

The Monthly Employment Report

Washington 3.9% **United States 3.6%**

Seasonally adjusted

June 2022

 **Employment Security Department**
WASHINGTON STATE



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Employment estimates in this report are generated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Monthly employment estimates are subject to revision in subsequent months when more sample data become available. BLS data in this report are rounded to the nearest 100.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, preliminary estimates from the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicate nonfarm employment in Washington rose by 2,500 in June 2022.¹ BLS estimates the private sector gained 3,700 jobs during the month and the public sector lost 1,200 jobs.

On a not seasonally adjusted basis, estimates for June 2021 through June 2022 indicate an increase in employment of 175,400 for the state. The private sector gained 173,600 jobs while the public sector gained an estimated 1,800 jobs over the year.

Washington's preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for June 2022 is 3.9 percent. The revised estimated May 2022 unemployment rate is at 3.9 percent. The June 2021 unemployment rate was 5.4 percent.

BLS estimates of monthly job gains and losses are based on a survey of businesses. Preliminary estimates are subject to revision. The May 2022 preliminary estimated loss of 2,300 jobs was revised to a loss of 1,200 jobs.

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Resident civilian labor force and unemployment, seasonally adjusted

The **resident civilian labor force** is the total number of people in the workforce, employed and unemployed, ages 16 and up.

The number of **unemployed** is the estimated number of people who currently do not have a job, are available for work and have actively looked for work in the last four weeks.

The **unemployment rate** is the ratio of the estimated number of unemployed divided by the civilian labor force.

Resident civilian labor force and unemployment, seasonally adjusted
United States and Washington state, May and June 2021 and 2022
Source: Employment Security Department/DATA Division; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

	June 2022 (Preliminary)	May 2022 (Revised)	June 2021 (Revised)	May 2021 (Revised)
United States				
Unemployment rate	3.6%	3.6%	5.9%	5.8%
<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>				
Washington				
Unemployment rate	3.9%	3.9%	5.4%	5.5%
Resident labor force	4,039,600	4,036,000	3,906,100	3,894,500
Unemployed	156,000	158,600	209,600	213,200
Seattle/Bellevue/Everett				
Unemployment rate	2.6%	2.7%	4.6%	4.8%
Resident labor force	1,782,400	1,776,100	1,711,000	1,707,300
Unemployed	46,600	48,300	79,000	81,100

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¹Most of the employment numbers discussed in this report refers to jobs, not people. For example, if a person holds two positions, these positions are counted as two jobs in the employment series. In the section titled "Unemployment," these positions refer to individuals, not jobs. In this case, a person holding two jobs is counted only once.

Unemployment, seasonally adjusted

The BLS estimates Washington's preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for June 2022 is 3.9 percent. The revised estimated May 2022 unemployment rate is 3.9 percent.

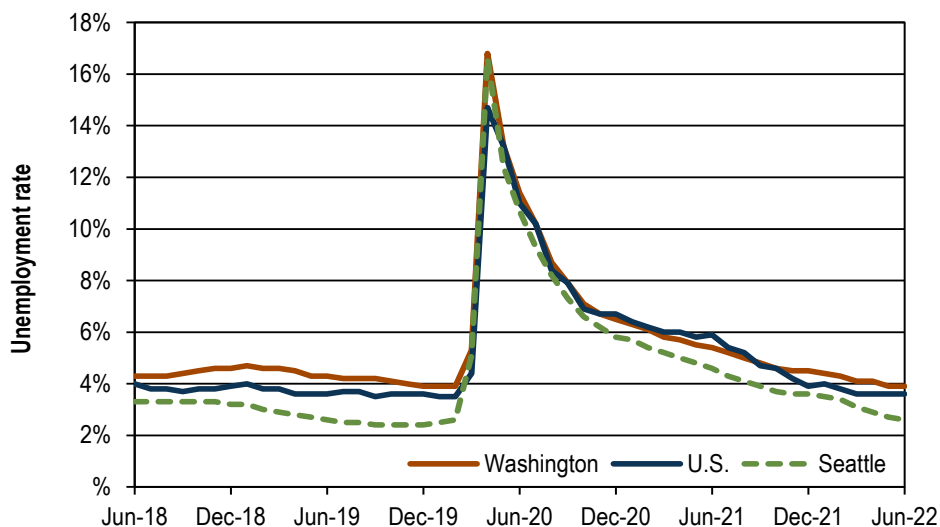
According to BLS estimates, the number of unemployed people fell by 2,600 in June 2022 compared to May 2022. At the same time, the number of employed people rose by an estimated 6,200. Overall, this amounted to an increase of 3,600 people in the labor force.

The preliminary June 2022 unemployment rate is 1.5 percentage points lower than the June 2021 rate of 5.4 percent.

Unemployment rates, seasonally adjusted

U.S., Washington and Seattle, June 2018 through June 2022

Source: Employment Security Department/DATA Division; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics



June 2022 preliminary unemployment rates:

U.S. (preliminary) 3.6%
 Washington (preliminary) 3.9%
 Seattle area (preliminary) 2.6%

Employment change, seasonally adjusted

Based on BLS estimates, Washington state nonfarm employment increased by 2,500 jobs from May 2022 to June 2022.

Recent employment change:

April 2022: up 17,600 jobs (revised)

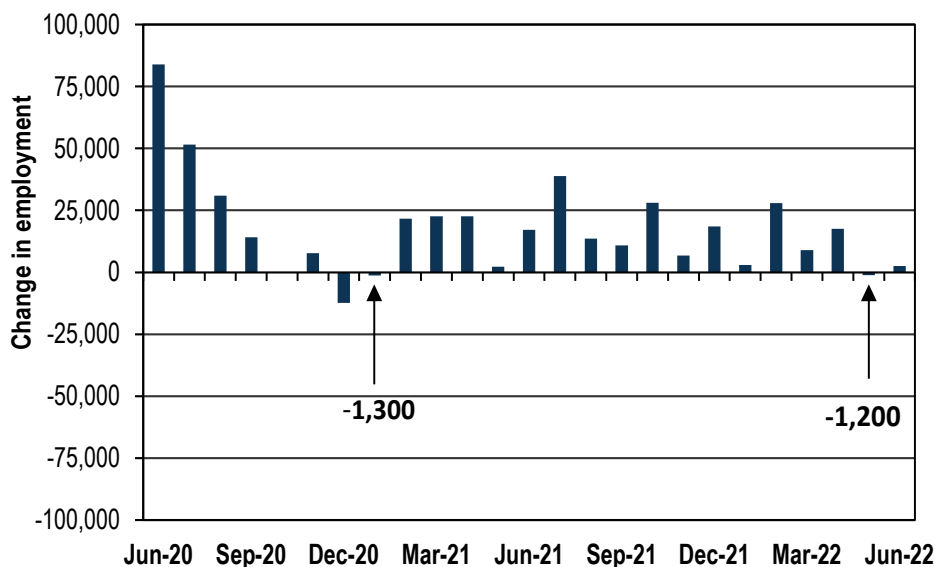
May 2022: down 1,200 jobs (revised)

June 2022: up 2,500 jobs (preliminary)

Monthly employment change, seasonally adjusted

Washington state, June 2020 through June 2022

Source: Employment Security Department/DATA Division; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics



Employment and unemployment, seasonally adjusted

February 2020

(Start of 2020 employment recession in Washington)

Nonfarm employment: 3,514,600

Unemployment rate: 3.9%

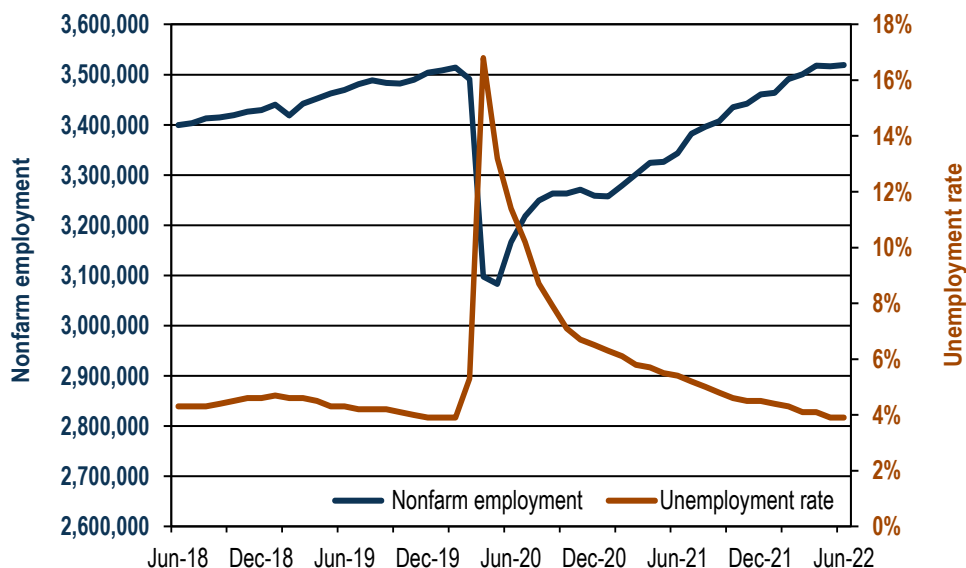
June 2022 (preliminary)

Nonfarm employment: 3,519,300

Unemployment rate: 3.9%

Nonfarm employment and unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted
Washington state, June 2018 through June 2022

Source: Employment Security Department/DATA Division; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics



Workers and businesses affected by COVID-19

Employment Security’s COVID-19 online information page covers topics for businesses and workers impacted by COVID-19. Topics include:

- Subscribing for updates
- Frequently asked questions
- Workers Q&A
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- COVID-19 resources
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U-6 unemployment rate

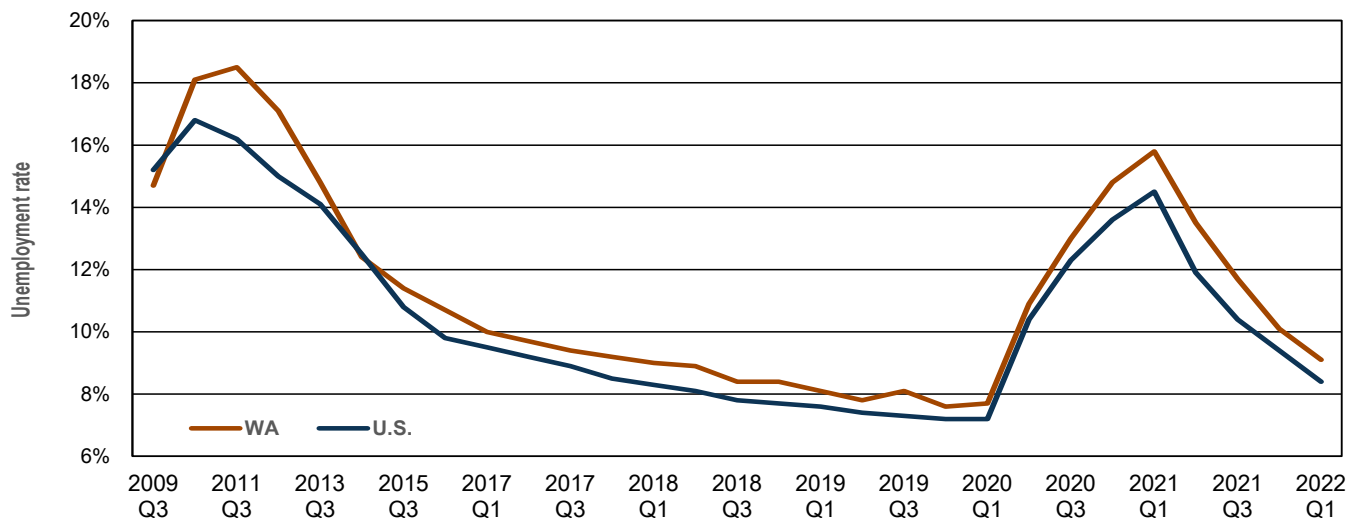
U-6: Broader unemployment measure decreased in the four-quarter period from second quarter 2021 through first quarter 2022

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) recently updated its “alternative measures of labor underutilization” for states to include annual averages for 2021. One such alternative measure is the U-6 rate, which considers not only the unemployed population in the

official “U-3” unemployment rate, but also marginally attached workers and those employed part time for economic reasons. The U-6 rate is defined by BLS as the “total unemployed, plus all marginally attached workers, plus total employed part time for economic reasons, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus all marginally attached workers.” This U-6 measure measures the “unemployed, underemployed, and those who are not looking but who want a job.”

The U-6 unemployment rate for the four-quarter period from second quarter 2021 through first quarter 2022 for Washington state was 9.1 percent. This was lower compared to the 10.1 percent U-6 unemployment rate for the annual 2021 period. The U.S. U-6 unemployment rate for the four-quarter period from second quarter 2021 through first quarter 2022 was 8.4 percent.

Alternate measures of labor underutilization, four-quarter moving average
Washington state versus U.S. U-6 unemployment rate



Year	WA/U.S.	Q1	Q2	Q3	Annual average
2022	WA	9.1%			
	U.S.	8.4%			
2021	WA	15.8%	13.5%	11.7%	10.1%
	U.S.	14.5%	11.9%	10.4%	9.4%
2020	WA	8.1%	10.9%	13.0%	14.8%
	U.S.	7.7%	10.4%	12.3%	13.6%
2019	WA	8.1%	7.8%	8.1%	7.6%
	U.S.	7.6%	7.4%	7.3%	7.2%
2018	WA	9.0%	8.9%	8.4%	8.4%
	U.S.	8.3%	8.1%	7.8%	7.7%
2017	WA	10.0%	9.7%	9.4%	9.2%
	U.S.	9.5%	9.2%	8.9%	8.5%
2016	WA	10.9%	10.7%	10.7%	10.3%
	U.S.	10.1%	9.9%	9.8%	9.6%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics: <https://www.bls.gov/lau/stait.htm>.

Industry employment in Washington, seasonally adjusted

One-month employment change by industry

Based on a BLS survey of businesses and governments, Washington gained an estimated 2,500 jobs during the month, on a seasonally adjusted basis:

- Overall, employment increased in five major industries, decreased in six and was unchanged in two in June.
- Private sector employment is estimated to have increased by 3,700 and government employment decreased by 1,200.
- Employment in information increased by 2,400 overall, led by 1,600 jobs added by software publishers.
- Employment in manufacturing rose by 2,100, with 1,000 jobs added in aerospace product and parts manufacturing.
- The number of jobs in construction increased by 2,000 overall, with 2,300 jobs added by specialty trade contractors.
- Financial activities employment fell by 400 overall, with 700 jobs lost in credit intermediation and related activities.
- Professional and business services employment decreased by 2,300, with 1,200 jobs lost in computer systems design and related services.

Estimated one-month employment change by industry, seasonally adjusted
Washington state, May 2022 to June 2022

Source: Employment Security Department/DATA Division; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics

Total nonfarm	2,500
Information	2,400
Manufacturing	2,100
Construction	2,000
Education and health services	700
Wholesale trade	400
Retail trade	0
Mining and logging	0
Transportation, warehousing and utilities	-100
Financial activities	-400
Leisure and hospitality	-500
Other services	-600
Government	-1,200
Professional and business services	-2,300

As we navigate the COVID-19 developments in Washington state and beyond, we know Washington state businesses, nonprofits, city and county municipalities, educational institutions, as well as economic and workforce development professionals, are looking for sound data about the short and long term economic and workforce impacts to their individual businesses, industries and regions.

If you have specific questions regarding labor market information, please send your emails to data@esd.wa.gov.

Industry employment in Washington, not seasonally adjusted

Change by industry over the year

Based on a BLS survey of businesses and governments, Washington gained an estimated 175,400 jobs from June 2021 through June 2022.

- Overall, twelve major industries expanded and one contracted.
- Private sector employment rose 6.2 percent, up an estimated 173,600 jobs.
- Public sector employment rose 0.3 percent, up an estimated 1,800 jobs.
- Employment in leisure and hospitality is up by 47,800, with food services and drinking places adding 34,300 jobs.
- Professional and business services employment increased by 35,500, with 18,200 jobs added in administrative and support services.
- Information employment increased by 13,600, with 6,300 jobs added by software publishers.
- Employment in manufacturing is up 13,600 overall, led by an increase of 5,900 in transportation equipment manufacturing.
- Construction employment rose 12,600 overall, with 8,900 jobs added by specialty trade contractors.

Estimated employment change by industry over the year, not seasonally adjusted
Washington state, June 2021 through June 2022

Source: Employment Security Department/DATA Division; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics

Total nonfarm	175,400
Leisure and hospitality	47,800
Professional and business services	35,500
Education and health services	20,300
Information	13,600
Manufacturing	13,600
Construction	12,600
Wholesale trade	9,600
Other services	7,300
Transportation, warehousing and utilities	5,700
Financial activities	4,800
Retail trade	3,100
Government	1,800
Mining and logging	-300

Seasonally adjusted employment

Seasonally adjusted numbers account for normal seasonal patterns that occur year after year, such as strong seasonal hiring in retail trade around the holidays. Taking into account normal seasonal variations makes it possible to see unusual changes in employment levels.

Normal seasonal change is the expected monthly change in employment based on history.

Estimated change is the employment change over the month based on BLS survey data.

Seasonally adjusted change is change in employment accounting for normal seasonal patterns.

Normal seasonal change, estimated change and seasonally adjusted change
Washington state, June 2022

Source: Employment Security Department/DATA Division; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics

	Normal seasonal change	Estimated change	Seasonally adjusted change
Total nonfarm	18,900	21,400	2,500
Leisure and hospitality	5,500	5,000	-500
Retail trade	5,100	5,100	0
Professional and business services	3,600	1,300	-2,300
Construction	3,100	5,100	2,000
Manufacturing	3,000	5,100	2,100
Information	2,700	5,100	2,400
Other services	1,200	600	-600
Wholesale trade	1,100	1,500	400
Transportation, warehousing and utilities	900	800	-100
Financial activities	300	-100	-400
Mining and logging	100	100	0
Education and health services	-3,600	-2,900	700
Government	-4,100	-5,300	-1,200

Based on historical patterns, Washington employment typically increases by 18,900 from May to June. This year the state gained an estimated 21,400 jobs, amounting to a seasonally adjusted increase of 2,500 jobs.

- The normal seasonal gain in leisure and hospitality employment is 5,500 in June. The estimated gain was 5,000, so employment decreased by 500 on a seasonally adjusted basis.
- Employment in retail trade normally increases by 5,100. It is estimated to have increased by 5,100 this June so it remained unchanged on a seasonally adjusted basis.
- The employment decrease on a seasonally adjusted basis was 2,300 in professional and business services in June. The normal seasonal increase is 3,600. It is estimated to have increased this June by 1,300.
- The estimated employment increase in construction was 5,100. The normal seasonal increase is 3,100, so on a seasonally adjusted basis, construction employment increased by 2,000.
- Typically, manufacturing employment increases by 3,000 in June. On a seasonally adjusted basis, manufacturing employment increased by 2,100 as the estimated increase was 5,100.

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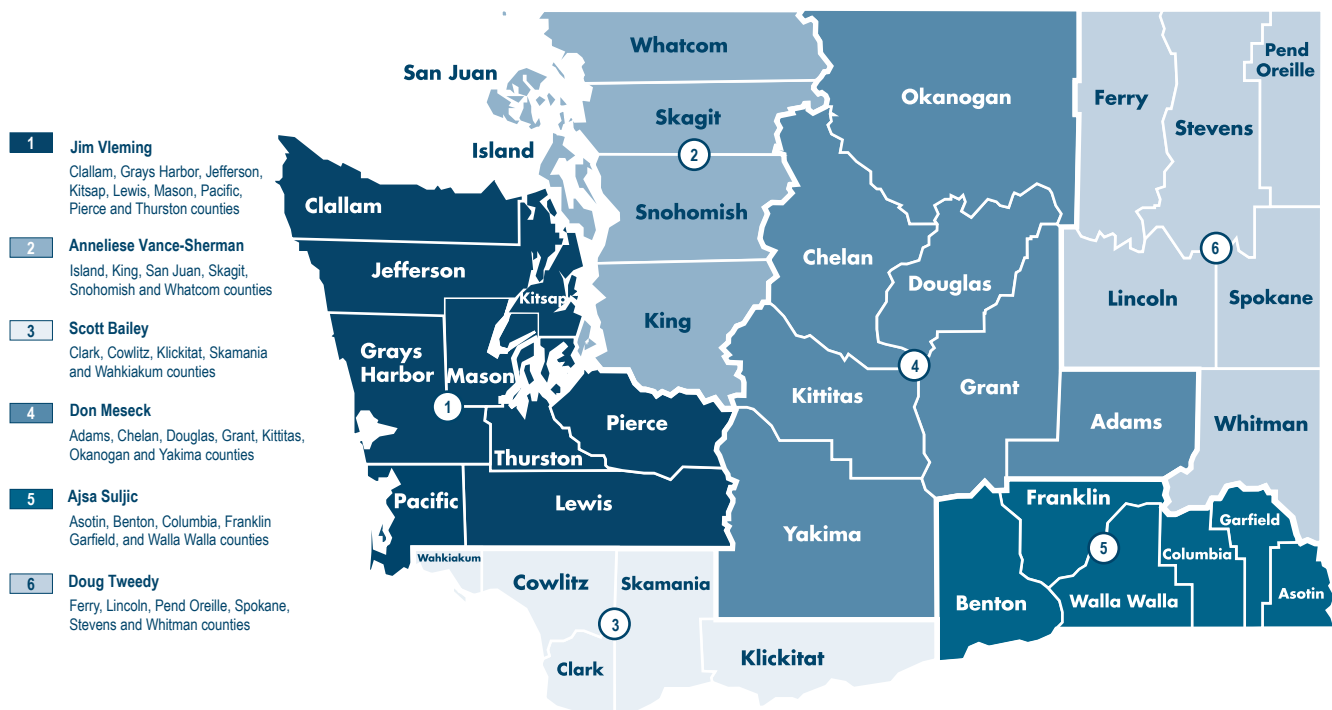
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