



Monthly Employment Report

for June 2014

On a seasonally adjusted basis, preliminary estimates from the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicate nonfarm employment in Washington rose by 9,100 from May 2014 to June 2014. BLS estimates the private sector gained 10,500 jobs during the month and the public sector lost 1,400 jobs.

On a not seasonally adjusted basis, estimates for June 2013 through June 2014 indicate an increase in employment of 84,700 for the state. The private sector added 83,100 jobs while the public sector gained an estimated 1,600 jobs over the year.

Washington's preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for June 2014 is 5.8 percent. The revised estimated May 2014 unemployment rate was at 6.1 percent. The June 2013 unemployment rate was 7.0 percent.

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

May's preliminary estimated gain of 4,000 jobs was revised to a gain of 1,000 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, 2013 and 2014

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

	June 2014 (Preliminary)	May 2014 (Revised)	June 2013 (Revised)	May 2013 (Revised)
United States				
Unemployment rate				
<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>	6.1%	6.3%	7.5%	7.5%
Washington				
Unemployment rate	5.8%	6.1%	7.0%	7.0%
Resident labor force	3,473,300	3,479,700	3,465,700	3,467,900
Unemployed	201,000	211,800	243,900	244,100
Seattle/Bellevue/Everett				
Unemployment rate	4.8%	5.0%	5.3%	5.3%
Resident labor force	1,560,100	1,562,300	1,531,600	1,529,600
Unemployed	74,800	77,900	81,700	80,800

¹Most of the employment numbers discussed in this report refers 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.

Unemployment, seasonally adjusted

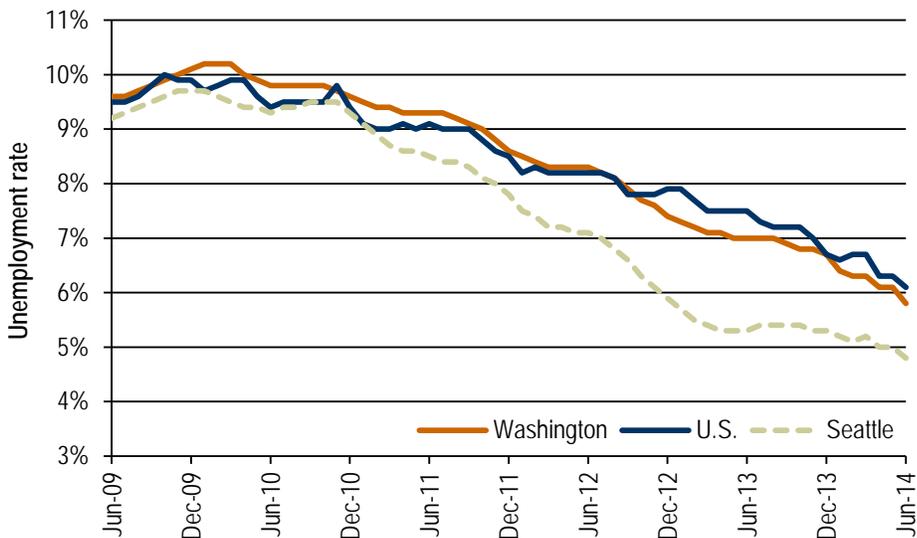
The BLS estimates Washington's preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for June 2014 was 5.8 percent. The revised estimated May 2014 unemployment rate was 6.1 percent.

According to BLS estimates, the number of unemployed people fell by 10,800 in June 2014 compared to May 2014. At the same time, the number of employed people rose by an estimated 4,400. Overall, this amounted to a decrease of 6,400 people in the labor force.

The preliminary June 2014 unemployment rate is 1.2 percentage points below the June 2013 rate of 7.0 percent.

U.S., Washington and Seattle unemployment rates, seasonally adjusted
June 2009 through June 2014

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



June 2014 preliminary unemployment rates:

U.S. (preliminary) 6.1%
Washington (preliminary) 5.8%
Seattle area (preliminary) 4.8%

Employment change and moving average, seasonally adjusted

Based on BLS estimates, Washington state nonfarm employment increased by 9,100 jobs from May 2014 to June 2014.

Recent employment change

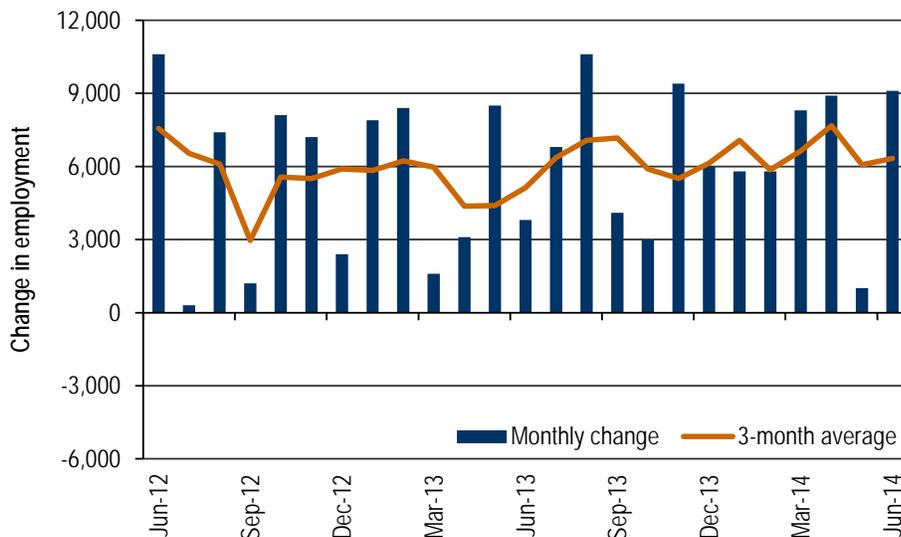
April 2014: up 8,900 jobs (revised)

May 2014: up 1,000 jobs (revised)

June 2014: up 9,100 jobs (preliminary)

Monthly employment change and three-month moving average, seasonally adjusted
Washington state, June 2012 through June 2014

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



Employment and unemployment, seasonally adjusted

February 2008

(start of recent employment
recession in Washington)

Nonfarm employment: 3,010,000
Unemployment rate: 4.6%

February 2010

(end of recent employment
recession in Washington)

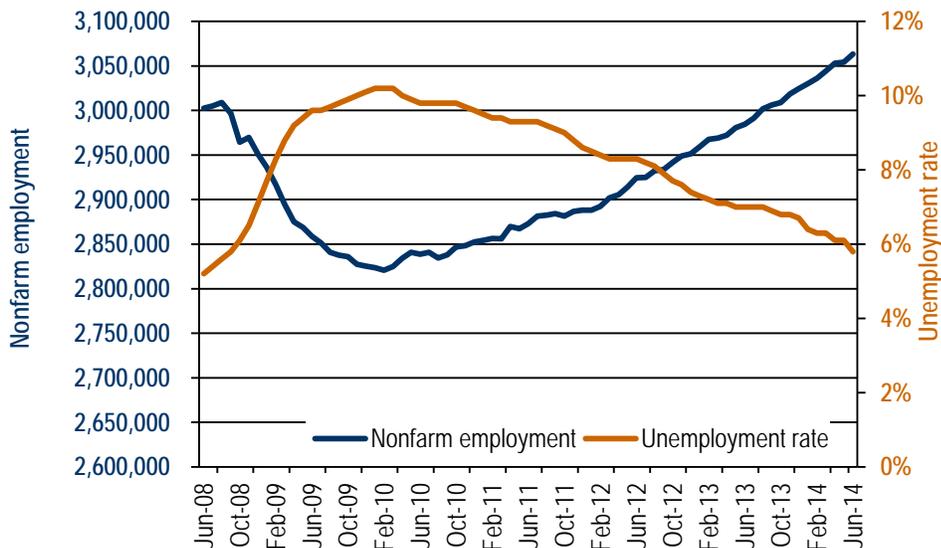
Nonfarm employment: 2,820,800
Unemployment rate: 10.2%

June 2014 (preliminary)

Nonfarm employment: 3,063,400
Unemployment rate: 5.8%

Nonfarm employment and unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted
Washington state, June 2008 through June 2014

Source: Employment Security Department/LMPA; 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 9,100 jobs, during the month, on a seasonally adjusted basis:

- Overall, ten industries expanded employment in June and three contracted.
- Private-sector employment is estimated to have increased by 10,500 and government employment fell by 1,400.
- Employment in education and health services rose by 2,600, with education services contributing 1,500 of the increase and health services providing the remaining 1,100 jobs.
- Retail trade employment rose by 2,200. Jobs increased by 1,100 in the category of other retail trade, which includes online retailing.
- Leisure and hospitality employment increased by 1,900, as the gain of 2,800 jobs in accommodation and food services offset the loss of 900 jobs in arts, entertainment and recreation.
- The number of jobs in professional and business services was up by 900. Administrative and support services accounted for 500 of the gain.
- Manufacturing employment rose by 500 on balance, with the 600 increase in durable goods employment outweighing the 100 decrease in nondurable goods.

Estimated one-month employment change by industry, seasonally adjusted
Washington state, May 2014 to June 2014

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

Total nonfarm	9,100
Education and health services	2,600
Retail trade	2,200
Leisure and hospitality	1,900
Wholesale trade	1,400
Professional and business services	900
Information	700
Manufacturing	500
Financial activities	500
Other services	500
Mining and logging	100
Construction	-400
Transportation, warehousing and utilities	-400
Government	-1,400

- Government lost an estimated 1,400 jobs over the month. State and local government employment fell by 2,100, while federal government added 700 jobs.

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 84,700 jobs from June 2013 to June 2014:

- Overall, all major industries expanded.
- Private-sector employment rose 3.4 percent, up an estimated 83,100 jobs.
- Public-sector employment increased 0.3 percent, a net gain of 1,600 jobs.
- Employment in the leisure and hospitality industry is up by 15,100, led by a gain of 11,100 in food services and drinking places.
- Employment in construction is up 13,600, with the number of employed in the specialty trade contractor sector up 10,400.
- Retailers added 13,200 jobs. Other retail trade, which includes online retail trade, was up by 8,100 jobs.
- Education and health services employment has risen by a total of 11,600 as health services and social assistance added 12,100 jobs while education services employment declined by 500.
- Professional and business services employment increased by 9,200, with professional, scientific and technical services also up by 5,500.
- Manufacturing employment is estimated to have increased by 3,000. Durable goods manufacturers added 2,900 jobs out of the total 3,000.

Estimated employment change by industry over the year, not seasonally adjusted Washington state, June 2013 to June 2014

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

Total nonfarm	84,700
Leisure and hospitality	15,100
Construction	13,600
Retail trade	13,200
Education and health services	11,600
Professional and business services	9,200
Information	4,800
Transportation, warehousing and utilities	4,100
Wholesale trade	3,400
Financial activities	3,300
Manufacturing	3,000
Government	1,600
Other services	1,500
Mining and logging	300

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 16,600 from May to June. This year the state had an estimated gain of 25,700, amounting to a seasonally adjusted increase of 9,100 jobs.

- Employment in leisure and hospitality normally rises by 8,300. It is estimated to have increased by 10,200 this June yielding a gain of 1,900 on a seasonally adjusted basis.
- The estimated employment increase in professional and business services was 4,700. The normal seasonal increase is 3,800, so on a seasonally adjusted basis, professional and business services employment increased by 900.

Normal seasonal change, estimated change and seasonally adjusted change
Washington state, June 2014

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

	Normal seasonal change	Estimated change	Seasonally adjusted change
Total nonfarm	16,600	25,700	9,100
Leisure and hospitality	8,300	10,200	1,900
Construction	5,100	4,700	-400
Professional and business services	3,800	4,700	900
Manufacturing	3,300	3,800	500
Retail trade	2,900	5,100	2,200
Other services	1,700	2,200	500
Transportation, warehousing and utilities	1,500	1,100	-400
Information	1,100	1,800	700
Financial activities	1,100	1,600	500
Wholesale trade	1,000	2,400	1,400
Mining and logging	200	300	100
Education and health services	-6,300	-3,700	2,600
Government	-7,100	-8,500	-1,400

- The normal seasonal gain in retail trade employment is 2,900 in June. The estimated increase was 5,100 yielding a 2,200 gain on a seasonally adjusted basis.
- The change on a seasonally adjusted basis was an estimated gain of 2,600 jobs in education and health services in June. The normal seasonal decrease is 6,300. It is estimated to have decreased by 3,700 this June.
- Typically government employment decreases by 7,100 in June. On a seasonally adjusted basis government employment decreased by 1,400 as the estimated decrease was 8,500.

Total agricultural employment summary

Agricultural employment estimates will no longer be provided beginning with the May 2014 monthly report due to a decline in funding.

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