

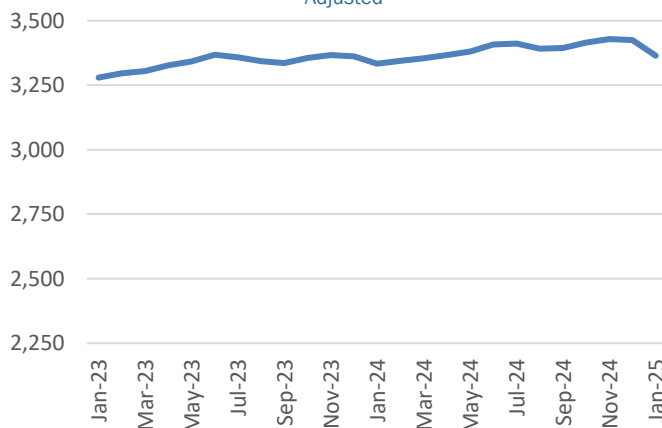
# THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC MONITORING SYSTEM (REMS) REPORT – FEBRUARY 2025

In January, over-the-year employment increased by 31,500 jobs or 0.9 percent in the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), while the national over-the-year employment increased by about 2.2 million jobs or 1.4 percent. Locally, the Leisure & Hospitality Sector lost 3,800 jobs and the Educational & Health Services Sector gained 16,800 jobs and the Professional & Business Sector gained 1,300 jobs during the last year. (369,900 jobs were lost between March 2020 and April 2020) The Washington region has gained 430,200 jobs between April 2020 and January 2025 – 101.8 percent. The region's inflation remained at 2.7 percent in January 2025 the same rate of 2.7 percent in November 2024. During January, the region's unemployment rate increased to 3.2 percent, while the national rate increased to 4.4 percent. The 2,180 new housing units authorized during January 2025 represent a 27.3 percent increase from January 2024, when 1,713 new units were started. For a list of jurisdictions in the MSA, visit [mwcog.org/REMS](http://mwcog.org/REMS).

## Washington MSA Total Employment

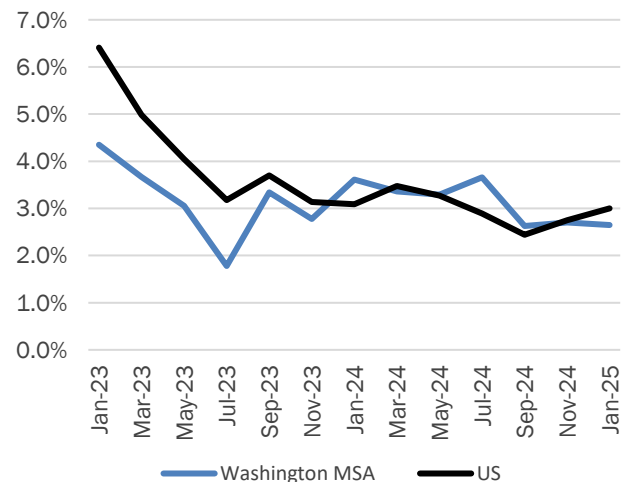
(1,000s of Jobs)

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Not Seasonally Adjusted



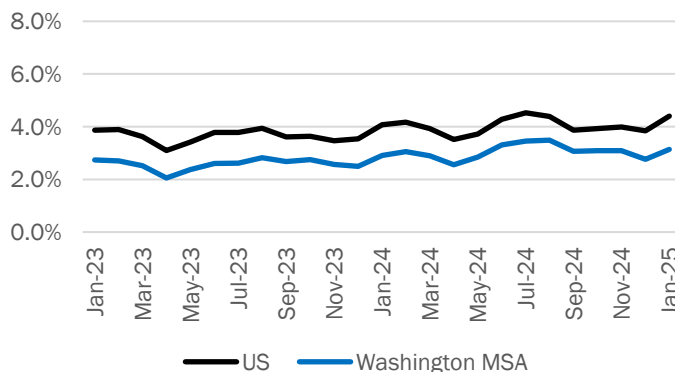
## Over-the-Year Inflation Rate Washington MSA and US

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



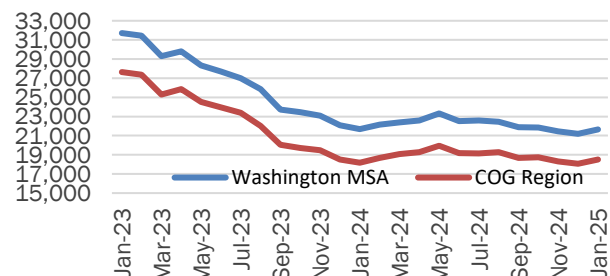
## Unemployment Rate Washington MSA and US

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Not Seasonally Adjusted



## New Housing Units Authorized During Previous 24 Months, 12- Month Total, Washington MSA and COG Region

Source: U.S. Census Bureau



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

(1,000s of Jobs)

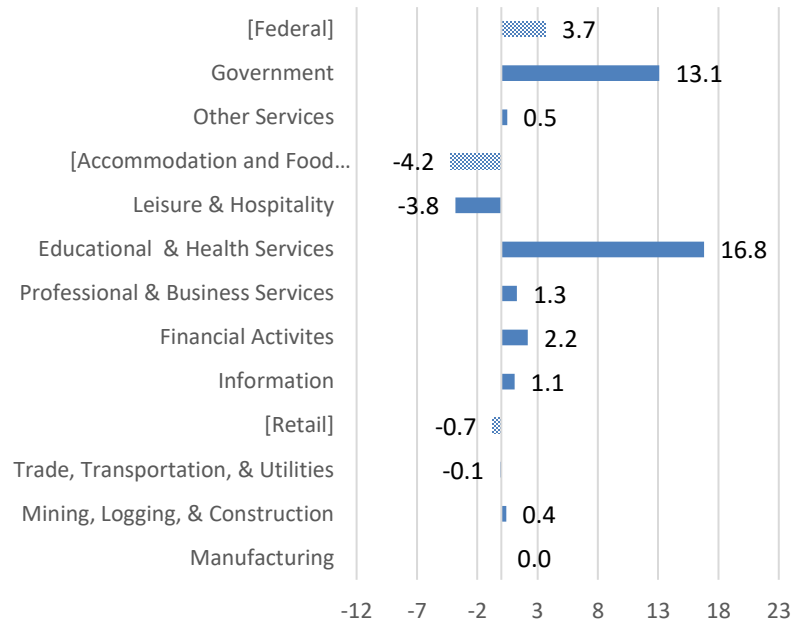
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Industry Group	At-Place Employment		Change from Last Year	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Manufacturing	56.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
Mining, Logging & Construction	160.5	4.8	0.4	0.2
T, T, & U	401.0	11.9	-0.1	0.0
[Retail]	255.7	7.6	-0.7	-0.3
Information	82.3	2.4	1.1	1.4
Financial	154.8	4.6	2.2	1.4
Activities	805.1	23.9	1.3	0.2
Prof. and Bus. Services	488.1	14.5	16.8	3.6
Educ. & Health Services	304.8	9.1	-3.8	-1.2
Leisure & Hospitality	263.2	7.8	-4.2	-1.6
[Accom. and Food Services]	183.7	5.5	0.5	0.3
Other Services	728.2	21.6	13.1	1.8
Government	378.3	11.2	3.7	1.0
[Federal]				
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,365.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>0.9</b>

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

(1,000s of Jobs)

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Not Seasonally Adjusted



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 2024 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

## Selected Monthly Indicators Washington MSA

	Change from Last Year		
	Number	Month	Percent
New Homes Auth.	2,180	Jan-25	467
			27.3
	Rate (%)	Month	Rate Last Year
Unemployment Rate <sup>1</sup>	3.1	Jan-25	2.9
Inflation Rate <sup>2</sup>	2.7	Jan-25	3.6

Sources: Preliminary data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

<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.