

Unemployment rates (03/2022)

¹ Statewide:	03/2022: 4.2%
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² Highest county rate:	03/2022: 10.6% (Ferry)
² Lowest county rate:	03/2022: 2.5% (King)

¹ = *seasonally adjusted*; ² = *not seasonally adjusted*

Jobs (growth/loss 03/2022)

Month/month:	8,800 (preliminary)
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

Total jobs (labor force):	4,003,500
Total covered employment:	3,484,300
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

www.esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo

Unemployment claims (03/2022)

Claimants (regular benefits), 03/2022:	53,132
CY16 = 210,554; CY17 = 224,823; CY18 = 187,603; CY19 = 196,545; CY20 = 898,712; CY21 = 341,774	

Continued regular claims: **-59% since 03/2021**

Regular benefits paid, 03/2022:	\$101.8M
CY16 = \$1.0B; CY17 = \$1.0B; CY18 = \$995.4M; CY19 = \$1.0B; CY20 = \$5.0B; CY21 = \$1.6B	

Average weekly benefit (regular claims), 03/2022	\$580
CY15 = \$418; CY16 = \$473; CY17 = \$484; CY18 = \$467; CY19 = \$478; CY20 = \$446; CY21 = \$490	

Highest/lowest weekly benefit: **\$929 / \$295**

Long-term unemployed (LTU)

Definition: unemployed more than 26 weeks	
LTU job seekers in Washington, 04/2021 - 03/2022:	60,700
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

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

Unemployment taxes/trust fund

Taxes collected, Q4-2021:	\$324.0M
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, 2021:	0.23-6.02%, Avg. = 1.06%
(\$130-\$3,401 per worker earning = / > \$56,500/year)	
Taxable wage base:	2022: \$62,500; 2021: \$56,500
Trust fund balance, 03/31/2022:	\$2.23B

WorkSource services (as of 3/31/22)

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

*Since WorkSourceWA.com go-live May 2016

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

ESD employees (as of 3/31/22)

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

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

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.