

Unemployment rates (07/2020)

¹ Statewide:	07/2020: 10.3%
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² Highest county rate:	7/2020: 14.4% (Pend Oreille)
² Lowest county rate:	7/2020: 7.5% (Asotin)

¹ = seasonally adjusted; ² = not seasonally adjusted

Jobs (growth/loss 07/2020)

Month/month:	44,500 (preliminary)
Year/year:	-245,400 or -7.0%
Since recession start (12/07):	238,900 or 7.9%

Top growth industries:

Leisure and hospitality	+15,900
Government	+7,500

Declining industries:

Information	-1,500
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Total jobs (labor force): 3,968,200

Total covered employment: 3,560,100

Job losses during recession (12/07-6/09): -150,400

Job gains since recovery (6/09): 346,800

Unemployed, seeking work: 408,000

www.esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo

Unemployment claims (07/2020)

Claimants (regular benefits), 07/2020: 408,796

CY14 = 249,160; CY15 = 221,326; CY16 = 210,554;

CY17 = 224,823; CY18 = 187,603; CY19 = 196,545

Continued regular claims: +656% since 07/2019

Regular benefits paid, 07/2020: \$632.5M

CY14 = \$1.1B; CY15 = \$1.0B; CY16 = \$1.0B;

CY17 = \$1.03B; CY18 = \$995.4M; CY19 = \$1.06B

Average weekly benefit (regular claims), 07/2020: \$417

CY14 = \$398; CY15 = \$418; CY16 = \$473;

CY17 = \$484; CY18 = \$467; CY19 = \$478

Highest/lowest weekly benefit: \$844 / \$201

Long-term unemployed (LTU)

Definition: unemployed more than 26 weeks

LTU job seekers in Washington, 08/2019 - 07/2020: 36,800

LTU = of all unemployed job seekers: 13.6%

LTU = of total labor force (3.9M): 0.9%

Male: 69%

Female: 31%

Average wage/minimum wage in Washington

Average yearly wage, 2019: \$69,700 (+6.7% from 2018)

Average weekly wage, 2019: \$1,340

Minimum wage, 2019: \$12.00

Unemployment taxes/trust fund

Taxes collected, Q2-2020: \$381.7M

CY13 = \$1.37B; CY14 = \$1.52B; CY15 = \$1.33B;

CY16 = \$1.18B; CY17 = \$1.12B; CY18 = \$1.09B; CY19 = \$1.09B

Low/high tax rates, 2020: 0.13-5.72%, Avg. = 1.08%

(\$68-\$3,014 per worker earning = / > \$52,700/year)

Taxable wage base: 2020: \$52,700; 2019: \$49,800

Trust fund balance, 07/31/2020: \$2.5B

WorkSource services (as of 7/31/20)

Total jobs listed on WorkSourceWA.com 971,690*

Total employers with job postings 15,252*

Total employers with WorkSourceWA.com accounts: 21,785*

Total job seekers with WorkSourceWA.com accounts: 651,687*

WorkSource customers who found jobs: 111,466**

*Since WorkSourceWA.com go-live May 2016

**Rolling four quarters (CY2019 Q1 through CY2019 Q4)

ESD employees (as of 7/31/20)

Number of employees: 2,334 (1,773 perm)

Employee ages <25 = 2.2%; 25-39 = 26.2%;

40-54 = 37.8%; 55+ = 33.8%

Employees of color: 29.5%

Toll-free numbers

For UI claimants

- "Regular" claims: 800-318-6022
- Training benefits: 877-600-7701
- General unemployment questions: 833-572-8400
- 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: 833-572-8421
- 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.