

Unemployment rates (09/2020)

¹ Statewide:	09/2020: 7.8%
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² Highest county rate:	9/2020: 10.0% (Grays Harbor)
² Lowest county rate:	9/2020: 4.8% (Asotin)

¹ = *seasonally adjusted*; ² = *not seasonally adjusted*

Jobs (growth/loss 09/2020)

Month/month:	2,400 (preliminary)
Year/year:	-203,900 or -5.8%
Since recession start (2/20):	-224,400 or -6.4%

Top growth industries:

Leisure and hospitality	+6,700
Construction	+2,700

Declining industries:

Government	-9,700
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Total jobs (labor force):	3,901,400
Total covered employment:	3,598,000
Job losses during great recession (12/07-6/09)	-150,400
Job losses since recession start (2/20):	-224,400
Unemployed, seeking work:	303,400

www.esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo

Unemployment claims (09/2020)

Claimants (regular benefits), 09/2020:	333,872
CY14 = 249,160; CY15 = 221,326; CY16 = 210,554; CY17 = 224,823; CY18 = 187,603; CY19 = 196,545	
Continued regular claims:	+455% since 09/2019
Regular benefits paid, 09/2020:	\$777.9M
CY14 = \$1.1B; CY15 = \$1.0B; CY16 = \$1.0B; CY17 = \$1.03B; CY18 = \$995.4M; CY19 = \$1.06B	
Average weekly benefit (regular claims), 09/2020	\$415
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, 10/2019 - 09/2020:	40,700
LTU = of all unemployed job seekers:	13.9%
LTU = of total labor force (3.9M):	1.0%
Male:	67%
Female:	33%

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, 09/30/2020:	\$2.26B

WorkSource services (as of 9/30/20)

Total jobs listed on WorkSourceWA.com	1,005,595*
Total employers with job postings	15,592*
Total employers with WorkSourceWA.com accounts:	22,304*
Total job seekers with WorkSourceWA.com accounts:	677,326*
WorkSource customers who found jobs:	105,333**

*Since WorkSourceWA.com go-live May 2016

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

ESD employees (as of 9/30/20)

Number of employees:	2,375 (1,766 perm)
Employee ages <25 = 1.9%; 25-39 = 26.3%; 40-54 = 38.2%; 55+ = 33.6%	
Employees of color:	30.15%

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: 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.