

### Unemployment rates (December / 2022)

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

<sup>1</sup>Seasonally Adjusted, <sup>2</sup>Not Seasonally Adjusted

### Jobs (growth/loss December / 2022)

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

[www.esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo](http://www.esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo)

### Unemployment claims (December / 2022)

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

### 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

<b>Taxes collected</b>	<b>Q3 - 2022</b>	<b>\$527.0M</b>
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%
(\$130-\$3401 per worker earning => \$56,500/year)		
Taxable wage base:	2023: \$67,600	2022: \$62,500
Trust fund balance as of 12/31/2022		\$3.1B

### WorkSource services (as of 12/31/2022)

Total jobs listed - WorkSourceWA.com	1,648,757*
Total employers with job postings	21,192*
Total employers with website accounts	29,819*
Total seekers with website accounts	883,889*
WorkSource customer who found jobs	75,236**

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

### ESD Employees (as of 12/31/2022)

Number of employees	2,170	(2,087 Perm)
Ages <25=.9%	25-39=25.5%	40-54=39.7%
55+=33.9%		
Employees of color		17%

### 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.