



Wagner-Peyser Act

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FY 07-08**

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The federal Wagner-Peyser Act, also known as the Employment Service, created a nationwide system of public employment offices to help job seekers find jobs and employers find qualified workers. A follow-up law, the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, brought the Employment Service into WorkSource – Washington’s one-stop career-services system.

Services for job seekers

As part of WorkSource, the Employment Service offers job seekers a variety of employment-related services, including:

- Skills assessment,
- Job-search assistance,
- Job referrals and placement assistance,
- Re-employment services for unemployment insurance claimants,
- Enforcing job-search requirements for unemployment-insurance claimants, and
- Producing and disseminating labor-market information.

The Employment Service particularly targets individuals who historically need the most help finding work. Military veterans receive priority referral to jobs and training, as well as special employment services and assistance. In addition, the system focuses attention and service on dislocated workers, migrant and seasonal farmworkers, welfare recipients, ex-offenders, veterans, teens, older workers, people with disabilities and others.

Services for employers

Services offered to employers include referring job seekers for their available job openings as well as:

- Matching job seekers to job openings based on their skills, experience and other attributes.
- Recruiting workers for job openings.
- Organizing job fairs.
- Helping employers analyze hard-to-fill job orders.

During the July 2007-June 2008 fiscal year, the WorkSource system listed jobs for more than 11,000 businesses and helped more than 13,000 Washingtonians find jobs each month. During the same time period, more than 58 percent of people who received WorkSource services found work within three months.

Businesses and job seekers visited the department's www.Go2WorkSource.com employment Web site more than 7.8 million times in FY 2007-08. There are typically about 16,000 jobs posted on the site at any one time.

**FY 2008-09
budget down
7% from 2003**

Funding

For the July 2008-June 2009 fiscal year, the U.S. Department of Labor has allocated \$14.8 million for employment services in Washington, \$1.1 million less than 2003.

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