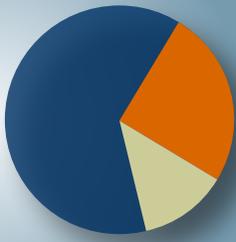


Washington State Business Employment Dynamics Third-Quarter 2014



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Figure 1

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

Figure 2

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

Figure 3

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

Figure 4

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

Figure 5

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

In third-quarter 2014, seasonally adjusted job gains in Washington's private sector totaled 176,717 while job losses from businesses closing or contracting totaled 149,394. The result of these changes was a net gain of 27,323 jobs during the third quarter. These numbers show the key changes in private-sector employment also called Business Employment Dynamics (BED).

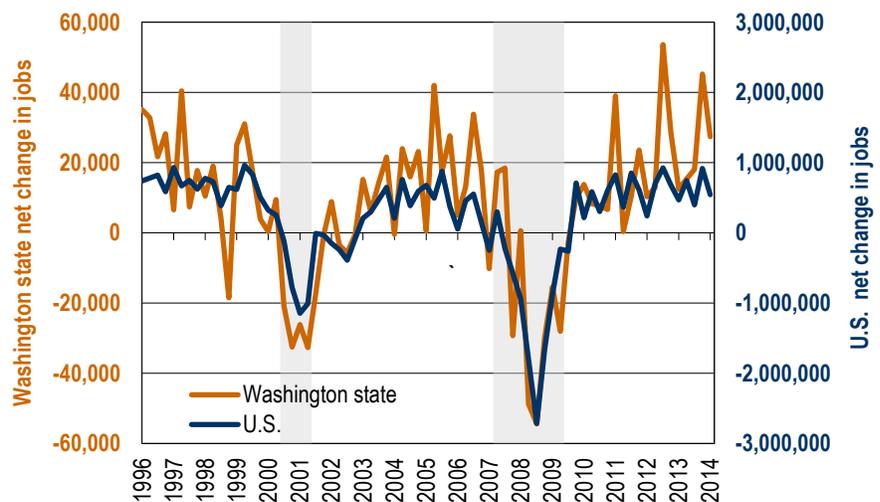
The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Business Employment Dynamics data series highlights the forces driving labor market dynamics at the state and national levels. Job gains and losses at private business establishments are tracked showing employment changes due to establishment openings or closings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

Both state and nation showed increased growth

Nationally, job gains exceeded job losses in 32 states for a net private-sector employment gain of 542,000. This marks the 18th consecutive quarter of employment growth both nationally and in Washington state since the recovery in employment began in first-quarter 2010. Washington state showed a net employment growth of 27,323 in third-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, third-quarter 1996 through third-quarter 2014
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Business Employment Dynamics data series



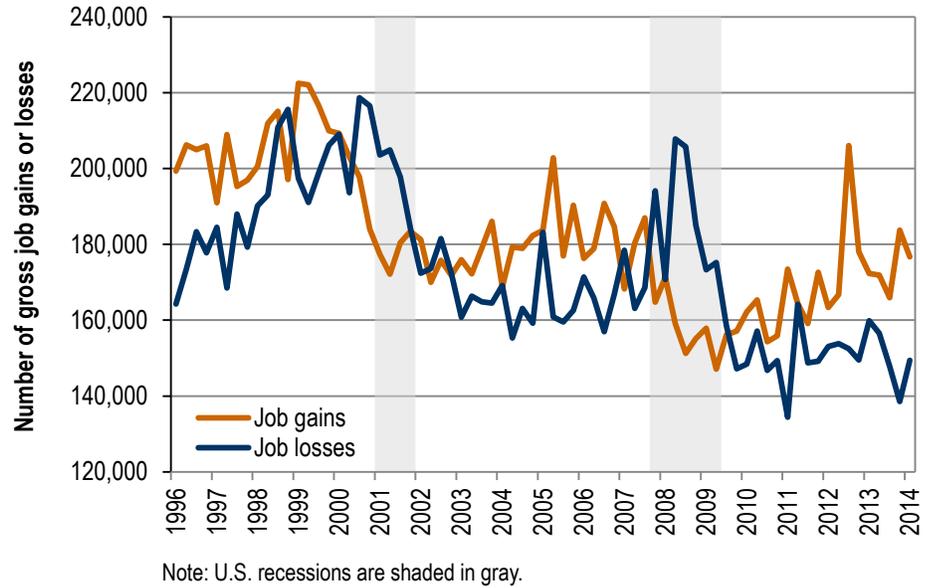
Note: U.S. recessions are shaded in gray.

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

At the national level, gross job gains were 7.2 million at opening and expanding establishments. Closing and contracting establishments lost 6.6 million jobs. Gross job losses represented 5.8 percent of private-sector employment. Opening establishments gained 1.3 million jobs. Washington state gained 176,717 jobs from new and expanding private businesses and lost 149,394 jobs from businesses closing or contracting for a net gain of 27,323 jobs in third-quarter 2014. This compares to a net gain of 45,198 jobs in second-quarter 2014 and a net gain of 12,419 jobs in third-quarter 2013.

Figure 2 shows the quarterly pattern of gross job gains and losses in Washington state.

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

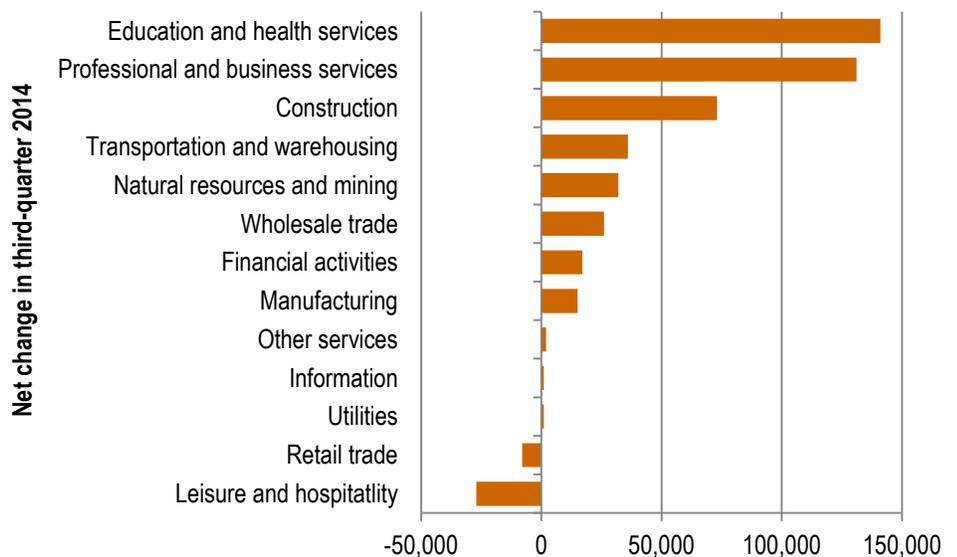


Gross job gains continue to outpace job losses during third-quarter 2014.

Nationally, two industries show job losses

The data in Figure 3 illustrate the net change in industry employment for the U.S. Total private-sector employment grew by 542,000 in third-quarter 2014. Service-providing industries had a seasonally adjusted net gain of 422,000 jobs. The goods-producing industries posted a net gain of 120,000 jobs. In third quarter 2014 eleven industry sectors reported job gains compared to twelve in second quarter 2014.

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

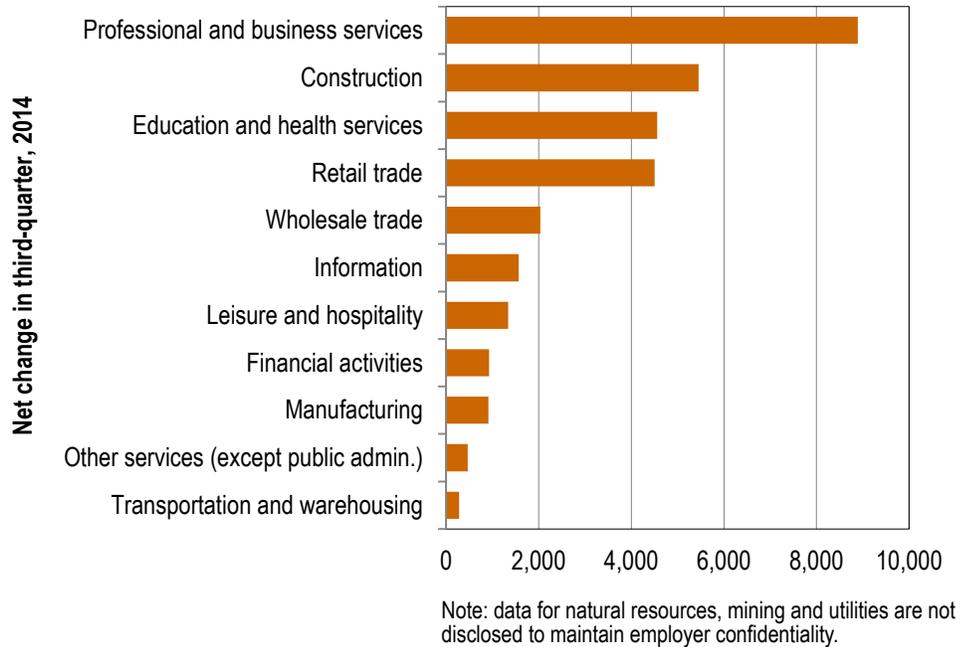


Education and health services reported the most gains while leisure and hospitality reported the most losses in third-quarter 2014.

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 27,323. Eleven industry sectors reported net job gains in third-quarter 2014. The top three industry sectors in job gains were professional and business services, with a gain of 8,889, followed by construction (5,449) and education and health services (4,558).

Figure 4. Net change in job gains and losses by industry, seasonally adjusted Washington state, third-quarter 2014
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Business Employment Dynamics data series

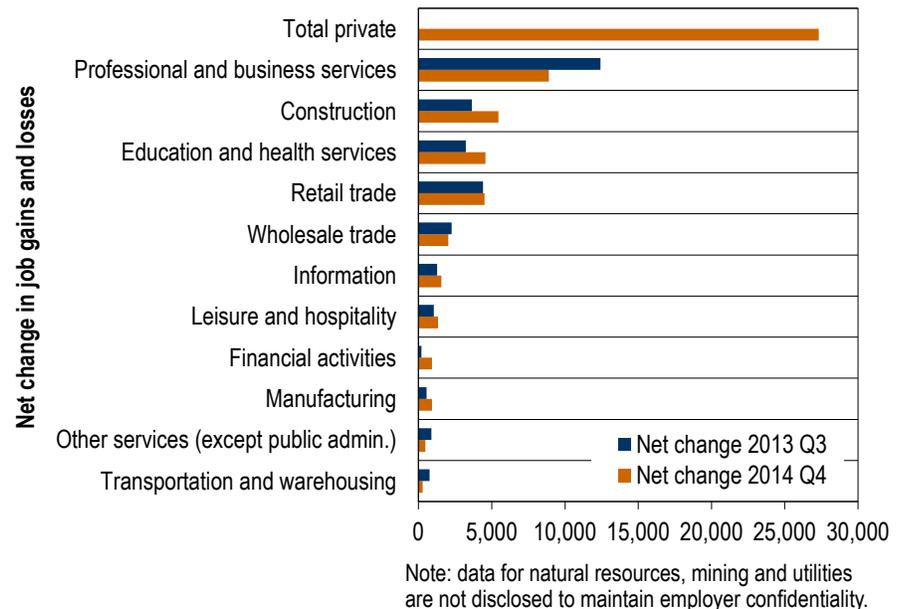


In Washington state professional and business services, construction and education and health services had the most job gains in third-quarter 2014.

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

- Nine industry sectors had higher net gains in third-quarter 2014 compared to third-quarter 2013. They were professional and business services, construction, education and health services, retail trade, wholesale trade, information, leisure and hospitality, financial activities, and manufacturing.
- Two industries had lower net gains in third-quarter 2014 compared to the same quarter a year earlier. These were other services (except public administration) and transportation and warehousing.
- Professional and business services had the largest net gain from year to year with a gain of 8,889 jobs in third-quarter 2014 compared to 3,644 in third-quarter 2013.

Figure 5. Net change in jobs by industry, seasonally adjusted Washington state, third-quarter 2013 and third-quarter 2014
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Business Employment Dynamics data series



Washington had more job gains in every industry in third-quarter 2014 than a year ago, except for transportation and warehousing and other services.

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

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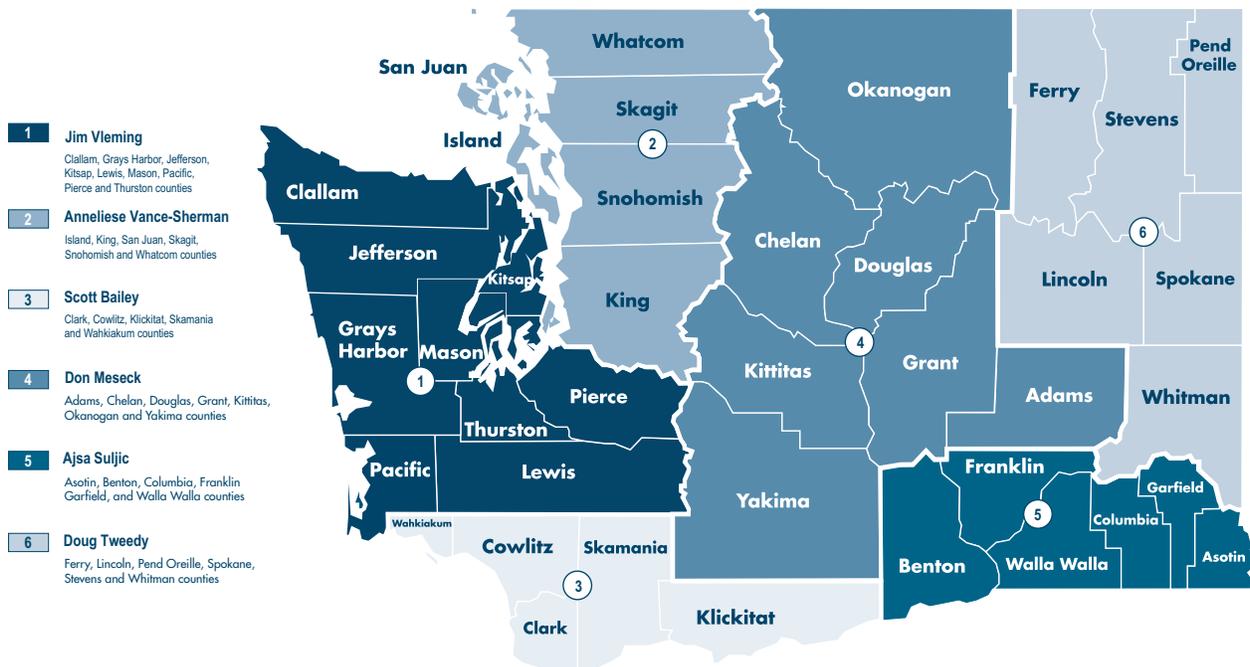
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