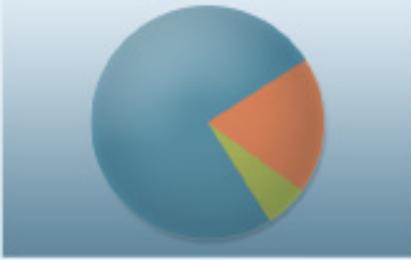


Washington State Business Employment Dynamics Second-Quarter 2014



Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages
Business Employment Dynamics
April through June 2014

Figure 1

Net change in jobs, seasonally adjusted, U.S. and Washington state, second-quarter 1996 through second-quarter 2014

Figure 2

Gross job gains and losses, seasonally adjusted, Washington state, second-quarter 1996 through second-quarter 2014

Figure 3

Net change in job gains and losses by industry, seasonally adjusted, United States, second-quarter 2014

Figure 4

Net change in job gains and losses by industry sector, seasonally adjusted, Washington state, second-quarter 2014

Figure 5

Net change in jobs by industry sector, seasonally adjusted, Washington state, second-quarter 2013 and second-quarter 2014

In second-quarter 2014, seasonally adjusted job gains in Washington's private sector totaled 183,724 while job losses from businesses closing or contracting totaled 138,526. The result of these changes was a net gain of 45,198 jobs during the second quarter. These numbers show the key changes in private-sector employment also called Business Employment Dynamics (BED).

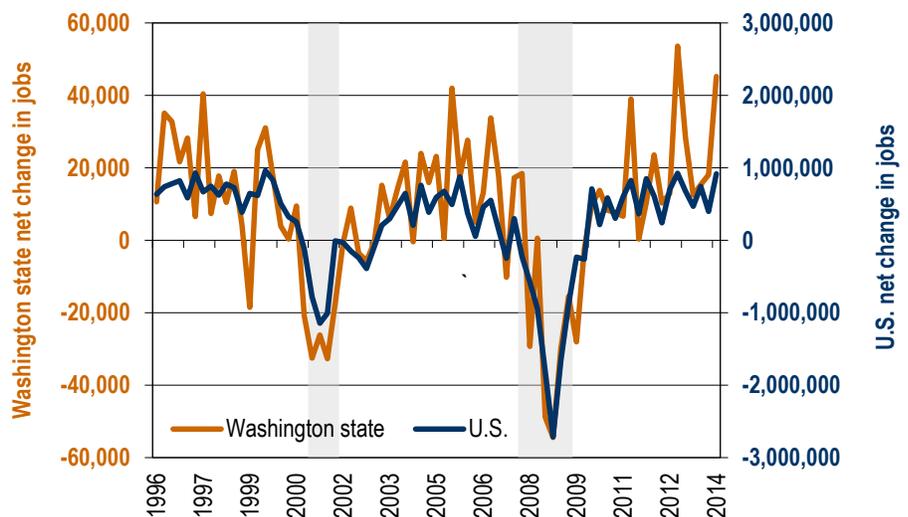
The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Business Employment Dynamics data series highlights the forces driving labor market dynamics at the state and national levels. Job gains and losses at private business establishments are tracked showing employment changes due to establishment openings or closings versus adding or shedding jobs at existing firms. The most recent BED data cover events through second-quarter 2014.

Both state and nation showed increased growth

Nationally, job gains exceeded job losses in 46 states and the District of Columbia for a net private-sector employment gain of 916,000. This marks the 17th consecutive quarter of employment growth both nationally and in Washington state since the recovery began in second-quarter 2010. Washington state showed a net employment growth of 45,198 in second-quarter 2014.

Figure 1 depicts the changing business employment dynamic and compares Washington state to national trends. On a national and state basis, net job gains and losses are sensitive to the business cycle. During the 2001 recession, net job losses appeared very quickly. Net job growth resumed in 2002 and carried through until the recent recession beginning in fourth-quarter 2007.

Figure 1. Net change in jobs, seasonally adjusted United States and Washington state, second-quarter 1996 through second-quarter 2014
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Business Employment Dynamics data series



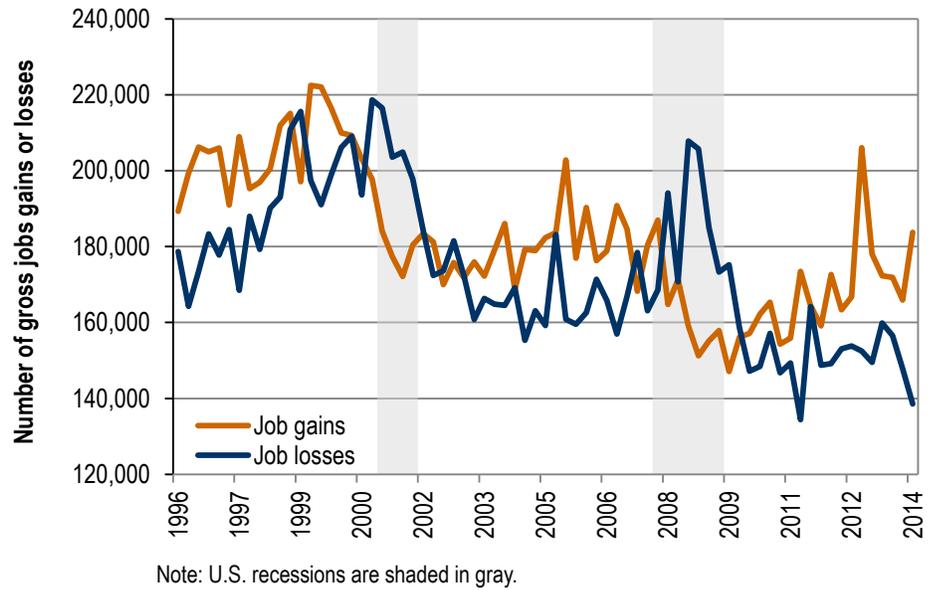
Note: U.S. recessions are shaded in gray.

Job growth in Washington and in the U.S. increased in second-quarter 2014.

At the national level, gross job gains were 7.4 million at opening and expanding establishments. Closing and contracting establishments lost 6.5 million jobs. Gross job losses represented 5.6 percent of private-sector employment. Opening establishments gained 1.3 million jobs.

Figure 2 shows the quarterly pattern of gross job gains and losses in Washington state. Washington state gained 183,724 jobs from new and expanding private businesses and lost 138,526 jobs from businesses closing or contracting for a net gain of 45,198 jobs in second-quarter 2014. This compares to a net gain of 18,068 jobs in first-quarter 2014 and a net gain of 28,527 jobs in second-quarter 2013.

Figure 2. Gross job gains and losses, seasonally adjusted
Washington state, second-quarter 1996 through second-quarter 2014
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Business Employment Dynamics data series

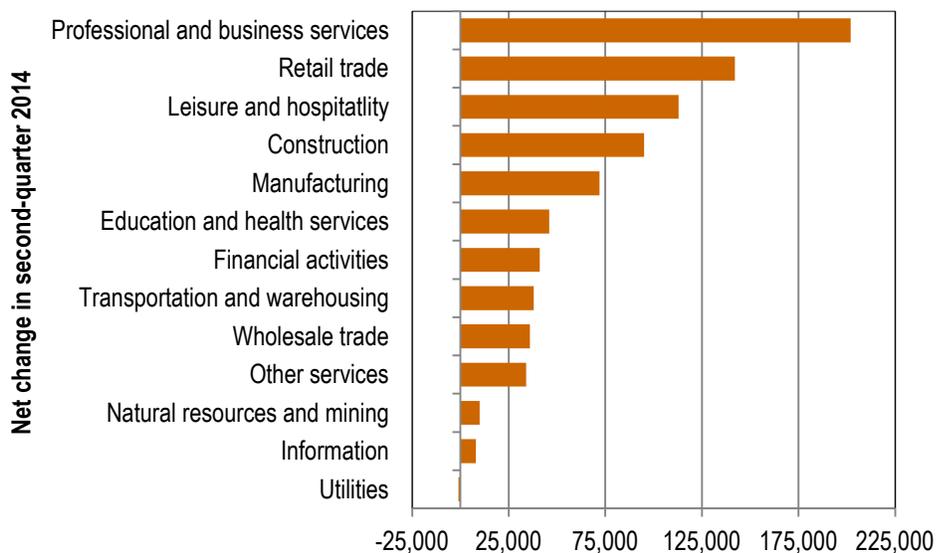


Gross job gains increased while gross job losses decreased during second-quarter 2014.

Nationally all but one industry show job gains

The data in Figure 3 illustrate the net change in industry employment for the U.S. Total private-sector employment grew by 916,000 in second-quarter 2014. Service-providing industries had a seasonally adjusted net gain of 739,000 jobs. The goods-producing industries posted a net gain of 177,000 jobs. In second-quarter 2014, 12 industry sectors reported job gains compared to eight in first-quarter 2014.

Figure 3. Net change in job gains and losses by industry, seasonally adjusted
United States, second-quarter 2014
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Business Employment Dynamics data series



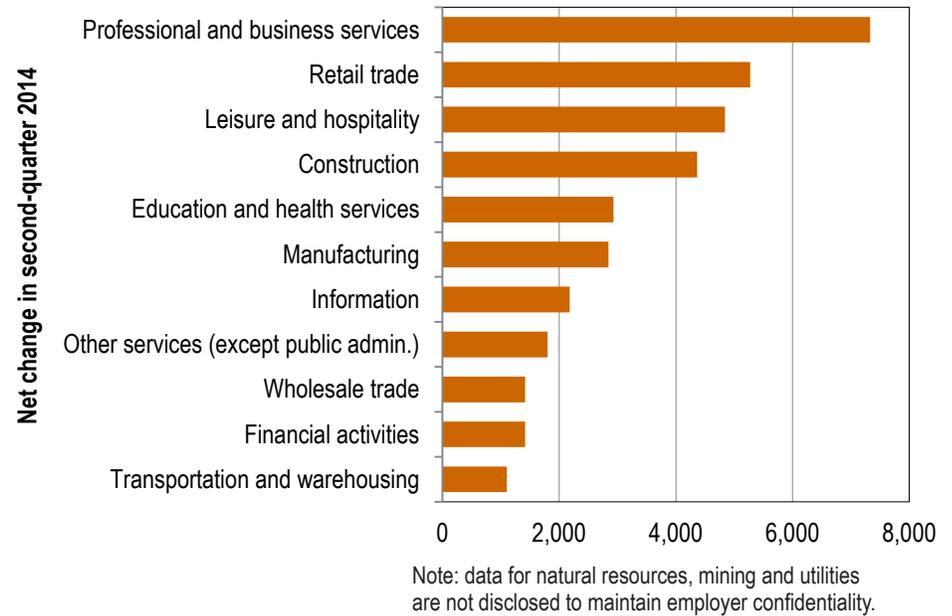
Only utilities reported a net loss of jobs in second-quarter 2014.

Washington state industry employment

Figure 4 shows net employment changes in Washington state industry sectors. Total private-sector employment had a net increase in employment of 18,068. Eleven industry sectors reported net job gains in second-quarter 2014. The top three industry sectors in job gains were professional and business services, with a gain of 7,328, followed by retail trade (5,275) and leisure and hospitality (4,841).

Figure 4. Net change in job gains and losses by industry sector, seasonally adjusted Washington state, second-quarter 2014

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Business Employment Dynamics data series



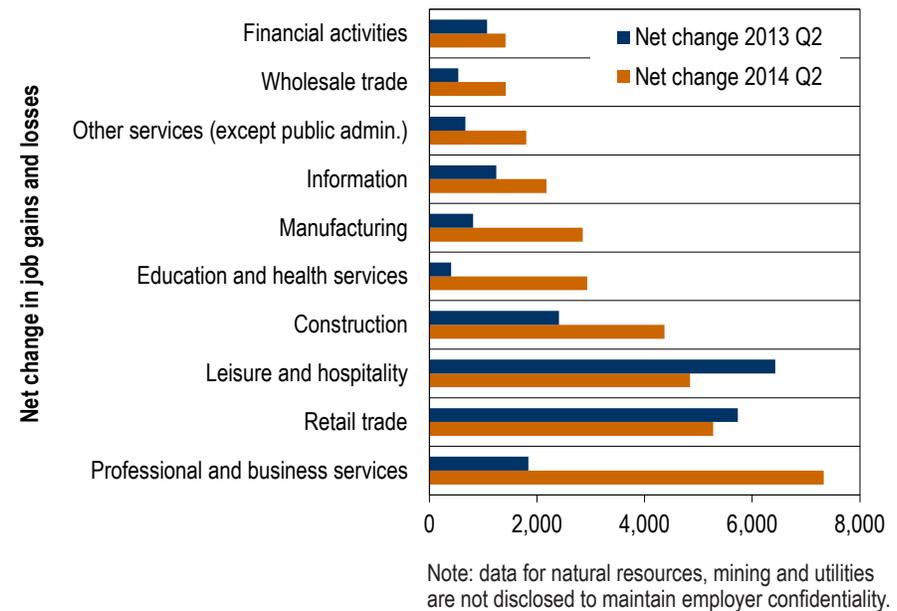
In Washington state professional and business services, retail trade and leisure and hospitality had the most job gains in second-quarter 2014.

Comparing second-quarter 2013 to second-quarter 2014 in Washington state (Figure 5):

- Nine industry sectors had higher net gains in second-quarter 2014 compared to second-quarter 2013. Only retail trade and leisure and hospitality reported lower net gains.
- Professional and business services had the largest net gain from year to year with a gain of 7,328 jobs in second-quarter 2014 compared to 1,840 in second-quarter 2013.
- Leisure and hospitality had the largest decline in jobs gained from year to year with a gain of 4,841 jobs in second-quarter 2014 compared to 6,426 in second-quarter 2013.

Figure 5. Net change in jobs by industry sector, seasonally adjusted Washington state, second-quarter 2013 and second-quarter 2014

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Business Employment Dynamics data series



Washington had the most job gains in professional business services in second-quarter 2014 compared to a year ago, while job gains were lower in leisure and hospitality and retail trade.

More information on the Business Employment Dynamics data series is available at www.bls.gov/bdm/.

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