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**Unemployment taxes/trust fund**

Taxes collected, Q4-2020: $318.9M

CY14 = $1.52B; CY15 = $1.33B; CY16 = $1.18B;
CY17 = $1.12B; CY18 = $1.09B; CY19 = $1.09B; CY20 = $1.20B

Low/high tax rates, 2021: 0.23-6.02%, Avg. = 1.06%

($130-$3,401 per worker earning = / > $56,500/year)

Taxable wage base: 2021: $56,500; 2020: $52,700

Trust fund balance, 3/31/2021: $1.50B

**WorkSource services (as of 3/31/21)**

Total jobs listed on WorkSourceWA.com: 1,119,615*

Total employers with job postings: 16,753*

Total employers with WorkSourceWA.com accounts: 23,923*

Total job seekers with WorkSourceWA.com accounts: 727,040*

WorkSource customers who found jobs: 103,176**

*Since WorkSourceWA.com go-live May 2016

**Rolling four quarters (CY2019 Q3 through CY2020 Q2)

**ESD employees (as of 3/31/21)**

Number of employees: 2,360 (1,805 perm)

Employee ages <25 = 1.4%; 25-39 = 26.5%; 40-54 = 38.6%; 55+ = 33.5%

Employees of color: 31.8%

**Toll-free numbers**

For UI claimants

- "Regular" claims: 800-318-6022
- Training benefits: 877-800-7701
- 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 and employer tax questions: 855-829-9243 (855-TAX-WAGE)
- SharedWork help line: 800-752-2500
- Work Opportunity Tax Credit: 800-869-9271

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: 833-717-2273

**Washington Relay Service**

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.