate:** 09/2019: 9.6% (Ferry)
3. **Lowest county rate:** 09/2019: 3.0% (King)

1 = seasonally adjusted; 2 = not seasonally adjusted

## Jobs (growth/loss 09/2019)

- **Month/month:** -3,100 (preliminary)
- **Year/year:** +66,000 or +1.9%
- **Since recession start (12/07):** +484,700 or +16.1%

### Top Growth industries:
- Retail trade: +1,900
- Wholesale trade: +1,000
- Financial activities: +900

### Declining industries:
- Government: -6,900

**Total jobs (labor force):** 3,907,700
- Job losses during recession (12/07-6/09): -151,300
- Job gains since recovery (6/09): 613,300
- Unemployed, seeking work: 179,400

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

## Unemployment claims (9/2019)

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<th>Claimants, 9/2019</th>
<th>46,321 / YTD = 164,516</th>
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<tr>
<td>CY13 = 311,802; CY14 = 249,160; CY15 = 221,326; CY16 = 210,554; CY17 = 224,823; CY18 = 187,603</td>
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<tr>
<td>Continued regular claims</td>
<td>+5.0% since 9/2018</td>
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<td>Benefits paid, 9/2019</td>
<td>$81.9M / YTD: $791.2M</td>
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<td>CY13 = $1.8B; CY14 = $1.1B; CY15 = $1.0B; CY16 = $1.0B; CY17 = $1.03B; CY18 = $995.4M</td>
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<td>Average weekly benefit, 9/2019</td>
<td>$501</td>
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<td>CY13 = $387; CY14 = $398; CY15 = $418; CY16 = $473; CY17 = $484; CY18 = $467</td>
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<td>Highest/lowest weekly benefit</td>
<td>$790 / $188</td>
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<td>Average weeks on regular benefits, 10/2018-9/2019</td>
<td>16.8</td>
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<td>CY13 = 16.2; CY14 = 15.6; CY15 = 14.9; CY16 = 14.8; CY17 = 14.9; CY18 = 15.6</td>
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## Long-term unemployed (LTU)

**Definition:** unemployed more than 26 weeks

- **LTU job seekers in Washington, 10/2018-9/2019:** 32,700
- **LTU:** of all unemployed job seekers: 17.8%
  - **LTU:** of total labor force (3.9M): 0.8%
  - Male: 72%
  - Female: 28%

**Average wage/minimum wage in Washington**

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<th>Average yearly wage, 2018</th>
<th>$65,301 (+5.5% from 2017)</th>
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<td>Average weekly wage, 2018</td>
<td>$1,255</td>
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<td>Minimum wage, 2019</td>
<td>$12.00</td>
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## Unemployment taxes/trust fund

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<th>Taxes collected, Q2-2019</th>
<th>$374.1M</th>
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<td>CY13 = $1.37B; CY14 = $1.52B; CY15 = $1.33B; CY16 = $1.18B; CY17 = $1.12B; CY18 = $1.09B</td>
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<tr>
<td>Low/highest tax rates</td>
<td>0.13-5.72%, Avg. = 1.24%</td>
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<td>($61-$2,706 per worker earning = / &gt; $47,300/year)</td>
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<td>Trust fund balance, 09/30/2019</td>
<td>$4.78B</td>
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## WorkSource services (as of 9/30/19)

- **Total jobs listed on WorkSourceWA.com** 796,195*
- **Total employers with job postings** 13,493*
- **Total employers with WorkSourceWA.com accounts:** 485,992*
- **WorkSource customers who found jobs:** 122,809**

*Since WorkSourceWA.com go-live May 2016
**Rolling four quarters (CY2017 Q4 through CY2018 Q3)

## ESD employees (as of 9/30/19)

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<th>Number of employees</th>
<th>1,641 (1,612 perm)</th>
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<td>Employee ages &lt;25</td>
<td>1.2%; 25-39 = 22.7%; 40-54 = 37.9%; 55+ = 38.2%</td>
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<td>Employees of color</td>
<td>28.2%</td>
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## 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: 888-713-6000
- Labor market information: 360-507-9621
- Benefit and tax fraud: 800-246-9763
- Federal bonding program: 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.