

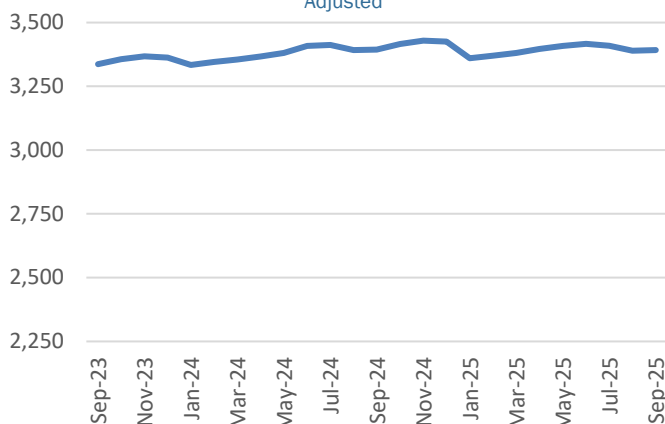
# THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC MONITORING SYSTEM (REMS) REPORT – OCTOBER 2025

In September, over-the-year employment decreased by 1,800 jobs or 0.1 percent in the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), while the national over-the-year employment increased by about 1.2 million jobs or 0.8 percent. Locally, the Leisure & Hospitality Sector gained 2,900 jobs, and the Educational & Health Services Sector gained 13,500 jobs and the Professional & Business Sector lost 12,400 jobs during the last year. The number of Federal Government Sector jobs is at 354,000 jobs in September. The region's inflation increased to 2.5 percent in September 2025 from a rate of 2.0 percent in July 2025. During September, the region's unemployment rate decreased to 4.1 percent, while the national rate decreased to 4.3 percent. The 993 new housing units authorized during September 2025 represent a 10.3 percent increase from September 2024, when 900 new units were started. For a list of jurisdictions in the MSA, visit [mwkog.org/REMS](http://mwkog.org/REMS).

## Washington MSA Total Employment

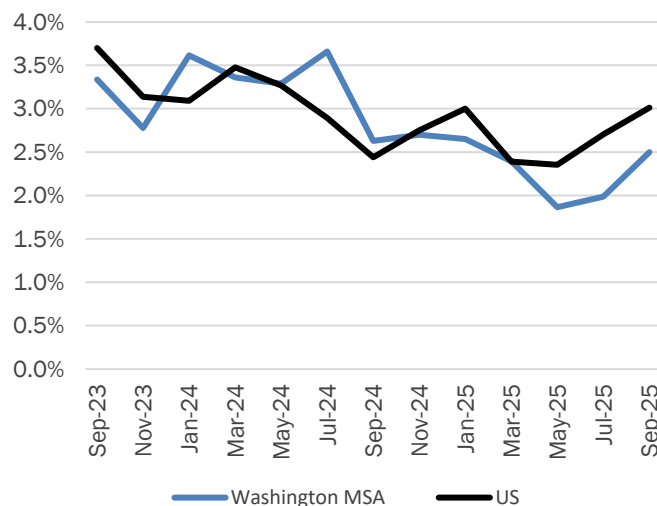
(1,000s of Jobs)

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, CES, Not Seasonally Adjusted



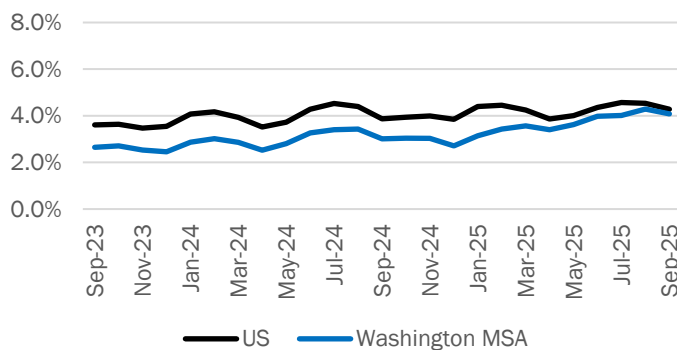
## Over-the-Year Inflation Rate Washington MSA and US

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



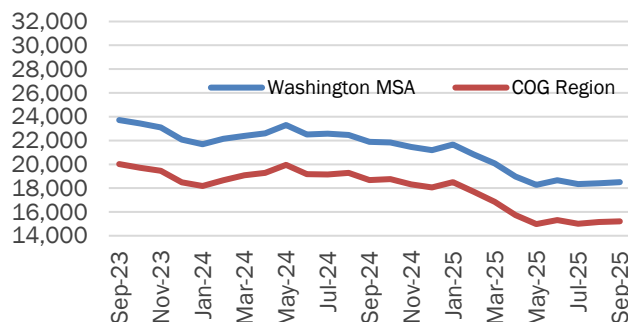
## Unemployment Rate Washington MSA and US

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, CPS and LAUS, Not Seasonally Adjusted



## New Housing Units Authorized 12-Month Total, Washington MSA and COG Region

Source: U.S. Census Bureau



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## Washington MSA At-Place Employment, by Industry Group\* - September 2025

(1,000s of Jobs)

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, CES, Not Seasonally Adjusted

Industry Group	At-Place Employment		Change from Last Year	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Manufacturing	56.6	1.7	-0.5	-0.9
Mining, Logging & Construction	180.8	5.3	13.0	7.7
T, T, & U	394.4	11.6	-4.9	-1.2
[Retail]	250.2	7.4	-4.3	-1.7
Information	80.4	2.4	-1.1	-1.3
Financial	155.6	4.6	1.1	0.7
Activities	800.4	23.6	-12.4	-1.5
Prof. and Bus. Services	496.8	14.6	13.5	2.8
Educ. & Health Services	328.0	9.7	2.9	0.9
Leisure & Hospitality	280.1	8.3	5.3	1.9
[Accom. and Food Services]	189.1	5.6	3.7	2.0
Other Services	710.0	20.9	-17.1	-2.4
Government	354.0	10.4	-22.0	-5.9
[Federal]				
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,392.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>-0.1</b>

Sources: Preliminary data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

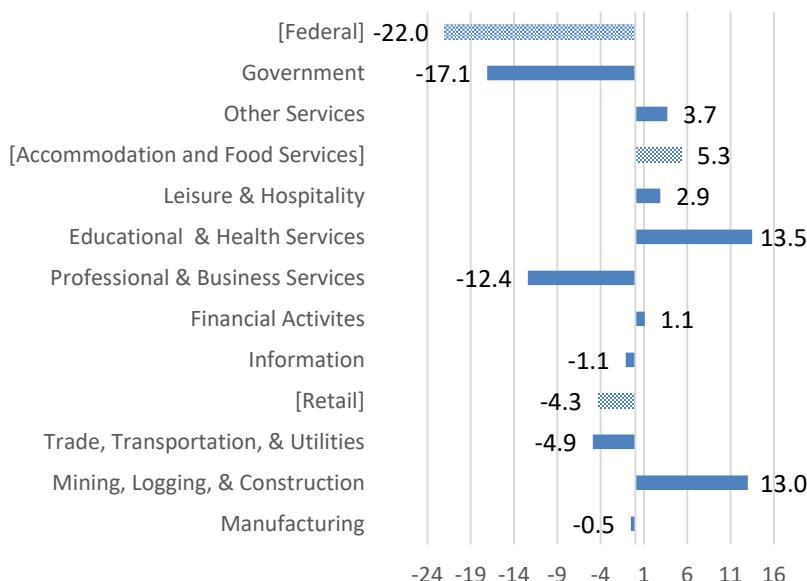
\*Industry classification is based on the North American Industry Classification (NAICS). Data reflects inputs, re-estimation, and new statewide controls. Data have been revised to reflect 2025 benchmarks. Data from April 2012 are subject to revision.

T, T, & U stands for Trade, Transportation & Utilities; Prof. and Bus. Services stands for Professional and Business Services; Educ. & Health Services stands for Educational & Health Services; Accom. and Food Services stands for Accommodation and Food Services.

## Washington MSA Over-the-Year Employment Change by Industry Group\* September 2025

(1,000s of Jobs)

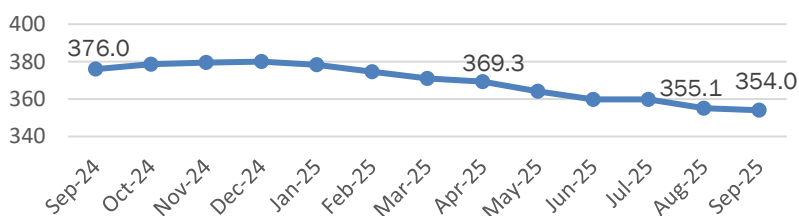
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## Washington MSA Total Federal Government Employment

(1,000 of Jobs)

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, CES, Not Seasonally Adjusted



## Selected Monthly Indicators Washington MSA

	Change from Last Year		
	Number	Month	Percent
<b>New Homes Auth.</b>	993	Sep-25	93
			10.3
	Rate (%)	Month	Rate Last Year
<b>Unemployment Rate<sup>1</sup></b>	4.1	Sep-25	3.0
<b>Inflation Rate<sup>2</sup></b>	2.5	Sep-25	2.6

Sources: Preliminary data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

New Homes Authorized – U.S. Census Bureau, Building Permits Survey

<sup>1</sup>Indicates MSA-level Data

<sup>2</sup>The regional inflation rate is reported bi-monthly.

**Over-the-Year** – Compares the present month with same month last year. For example, Over-the-year Percent Job Growth in in December 2023 is the percentage change between December 2022 and December 2023 in the number of jobs.

**At-Place Employment** – The number of jobs within a given area. Although some employment data include the number of areas residents who have jobs, at-place employment counts the actual number of jobs in an area.

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