

Quarterly Census of  
Employment and Wages  
Business Employment Dynamics  
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# Washington State Business Employment Dynamics *Second Quarter 2017*



In second quarter 2017, seasonally adjusted job gains in Washington's private sector totaled 193,086 while job losses from businesses closing or contracting totaled 167,385. The result of these changes was a net gain of 25,701 jobs during the second quarter. These numbers show the key changes in private sector employment also called Business Employment Dynamics (BED).

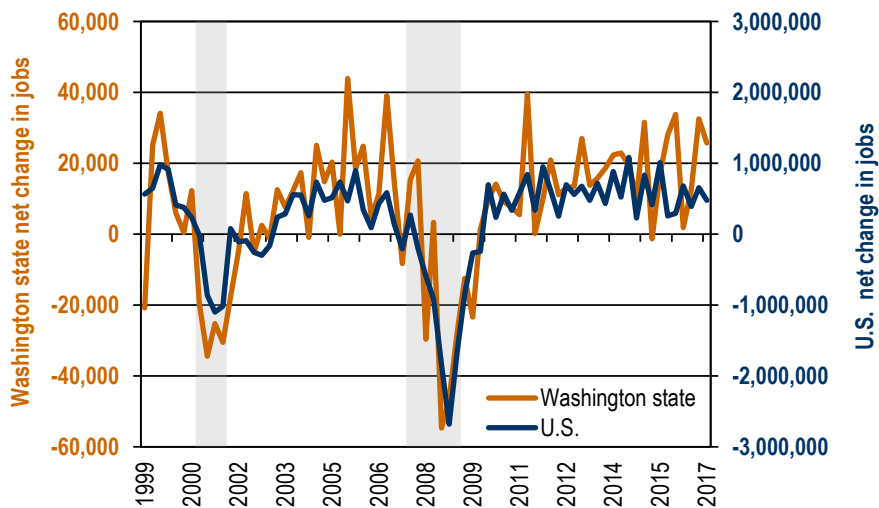
The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Business Employment Dynamics data series highlights the forces driving labor market dynamics at the state and national levels. Job gains and losses at private business establishments are tracked showing employment changes due to establishment openings or closings versus adding or shedding jobs at existing firms. The most recent BED data cover events through first quarter 2017.

## Both the state and nation showed job growth

Nationally, job gains exceeded job losses in 36 states for a net private sector employment gain of 476,000. This marks the 29th consecutive quarter of employment growth nationally since the recovery in employment began in the aftermath of the nation's last recession. Washington state's streak of 22 straight quarters of employment growth ended in third quarter 2015, when the state showed negative employment growth of 1,372.

Figure 1 depicts the changing business employment dynamic and compares Washington state to national trends. On a national and state basis, net job gains and losses are sensitive to the business cycle. During the 2001 recession, net job losses appeared very quickly. Net job growth resumed in 2002 and carried through until the most recent recession beginning in fourth quarter 2007. Job growth began to pick up in 2010 for the state and nation, although Washington experienced negative job growth in third quarter 2015.

**Figure 1.** Net change in jobs, seasonally adjusted  
United States and Washington state, first quarter 1999 through first quarter 2017  
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Business Employment Dynamics data series



*Job growth in Washington and in the U.S. decreased in second quarter 2017.*

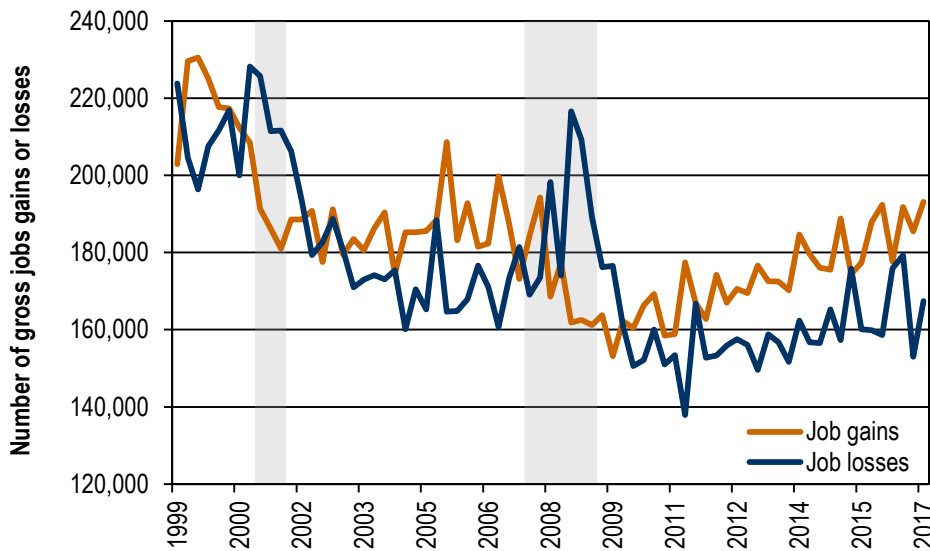
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At the national level, gross job gains were 7.6 million at opening and expanding establishments. Closing and contracting establishments lost 7.1 million jobs. Gross job losses were 5.8 percent of private sector employment. Opening establishments provided 1.4 million jobs. Washington state gained 193,086 jobs from new and expanding private businesses and lost 167,385 jobs from businesses closing or contracting for a net gain of 25,701 jobs in second quarter 2017. This compares to a net gain of 32,536 jobs in first quarter 2017 and a net gain of 33,780 jobs in second quarter 2016.

**More information on the Business Employment Dynamics data series is available at: [www.bls.gov/bdm](http://www.bls.gov/bdm)**

Figure 2 shows the quarterly pattern of gross job gains and losses in Washington state.

**Figure 2.** Gross job gains and losses, seasonally adjusted  
 Washington state, second quarter 1999 through second quarter 2017  
 Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Business Employment Dynamics data series



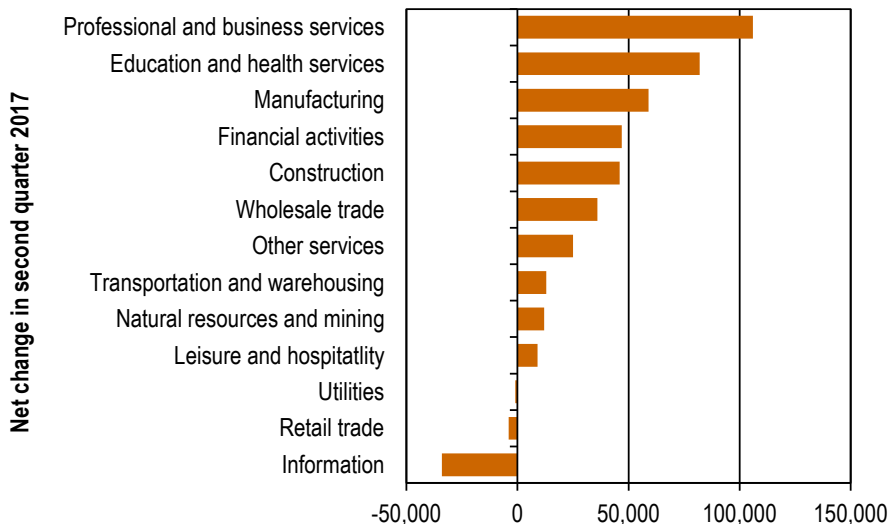
*Gross job gains and losses rose in second quarter 2017.*

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### Nationally, most industries added jobs

The data in Figure 3 illustrate the net change in industry employment for the U.S. Total private sector employment grew by 476,000 in second quarter 2017. Service-providing industries had a seasonally adjusted net gain of 359,000 jobs. The goods-producing industries posted a net gain of 117,000 jobs. In second quarter 2017, ten industry sectors reported job gains compared to twelve in first quarter 2017.

**Figure 3.** Net change in job gains and losses by industry sector, seasonally adjusted  
 United States, second quarter 2017  
 Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Business Employment Dynamics data series



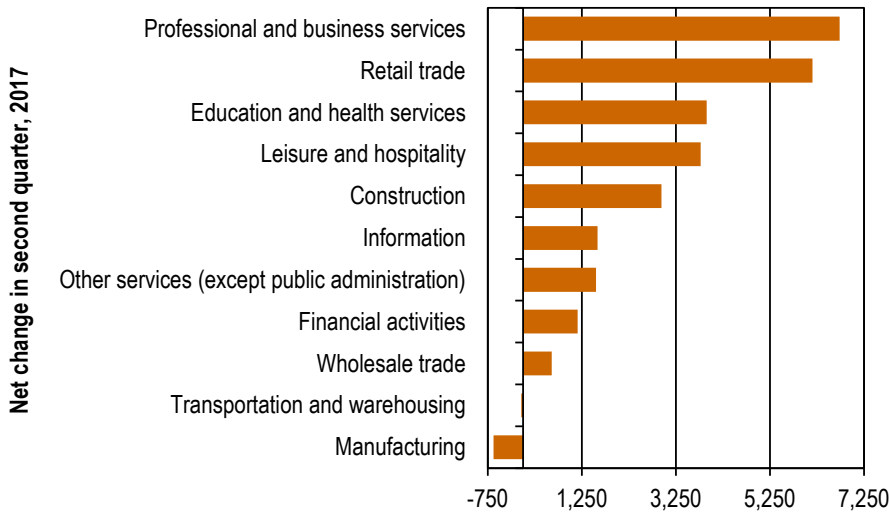
*Professional and business services reported the most net gains while information reported the most net losses in second quarter 2017.*

## Washington state industry employment

Figure 4 shows net employment changes in Washington state industry sectors. Total private sector employment had a net increase in employment of 25,701. Nine industry sectors reported net job gains in second quarter 2017. Net job losses occurred in transportation and warehousing (40) and manufacturing (627). The top three industry sectors in job gains were professional and business services with a gain of 6,733, followed by retail trade (6,155) and education and health services (3,909).

**Figure 4.** Net change in job gains and losses by industry sector, seasonally adjusted Washington state, second quarter 2017

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Business Employment Dynamics data series



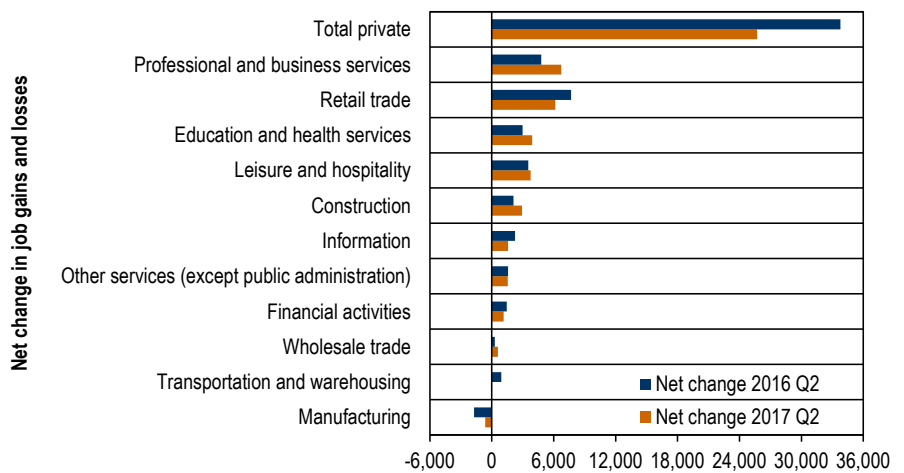
*In Washington state, professional and business services, retail trade, and education and health services had the most job gains in second quarter 2017*

Comparing second quarter 2017 to second quarter 2016 in Washington state (Figure 5):

- Six of 11 private industry sectors had higher net gains in second quarter 2017 compared to second quarter 2016.
- Professional and business services had the largest net gain from year to year with a gain of 6,733 jobs in second quarter 2017 compared with a gain of 4,800 in second quarter 2016.
- Retail trade had the largest net loss from year to year with a gain of 6,155 jobs in second quarter 2017 compared with a gain of 7,676 in second quarter 2016.

**Figure 5.** Net change in jobs by industry sector, seasonally adjusted Washington state, second quarter 2016 and 2017

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Business Employment Dynamics data series



*Washington had more jobs gained in six industries and fewer jobs gained in five industries in second quarter 2017 than a year ago..*

**Note:** data for natural resources, mining and utilities are not disclosed in order to maintain employer confidentiality.

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