

Facts and Figures June 2025

Unemployment rates

Rate type	May 2025	Apr 2025	May 2024
Statewide rate	4.5%	4.4%	4.6%
Lowest county	Asotin	Asotin	Asotin
Lowest county rate	3.1%	2.6%	3.4%
Highest county	Ferry	Ferry	Wahkiakum
Highest county rate	6.6%	6.6%	7.3%

Labor force

Characteristic	May 2025	Apr 2025	May 2024	Change over month	Change over year
Labor force	4,042,228	4,052,066	4,064,833	-9,838	-22,605
Unemployed, seeking work	181,214	178,953	185,347	-2,261	-4,133
Total nonfarm employment	3,629,500	3,629,100	3,635,700	400	-6,200

Top growth industries

Education and Health Services	+2,700
Construction	+1,600
Wholesale Trade	+900

Unemployment claims

Benefit	May 2025	Apr 2025	May 2024
Regular benefits claimants	65,397	68,859	61,337
Continued regular claims	24.0%	29.4%	17.5%
Regular benefits paid	\$156.4M	\$144.1M	\$152.1M
Average weekly benefit	\$738	\$730	\$720

Unemployment benefit range

High/Low	CY 2024	CY 2023
Lowest weekly benefit	\$342	\$323
Highest weekly benefit	\$1,079	\$1,019

Long-term unemployment

Demographic	May 2025	Apr 2025	May 2024
Total LTU job seekers	35,800	37,200	34,800
Percent of job seekers	20.0%	20.9%	18.2%
Percent of total labor force	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%
Percent male	54%	55%	60%
Percent female	46%	45%	40%

Paid Family and Medical Leave claims and benefits

PFML statistic	May 2025	Apr 2025	May 2024
Applications submitted	27,856	28,589	25,412
12-month change (%)	9.62%	13.55%	14.86%
Leaves paid	58,468	58,387	50,934
Benefits approved - family	\$80,149,665	\$82,281,626	\$70,262,080
Benefits approved - medical	\$87,795,607	\$87,846,340	\$76,096,065
Average weekly payment	\$919.89	\$919.66	\$891.45

Paid Family and Medical Leave premiums and account balance

Quarterly measure	Q1 2025	Q1 2024
Premiums collected	\$385.8M	\$388.6M
Account balance	-\$19.2M	\$221.7M

Paid Family and Medical Leave premiums and account rates

Annual measure	CY 2025	CY 2024
Premium rate	0.92%	0.74%
Employer responsibility	28.48%	28.57%
Premium wage cap	\$176,100	\$168,600

Unemployment insurance trust fund

Quarterly measure	Q4 2024	Q3 2024
Taxes collected	\$455.9M	\$565.6M
Trust Fund Balance	\$3.7B	\$3.7B

WorkSource services

Statistic	May 2025	Apr 2025	May 2024
Total jobs listed	2,035,207	2,022,665	1,900,939
Employers with job postings	24,367	24,167	23,137
Employers with accounts	41,204	41,036	32,649
Job seekers with accounts	1,116,075	1,108,653	1,020,888
Customers who found jobs	74,853	74,844	73,351

ESD employees

Demographic	June 2025	May 2025	May 2024
Total employees	2,237	2,248	2,245
Permanent employees	2,089	2,090	2,160
Employees of color	25.79%	25.85%	25.97%

ESD employee ages

Demographic	<25	25-39	40-54	55+
Employee ages	.98%	22.93%	40.01%	36.08%

Sources: ESD Human Resource Management System (HRMS), Employment Security Department/LMIR; [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Employment Security Department/LMIR](#); [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics, Employment Security Department/LMIR](#); U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey; Employment Security Department/Leave and Care/WA Paid Leave Administrative Data