

Unemployment rates (January/ 2023)

Statewide	4.2% ¹	
Statewide 12/2021	4.5% ¹	
Highest County Rate	11.0% ²	Ferry
Lowest County Rate	2.8% ²	King

¹Seasonally Adjusted, ²Not Seasonally Adjusted

Jobs (growth/loss January/ 2023)

Month/Month	2,500	(preliminary)
Year/Year	121,200	3.5%
Since Recession Start (2/20)	108,900	3.1%
Top growth industries:		
Leisure & hospitality		+2,400
Other services		+1,700
Education & health services		+1,300
Total jobs (labor force)		4,002,500
Total covered employment		3,582,100
Job losses during great recession (12/07-06/09)		-147,800
Since recession started (02/20)		108,900
Unemployed, seeking work		167,500

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Unemployment claims (January/ 2023)

Claimants (Regular Benefits)		52,577
CY17=224,823	CY18=187,603	CY19=196,545
CY20=898,712	CY21=341,774	CY22=TBD
Continued benefits paid	5.7% since	12/2021
Regular benefits paid		\$108.6M
CY17= \$1.0B	CY18= \$995.4M	CY19= \$1.0B
CY20= \$5.0B	CY21= \$1.6B	CY22= TBD
Average weekly benefit (reg claims)		\$643
CY17= \$484	CY18= \$467	CY19= \$478
CY20= \$478	CY21= \$490	CY22= TBD
Highest/Lowest weekly benefit		\$999/\$317

Long-term unemployment (LTU)

Definition: unemployed more than 26 weeks

Average yearly wage	2021	\$82,508
		(+7.5% from 2020)
Average weekly wage	2021	\$1586
Minimum wage	2022	\$14.49

Unemployment taxes/ trust fund

Taxes collected	Q4 - 2022	\$239.*5M
CY14=\$1.52B	CY15=\$1.33B	CY16=1.18B
CY17=\$1.12B	CY18=\$1.09B	CY19=\$1.09B
CY20=\$1.20B	CY21=\$1.60B	CY22=TBD
Low/high tax rates 2022:	.23%-6.02%	Avg.=1.06%
(\$144 - \$3763 per worker earning => \$62,600/year)		
Taxable wage base:	2023: \$67,600	2022: \$62,500
Trust fund balance as of 01/31/2023		\$3.13B

WorkSource services (as of 01/30/2023)

Total jobs listed - WorkSourceWA.com	1,666,541*
Total employers with job postings	21,195*
Total employers with website accounts	29,959*
Total seekers with website accounts	892,380*
WorkSource customer who found jobs	77,151**

*Since WorkSourceWA.com go-live May 2016
**Rolling four quarters

ESD Employees (as of 01/30/2023)

Number of employees	2,179	(2,097 Perm)
Ages <25=.9%	25-39=25.5%	40-54=39.7%
		55+=33.9%
Employees of color		24.4%

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 & employer tax questions	855-829-9243
	855-TAX-WAGE
SharedWork helpline	800-752-2500
Work Opportunity Tax Credit	800-669-9271

Other:

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 services

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.