

Unemployment rates (November / 2022)

Statewide	4.0 % ¹	
Statewide 11/2021	4.5 % ¹	
Highest County Rate	10.3 % ²	Ferry
Lowest County Rate	2.8 % ²	King

¹Seasonally Adjusted, ²Not Seasonally Adjusted

Jobs (growth/loss November / 2022)

Month/Month	13,100	(preliminary)	
Year/Year	130,900		3.8 %
Since Recession Start (2/20)	113,000		3.2 %

Top growth industries:

Education and health services	+ 4,800
Professional and business services	+ 2,200
Government	+ 2,100

Total jobs (labor force)	4,003,400
Total covered employment	3,580,700
Job losses during great recession (12/07-6/09)	-147,800
Since recession started (2/20)	113,000
Unemployed, seeking work	161,100

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Unemployment claims (November // 2022)

Claimants (Regular Benefits)	42,566
CY16=210,554 CY17=224,823 CY18=187,603	
CY19=196,545 CY20=898,712 CY21=341,774	
Continued regular claims:	-12 % since 11/2021
Regular benefits paid	\$90.6M
CY16=\$1.0B CY17= \$1.0B CY18= \$995.4M	
CY19= \$1.0B CY20= \$5.0B CY21= \$1.6B	
Average weekly benefit (reg claims)	\$649
CY16= \$473 CY17= \$484 CY18= \$467	
CY19= \$478 CY20= \$478 CY21=\$490	
Highest/Lowest weekly benefit	\$999 / \$317

Long-term unemployed (LTU)

Definition: unemployed more than 26 weeks

LTU job seekers in Washington	12/2021 - 11/202	39300
LTU = of all unemployed job seekers:		23.0 %
LTU = of total labor force (3.9M):		1.0 %
Male:		68 %
Female:		32 %

Average wage/minimum wage in Washington

Average yearly wage	2021	\$82,508	(+7.5% from 2020)
Average weekly wage	2021	\$1,586	
Minimum Wage	2022	\$14.49	

Unemployment taxes/trust fund

Taxes collected	Q3 - 2022	\$ 527.0 M
CY14 = \$1.52B CY15 = \$1.33B CY16 = \$1.18B		
CY17 = \$1.12B CY18 = \$1.09B CY19 = \$1.09B		
CY20 = \$1.20B CY21 = \$1.60B		
Low/high tax rates, 2022:	.23% - 6.02%	Avg. = 1.06%
(\$ 130 - \$ 3,401 per worker earning = />\$ 56,500 /year)		
Taxable wage base:	2022 : \$ 62,500 ; 2021 : \$ 56,500	
Trust fund balance, 11/30/2022		\$ 3.2 B

WorkSource services (as of 11/30/2022)

Total jobs listed on WorkSourceWA.com	1,632,055 *
Total employers with job postings	20,968 *
Total employers with WorkSourceWA.com accounts:	20,968 *
Total job seekers with WorkSourceWA.com accounts:	20,968 *
WorkSource customers who found jobs:	75,236 **

*Since WorkSourceWA.com go-live May 2016

**Rolling four quarters (527 through)

ESD employees (as of November / 2022)

Number of employees	2,187	(2,101 perm)
Employee ages:<25= 1.0 %, 25-39= 25.3 %, 40-54= 39.8 %, 55+= 33.9 %		
Employees of color		41.0 %

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 & 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:	833-747-2273

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