

## Unemployment rates (03/2022)

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<sup>2</sup> Highest county rate:	03/2022: 10.6% (Ferry)
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## Jobs (growth/loss 03/2022)

Month/month:	<b>8,800 (preliminary)</b>
Year/year:	173,000 or 5.3%
Since recession start (2/20):	-30,300 or -0.9%

### Top growth industries:

Professional and business services	+2,300
Leisure and hospitality	+1,400
Information	+1,400

<b>Total jobs (labor force):</b>	<b>4,003,500</b>
<b>Total covered employment:</b>	<b>3,484,300</b>
Job losses during great recession (12/07-6/09)	-147,800
Job losses since recession start (2/20):	-30,300
Unemployed, seeking work:	166,200

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## Unemployment claims (03/2022)

<b>Claimants (regular benefits), 03/2022:</b>	<b>53,132</b>
CY16 = 210,554; CY17 = 224,823; CY18 = 187,603; CY19 = 196,545; CY20 = 898,712; CY21 = 341,774	
<b>Continued regular claims:</b>	<b>-59% since 03/2021</b>
<b>Regular benefits paid, 03/2022:</b>	<b>\$101.8M</b>
CY16 = \$1.0B; CY17 = \$1.0B; CY18 = \$995.4M; CY19 = \$1.0B; CY20 = \$5.0B; CY21 = \$1.6B	
<b>Average weekly benefit (regular claims), 03/2022</b>	<b>\$580</b>
CY15 = \$418; CY16 = \$473; CY17 = \$484; CY18 = \$467; CY19 = \$478; CY20 = \$446; CY21 = \$490	
<b>Highest/lowest weekly benefit:</b>	<b>\$929 / \$295</b>

## Long-term unemployed (LTU)

<b>Definition:</b> unemployed more than 26 weeks	
<b>LTU job seekers in Washington, 04/2021 - 03/2022:</b>	<b>60,700</b>
LTU = of all unemployed job seekers:	29.8%
LTU = of total labor force (3.9M):	1.5%
Male:	62%
Female:	38%

## Average wage/minimum wage in Washington

<b>Average yearly wage, 2020:</b>	<b>\$76,741 (+10.1% from 2019)</b>
Average weekly wage, 2020:	\$1,475
Minimum wage, 2022:	\$14.49

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<b>Low/high tax rates, 2021:</b>	<b>0.23-6.02%, Avg. = 1.06%</b>
(\$130-\$3,401 per worker earning = / > \$56,500/year)	
<b>Taxable wage base:</b>	<b>2022: \$62,500; 2021: \$56,500</b>
<b>Trust fund balance, 03/31/2022:</b>	<b>\$2.23B</b>

### WorkSource services (as of 3/31/22)

<b>Total jobs listed on WorkSourceWA.com</b>	<b>1,463,333*</b>
<b>Total employers with job postings</b>	<b>19,635*</b>
<b>Total employers with WorkSourceWA.com accounts:</b>	<b>27,893*</b>
<b>Total job seekers with WorkSourceWA.com accounts:</b>	<b>934,051*</b>
<b>WorkSource customers who found jobs:</b>	<b>59,115**</b>

\*Since WorkSourceWA.com go-live May 2016

\*\*Rolling four quarters (CY2020 Q3 through CY2021 Q2)

### ESD employees (as of 3/31/22)

<b>Number of employees:</b>	<b>2,344 (2,094 perm)</b>
Employee ages <25 = 1.2%; 25-39 = 26.5%; 40-54 = 39.2%; 55+ = 33.1%	
<b>Employees of color:</b>	<b>40.1%</b>

### 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 and 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: 833-717-2273

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