

### Unemployment rates (12/2021)

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| <sup>1</sup> Statewide:           | 12/2021: 4.5%          |
| <sup>1</sup> Statewide:           | 12/2020: 4.7%          |
| <sup>2</sup> Highest county rate: | 12/2021: 7.0% (Ferry)  |
| <sup>2</sup> Lowest county rate:  | 12/2021: 2.7% (Asotin) |

<sup>1</sup> = seasonally adjusted; <sup>2</sup> = not seasonally adjusted

### Jobs (growth/loss 1/2022)

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| Month/month:                  | 14,000 (preliminary) |
| Year/year:                    | 178,100 or 5.4%      |
| Since recession start (2/20): | -32,500 or -0.9%     |

#### Top growth industries:

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| Government                         | +3,700 |
| Retail trade                       | +3,200 |
| Professional and business services | +2,800 |

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| <b>Total jobs (labor force):</b>               | <b>3,952,900</b> |
| <b>Total covered employment:</b>               | <b>3,445,100</b> |
| Job losses during great recession (12/07-6/09) | -151,400         |
| Job losses since recession start (2/20):       | -32,500          |
| Unemployed, seeking work:                      | 176,900          |

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

### Unemployment claims (01/2022)

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| <b>Claimants (regular benefits), 01/2022:</b>   | <b>64,530</b>             |
| CY16 = 210,554; CY17 = 224,823; CY18 = 187,603;<br>CY19 = 196,545; CY20 = 898,712; CY21 = 341,774   |                           |
| <b>Continued regular claims:</b>  | <b>-64% since 01/2021</b> |
| <b>Regular benefits paid, 01/2022:</b>  | <b>\$114.2M</b>           |
| CY16 = \$1.0B; CY17 = \$1.0B; CY18 = \$995.4M;<br>CY19 = \$1.0B; CY20 = \$5.0B; CY21 = \$1.6B       |                           |
| <b>Average weekly benefit (regular claims), 01/2022</b>   | <b>\$562</b>              |
| CY15 = \$418; CY16 = \$473; CY17 = \$484; CY18 = \$467;<br>CY19 = \$478; CY20 = \$446; CY21 = \$490 |                           |
| <b>Highest/lowest weekly benefit:</b>   | <b>\$929 / \$295</b>      |

### Long-term unemployed (LTU)

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| <b>Definition:</b> unemployed more than 26 weeks         |               |
| <b>LTU job seekers in Washington, 02/2021 - 01/2022:</b> | <b>72,400</b> |
| LTU = of all unemployed job seekers:                     | 33.2%         |
| LTU = of total labor force (3.9M):                       | 1.8%          |
| Male:  | 59%           |
| Female:  | 41%           |

### Average wage/minimum wage in Washington

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <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                            |

### Unemployment taxes/trust fund

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| <b>Taxes collected, Q4-2021:</b>   | <b>\$324.0M</b>                       |
| CY14 = \$1.52B; CY15 = \$1.33B; CY16 = \$1.18B;<br>CY17 = \$1.12B; CY18 = \$1.09B; CY19 = \$1.09B;<br>CY20 = \$1.20B; CY2021 = \$1.60B |                                       |
| <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, 01/31/2022:</b>   | <b>\$1.94B</b>                        |

### WorkSource services (as of 1/31/22)

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| <b>Total jobs listed on WorkSourceWA.com</b>             | <b>1,402,058*</b> |
| <b>Total employers with job postings</b>                 | <b>19,240*</b>    |
| <b>Total employers with WorkSourceWA.com accounts:</b>   | <b>27,409*</b>    |
| <b>Total job seekers with WorkSourceWA.com accounts:</b> | <b>823,055*</b>   |
| <b>WorkSource customers who found jobs:</b>              | <b>59,102**</b>   |

\*Since WorkSourceWA.com go-live May 2016

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

### ESD employees (as of 1/31/22)

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| <b>Number of employees:</b>  | <b>2,744 (2,094 perm)</b> |
| Employee ages <25 = 1.6%; 25-39 = 27.0%;<br>40-54 = 39.5%; 55+ = 31.9% |                           |
| Employees of color:  | 44.5%                     |

### 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.