

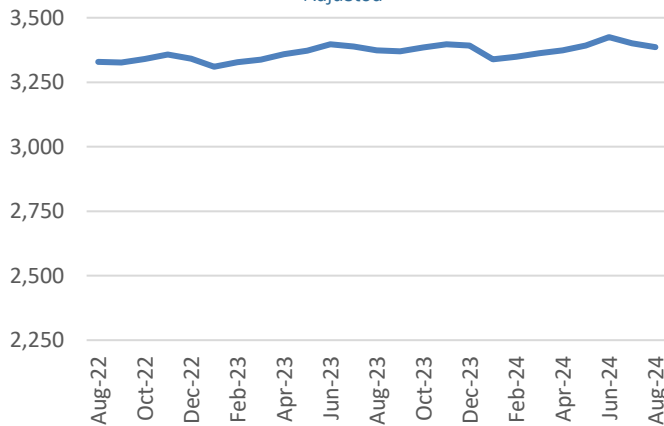
THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC MONITORING SYSTEM (REMS) REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2024

In August, over-the-year employment increased by 12,200 jobs or 0.4 percent in the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), while the national over-the-year employment increased by about 2.3 million jobs or 1.5 percent. Locally, the Leisure & Hospitality Sector lost 800 jobs and the Educational & Health Services Sector gained 10,100 jobs and the Professional & Business Sector lost 7,100 jobs during the last year. (374,000 jobs were lost between March 2020 and April 2020) The Washington region has gained 422,900 jobs between April 2020 and August 2024 – 101.5 percent. The region’s inflation increased in July to 3.7 percent from a rate of 3.3 percent in May. During August, the region’s unemployment rate increased to 3.7 percent, while the national rate decreased to 4.4 percent. The 2,137 new housing units authorized during August 2024 represent a 5.0 percent decrease from August 2023, when 2,249 new units were started. For a list of jurisdictions in the MSA, visit mwcog.org/REMS.

Washington MSA Total Employment

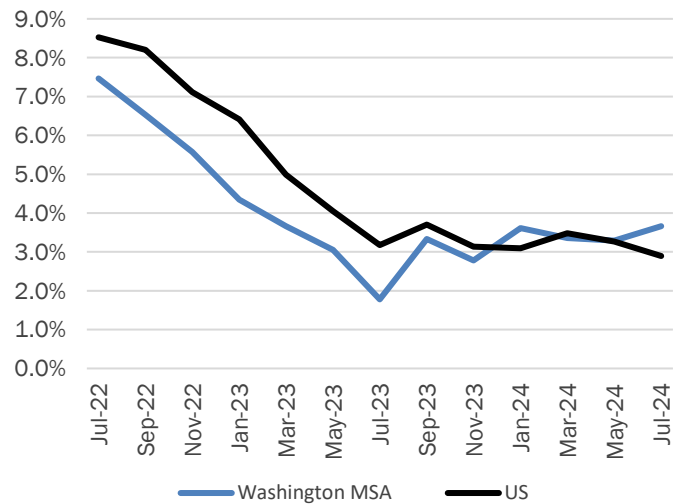
(1,000s of Jobs)

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Not Seasonally Adjusted



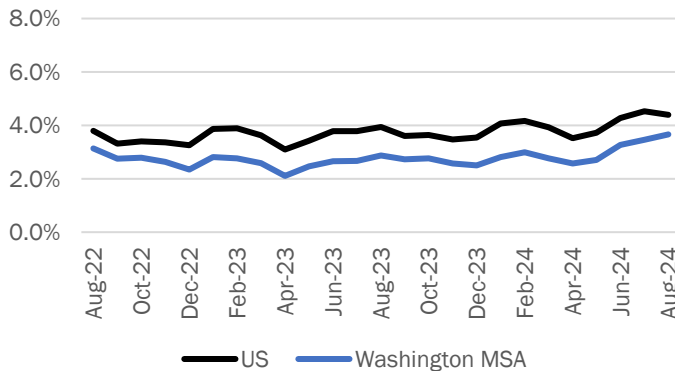
Over-the-Year Inflation Rate Washington MSA and US

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



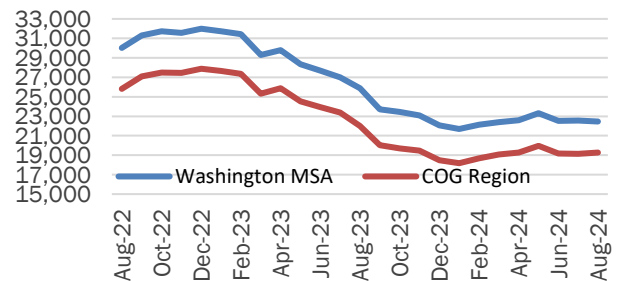
Unemployment Rate Washington MSA and US

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* - August 2024

(1,000s of Jobs)

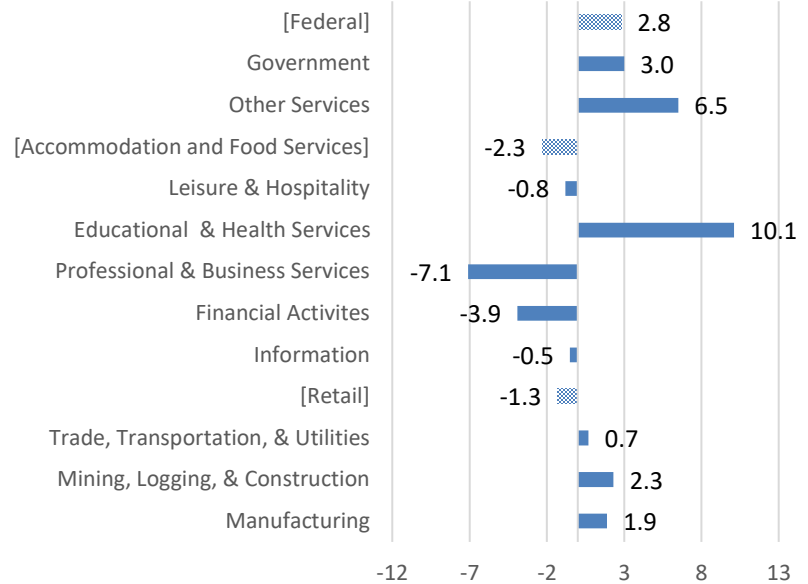
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Industry Group	At-Place Employment		Change from Last Year	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Manufacturing	59.8	1.8	1.9	3.3
Mining, Logging & Construction	167.0	4.9	2.3	1.4
T,T, & U	404.5	11.9	0.7	0.2
[Retail]	258.1	7.6	-1.3	-0.5
Information	79.6	2.4	-0.5	-0.6
Financial Activities	150.5	4.4	-3.9	-2.5
Prof. and Bus. Services	815.1	24.1	-7.1	-0.9
Educ. & Health Services	462.4	13.7	10.1	2.2
Leisure & Hospitality	334.0	9.9	-0.8	-0.2
[Accom. and Food Services]	278.0	8.2	-2.3	-0.8
Other Services	202.3	6.0	6.5	3.3
Government	710.6	21.0	3.0	0.4
[Federal]	373.6	11.0	2.8	0.8
Total	3,385.8	100.0	12.2	0.4

Washington MSA Over-the-Year Employment Change by Industry Group* August 2024

(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.	2,137	Aug-24	-112 -5.0
	Rate (%)	Month	Rate Last Year
Unemployment Rate¹	3.7	Aug-24	2.9
Inflation Rate²	3.7	Jul-24	1.8

Sources: Preliminary data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

¹Indicates MSA-level Data

²The 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.