

Unemployment rates (06/2021)

¹ Statewide:	06/2021: 5.2%
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² Highest county rate:	06/2021: 7.4% (Grays Harbor, Pacific)
² Lowest county rate:	06/2021: 3.4% (Asotin)

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

x Jobs (growth/loss 06/2021)

Month/month:	24,100 (preliminary)
Year/year:	197,000 or 6.1%
Since recession start (2/20):	-62,700 or -1.8%

Top growth industries:

Education and health services	+8,200
Professional and business services	+5,600
Leisure and hospitality	+4,100

Total jobs (labor force):	3,889,100
Total covered employment:	3,686,100
Job losses during great recession (12/07-6/09)	-151,400
Job losses since recession start (2/20):	-62,700
Unemployed, seeking work:	203,000

www.esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo

Unemployment claims (6/2021)

Claimants (regular benefits), 6/2021:	78,096
CY15 = 221,326; CY16 = 210,554; CY17 = 224,823; CY18 = 187,603; CY19 = 196,545; CY20 = 898,712	
Continued regular claims:	-83% since 6/2020
Regular benefits paid, 06/2021:	\$109.7M
CY15 = \$1.0B; CY16 = \$1.0B; CY17 = \$1.03B; CY18 = \$995.4M; CY19 = \$1.06B; CY20 = \$5.0B	
Average weekly benefit (regular claims), 6/2021	\$480
CY15 = \$418; CY16 = \$473; CY17 = \$484 CY18 = \$467; CY19 = \$478; CY20 = \$446	
Highest/lowest weekly benefit:	\$929 / \$295

Long-term unemployed (LTU)

Definition: unemployed more than 26 weeks	
LTU job seekers in Washington, 07/2020 - 06/2021:	78,800
LTU = of all unemployed job seekers:	28.9%
LTU = of total labor force (3.9M):	2.0%
Male:	55%
Female:	45%

Average wage/minimum wage in Washington

Average yearly wage, 2020:	\$76,741 (+10.1% from 2019)
Average weekly wage, 2020:	\$1,475
Minimum wage, 2020:	\$13.69

Unemployment taxes/trust fund

Taxes collected, Q1-2021:	\$206.5M
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, 6/30/2021:	\$1.86B

WorkSource services (as of 6/30/21)

Total jobs listed on WorkSourceWA.com	1,203,672*
Total employers with job postings	17,783*
Total employers with WorkSourceWA.com accounts:	25,289*
Total job seekers with WorkSourceWA.com accounts:	749,585*
WorkSource customers who found jobs:	96,421**

*Since WorkSourceWA.com go-live May 2016

**Rolling four quarters (CY2019 Q4 through CY2020 Q3)

ESD employees (as of 6/30/21)

Number of employees:	2,357 (1,871 perm)
Employee ages <25 = 1.4%; 25-39 = 26.1%; 40-54 = 39.2%; 55+ = 33.3%	
Employees of color:	31.9%

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.