



# Monthly Employment Report

## for June 2013

On a seasonally adjusted basis, preliminary estimates from the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicate nonfarm employment in Washington rose by 9,800 from May 2013 to June 2013. BLS estimates the private sector gained 15,700 jobs over the month and the public sector lost 5,900 jobs.

On a not seasonally adjusted basis, estimates for June 2012 to June 2013 indicate an increase in employment of 67,000 for the state. Over the year the private sector added 67,900 jobs while the public sector lost an estimated 900 jobs.

Washington's preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for June 2013 is 6.8 percent. The revised estimated May 2013 unemployment rate was also at 6.8 percent. The June 2012 unemployment rate was 8.4 percent.

BLS estimates of monthly job gains and losses are based on a survey of businesses. Preliminary estimates are subject to revision.

May 2013 jobs revisions: May's preliminary estimated gain of 4,100 jobs was revised to a gain of 4,600 jobs.

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Employment estimates in this report are generated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Due to changes in the method BLS uses to produce these data, we expect increased volatility in the estimates.

BLS data in this report are rounded to the nearest 100.

### Resident civilian labor force and unemployment, seasonally adjusted

The **resident civilian labor force** is the total number of people in the workforce, employed and unemployed, ages 16 and up.

The number of **unemployed** is the estimated number of people who currently do not have a job, are available for work and have actively looked for work in the last four weeks.

The **unemployment rate** is the ratio of the estimated number of unemployed divided by the civilian labor force.

Resident civilian labor force and unemployment, seasonally adjusted  
United States and Washington state, May and June, 2012 and 2013  
Source: Employment Security Department/LMEA; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

	June 2013 (Preliminary)	May 2013 (Revised)	June 2012 (Revised)	May 2012 (Revised)
<b>United States</b>				
Unemployment rate <i>Seasonally adjusted</i>	7.6%	7.6%	8.2%	8.2%
<b>Washington</b>				
Unemployment rate	6.8%	6.8%	8.4%	8.4%
Resident labor force	3,499,900	3,495,100	3,484,900	3,489,500
Unemployed	237,100	237,300	292,100	292,900
<b>Seattle/Bellevue/Everett</b>				
Unemployment rate	4.7%	4.7%	7.2%	7.3%
Resident labor force	1,543,200	1,530,200	1,506,900	1,505,700
Unemployed	72,500	72,000	109,200	109,300

## Unemployment, seasonally adjusted

The BLS estimates Washington's preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for June 2013 was 6.8 percent. The revised estimated May 2013 unemployment rate was at 6.8 percent.

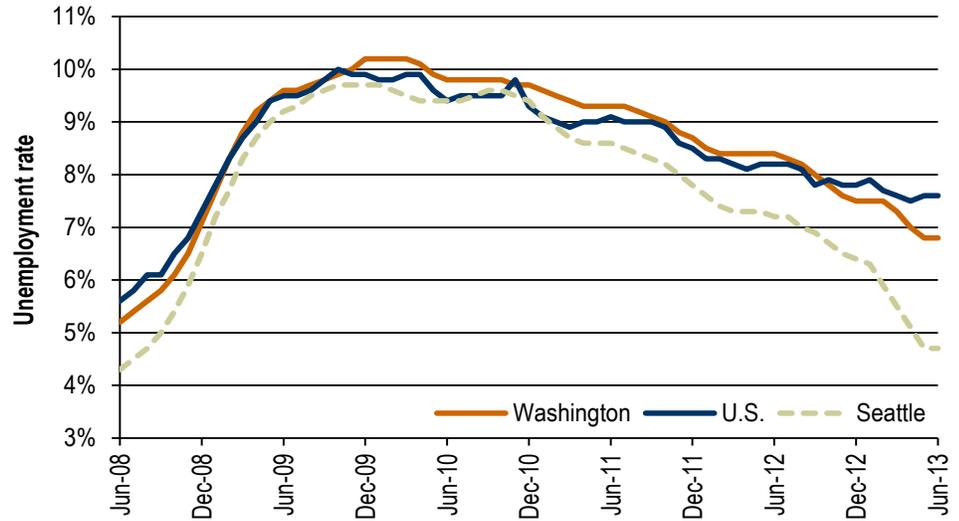
According to BLS estimates, the number of unemployed people declined by 200 in June 2013 compared to May 2013. At the same time, the number of employed people rose by an estimated 5,000. Overall, this amounted to an increase of 4,800 people in the labor force.

The preliminary June 2013 unemployment rate is 1.6 percentage points below the June 2012 rate of 8.4 percent.

### Unemployment rates, seasonally adjusted

U.S., Washington and Seattle, June 2008 through June 2013

Source: Employment Security Department/LMEA; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics



June 2013 preliminary unemployment rates:

U.S. (preliminary) 7.6%  
 Washington (preliminary) 6.8%  
 Seattle area (preliminary) 4.7%

## Employment change and moving average, seasonally adjusted

Based on BLS estimates, Washington state nonfarm employment increased by 9,800 jobs from May 2013 to June 2013.

### Recent employment change

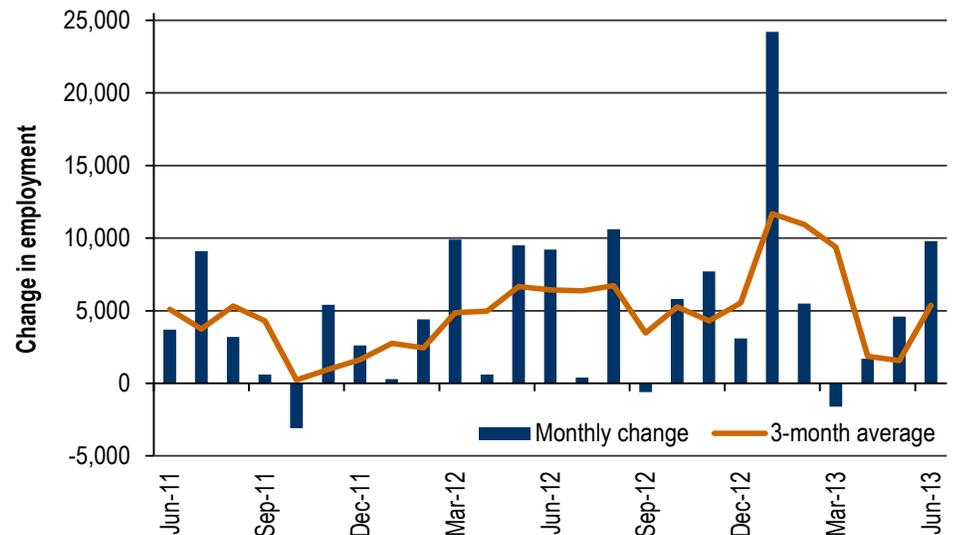
April 2013: up 1,700 jobs (revised)

May 2013: up 4,600 jobs (revised)

June 2013: up 9,800 jobs (preliminary)

### Monthly employment change and three-month moving average, seasonally adjusted Washington state, June 2011 through June 2013

Source: Employment Security Department/LMEA; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics



## Employment and the unemployment, seasonally adjusted

February 2008

(start of recent employment  
recession in Washington)

Nonfarm employment: 2,979,000

Unemployment rate: 4.6%

February 2010

(end of recent employment  
recession in Washington)

Nonfarm employment: 2,773,400

Unemployment rate: 10.2%

June 2013

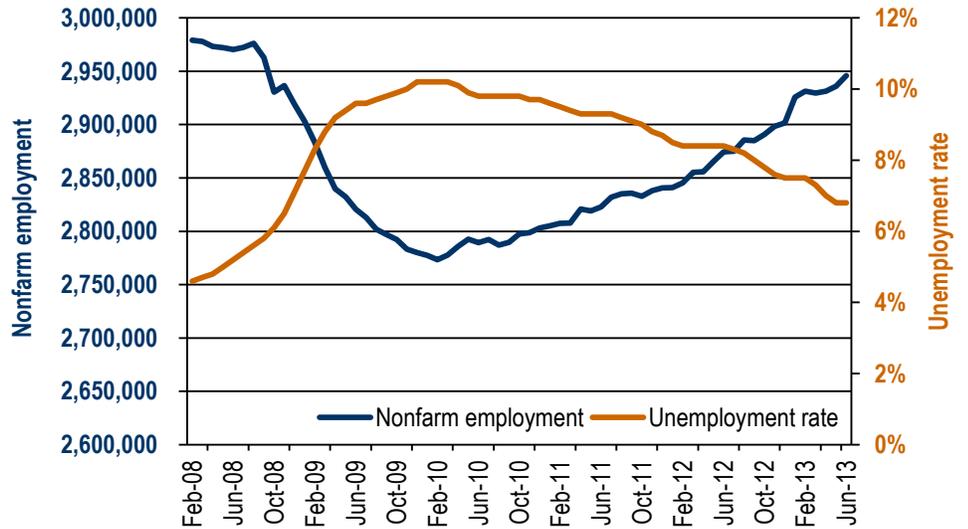
(preliminary)

Nonfarm employment: 2,945,800

Unemployment rate: 6.8%

Nonfarm employment and unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted  
Washington state, February 2008 through June 2013

Source: Employment Security Department/LMEA; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics,  
Current Employment Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics



## Industry employment in Washington, seasonally adjusted

### One-month employment change by industry

Based on a BLS survey of businesses and governments, Washington gained an estimated 9,800 jobs, over the month, on a seasonally adjusted basis:

- Overall, ten industries expanded in June, two contracted, and one remained unchanged.
- Private-sector employment is estimated to have increased by 15,700 and government employment fell by 5,900.
- Construction employment increased by 4,100, led by an increase of 2,000 by specialty trade contractors in addition to an increase of 1,600 in building construction.
- The number of jobs in professional and business services was up by 4,100. Administrative and support services accounted for 3,300 of the gain, with 1,800 of those 3,300 occurring in employment services.
- Leisure and hospitality employment increased by 3,800, led by a gain of 2,100 jobs in arts, entertainment and recreation.
- Government lost an estimated 5,900 jobs over the month, with 4,200 of the jobs lost occurring in state government.
- Manufacturing employment fell by 200, with the 1,400 decline in durable goods outweighing the 1,200 increase in nondurable goods employment.

Estimated one-month employment change by industry, seasonally adjusted  
Washington state, May 2013 to June 2013

Source: Employment Security Department/LMEA; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics

<b>Total nonfarm</b>	<b>9,800</b>
Construction	4,100
Professional and business services	4,100
Leisure and hospitality	3,800
Education and health services	1,600
Wholesale trade	600
Retail trade	500
Transportation, warehousing and utilities	400
Information	400
Financial activities	200
Other services	200
Mining and logging	0
Manufacturing	-200
Government	-5,900

## Industry employment in Washington, not seasonally adjusted

### Year-over-year change by industry

Based on a BLS survey of businesses and governments, Washington added an estimated 67,000 jobs over the year:

- Overall, all major private industries expanded, while the public sector contracted.
- Private-sector employment rose 2.9 percent, up an estimated 67,900 jobs.
- Public-sector employment decreased 0.2 percent, a net loss of 900 jobs.
- Manufacturing employment is estimated to have grown by 7,000.
- Durable goods manufacturers added 5,400 jobs with 2,100 of the increase in aerospace product and parts manufacturing. Nondurable goods manufacturers added 1,600 jobs.
- Professional and business services employment increased by 11,300 with administration and support and waste management and remediation up 5,500, and professional, scientific and technical services up 4,800.
- Retailers added 12,100 jobs with 5,600 of the increase in general merchandise stores. Other retail trade, which includes online retail trade, was up by 4,700 jobs.

Estimated year-over-year employment change by industry, not seasonally adjusted Washington state, June 2012 to June 2013

Source: Employment Security Department/LMEA; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics

<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>67,000</b>
Leisure and hospitality	14,500
Retail trade	12,100
Professional and business services	11,300
Construction	9,300
Manufacturing	7,000
Education and health services	5,200
Wholesale trade	2,600
Financial activities	1,700
Information	1,600
Transportation, warehousing and utilities	1,300
Other services	1,000
Mining and logging	300
Government	-900

- Employment in the leisure and hospitality industry was up by 14,500, led by a gain of 8,500 in food services and drinking places.
- Employment in construction was up 9,300 with the number of employed in the specialty trade contractor sector up 5,900.

## Seasonally adjusted employment

Seasonally adjusted numbers account for normal seasonal patterns that occur year after year, such as strong seasonal hiring in retail trade around the holidays. Taking into account normal seasonal variations makes it possible to see unusual changes in employment levels.

**Normal seasonal change** is the expected monthly change in employment based on history.

**Estimated change** is the employment change over the month based on BLS survey data.

**Seasonally adjusted change** is change in employment accounting for normal seasonal patterns.

Based on historical patterns, Washington employment typically rises by 15,900 from May to June. This year the state had an estimated gain of 25,700, amounting to a seasonally adjusted increase of 9,800 jobs.

- The normal seasonal gain in leisure and hospitality employment is 7,200 in June. The estimated increase was 11,000 yielding a 3,800 gain on a seasonally adjusted basis.
- Employment in construction normally rises by 3,500. It is estimated to have increased by 7,600 this June yielding a gain of 4,100 on a seasonally adjusted basis.
- The estimated employment increase in manufacturing was 3,300. The normal seasonal increase is 3,500, so on a seasonally adjusted basis manufacturing employment decreased 200.
- The change on a seasonally adjusted basis was an estimated loss of 4,700 jobs in education and health services in June. The normal seasonal decrease is 6,300. It is estimated to have increased by 1,600 this June.
- Typically government employment decreases by 2,700 in June. On a seasonally adjusted basis, government employment decreased by 5,900 as the estimated decrease was 8,600.

Normal seasonal change, estimated change and seasonally adjusted change  
Washington state, June 2013

Source: Employment Security Department/LMEA; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics

	Normal seasonal change	Estimated change	Seasonally adjusted change
<b>Total nonfarm</b>	<b>15,900</b>	<b>25,700</b>	<b>9,800</b>
Leisure and hospitality	7,200	11,000	3,800
Manufacturing	3,500	3,300	-200
Construction	3,500	7,600	4,100
Professional and business services	2,800	6,900	4,100
Retail trade	2,800	3,300	500
Transportation, warehousing and utilities	1,300	1,700	400
Other services	1,100	1,300	200
Information	1,100	1,500	400
Financial activities	800	1,000	200
Wholesale trade	600	1,200	600
Mining and logging	200	200	0
Government	-2,700	-8,600	-5,900
Education and health services	-6,300	-4,700	1,600

## Total agricultural employment summary

Statewide agricultural employment increased 48.3 percent from May to June.

Year over year statewide, agricultural employment increased 11.4 percent.

Regionally over the year, total agricultural employment increased in all six of the areas. The largest increase (5,380 jobs) was in the South Central reporting area. The smallest increase (150 jobs) was in the Eastern reporting area.

Agricultural employment estimates are developed by the Labor Market and Economic Analysis branch of the Employment Security Department. Estimates are based on a monthly survey of agricultural producers conducted by Employment Security.

For agricultural reporting, we divide the state into six areas based on geography and types of agricultural activity. View a map of Washington's agricultural reporting areas at: <https://fortress.wa.gov/esd/employmentdata/reports-publications/industry-reports/agricultural-employment-and-wage-report/map-of-washingtons-agricultural-areas>.

### Total agricultural employment Washington state, June 2013

Source: Employment Security Department/LMEA

	June '13		June '12 Revised	Change		Percent change	
	Preliminary	May '13 Revised		May '13 - June '13	June '12 - June '13	May '13 - June '13	June '12 - June '13
<b>State</b>	<b>120,190</b>	<b>81,030</b>	<b>107,870</b>	<b>39,160</b>	<b>12,320</b>	<b>48.3%</b>	<b>11.4%</b>
Western	12,100	10,750	10,970	1,350	1,130	12.6%	10.3%
South Central	40,500	25,670	35,120	14,830	5,380	57.8%	15.3%
North Central	22,640	14,060	22,360	8,580	280	61.0%	1.3%
Columbia Basin	17,570	12,520	15,420	5,050	2,150	40.3%	13.9%
South Eastern	25,660	16,420	22,430	9,240	3,230	56.3%	14.4%
Eastern	1,720	1,610	1,570	110	150	6.8%	9.6%

Totals may not add due to rounding. We report only agricultural employment covered by unemployment insurance, not adjusted for multiple jobholders.

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<sup>1</sup> Most of the employment numbers discussed in this report refer to jobs, not persons. For example, if a person holds two positions, these positions are counted as two jobs in the employment series. In the section titled "Unemployment," these positions refer to individuals, not jobs. In this case, a person holding two jobs is counted only once.

Note: Due to changes in the processing of the monthly employment data by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the county level information will be available at 10 a.m., July 23, 2013. The publication schedule for 2013 can be found at: <https://fortress.wa.gov/esd/employmentdata/reports-publications/economic-reports/monthly-employment-report>.

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