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### Summary of key Washington labor-market indicators

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<td>Total nonfarm employment, Sep 2014</td>
<td>3.08 million</td>
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<td>Year-over-year new jobs added, Sep 2013 to Sep 2014</td>
<td>75,900</td>
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<td>Unemployment rate, Sep 2014</td>
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<td>Employment rate, Sep 2014</td>
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<td>Average weekly benefit, Sep 2014</td>
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Source: Employment Security Department/LMPA
Nonfarm employment in Washington

Currently up 70,900 from pre-recession peak

Employment changes in Washington

Recovery mixed across industries

-80,000 -60,000 -40,000 -20,000 0 20,000 40,000

- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Retail
- Leisure and hospitality
- Employment services
- Banking
- Professional services
- Information
- Healthcare

Recovery (Feb 2010 to Sep 2014)
Jobs recession (Feb 2008 to Feb 2010)

Job growth and decline across state

September 2013 to September 2014

Map showing job growth and decline across various counties in Washington State, with specific percentages and job numbers for each county.
Underemployment

Employment rates have been flat since January 2009.

Minimum wage jobs by industry

Source: Employment Security Department/LMPA; UI Quarterly Wage and EQUi files
Minimum wage jobs by county

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Percent of Washington’s workforce by age groups

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, LEHD
Employment as a percent of population by age groups

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Unemployment benefits

Recipients down 80 percent from peak

Source: Employment Security Department/LMPA; Unemployment Insurance Data Warehouse
Source: Employment Security Department/LMPA, SKIES, Go2 and SSMS Data
Employment rates

Source: Employment Security Department/LMPA, DOL ETA 9002C
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