

## Washington State Employment Security Department

Labor Market and Economic Analysis



### Thirteen Counties on the Distressed Areas List for 2010

10/26/2010

The Distressed Areas List for 2010 identifies all counties with three year average unemployment rates equal to or greater than 120 percent of the statewide unemployment rate. Thirteen counties remain on the list, down from nineteen last year. Adams, Clallam, Franklin, Grant, Okanogan, and Yakima have been removed from last year's list. The current list consists of Clark, Columbia, Cowlitz, Ferry, Grays Harbor, Klickitat, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pend Oreille, Skamania, Stevens, and Wahkiakum counties.

### Three Year Average Unemployment Rates Used To Determine Distressed Areas <sup>1</sup>

	Three Year Average Unemployment Rate (Jan 07-Dec 09)	Distressed Area: Unemployment Rate Greater Than or Equal to
Washington State	6.3	7.6
Adams County	6.8	
Asotin County	6.5	
Benton County	5.5	
Chelan County	6.0	
Clallam County	7.4	
Clark County	8.4	Clark
Columbia County	8.0	Columbia
Cowlitz County	9.0	Cowlitz
Douglas County	5.8	
Ferry County	9.7	Ferry
Franklin County	6.8	
Garfield County	5.4	
Grant County	7.1	
Grays Harbor County	9.0	Grays Harbor
Island County	6.2	
Jefferson County	6.1	
King County	5.6	
Kitsap County	5.5	
Kittitas County	6.3	
Klickitat County	8.0	Klickitat
Lewis County	9.2	Lewis
Lincoln County	6.2	
Mason County	7.6	Mason
Okanogan County	7.2	
Pacific County	8.7	Pacific
Pend Oreille County	9.7	Pend Oreille
Pierce County	6.5	

San Juan County	4.4	
Skagit County	6.6	
Skamania County	9.0	Skamania
Snohomish County	6.4	
Spokane County	6.3	
Stevens County	9.1	Stevens
Thurston County	5.6	
Wahkiakum County	9.0	Wahkiakum
Walla Walla County	5.3	
Whatcom County	5.7	
Whitman County	4.4	
Yakima County	7.1	

<sup>1</sup> Prepared in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Washington State Employment Security Department  
Labor Market and Economic Analysis Branch  
March 23, 2010

*Benchmark: March 2009*