

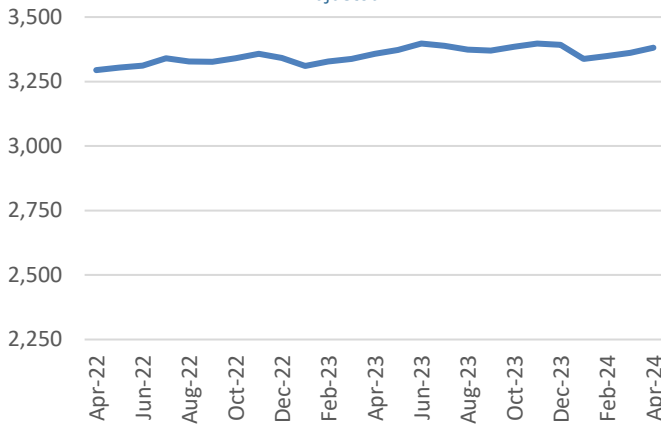
THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC MONITORING SYSTEM (REMS) REPORT – MAY 2024

In April, over-the-year employment increased by 23,100 jobs or 0.7 percent in the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), while the national over-the-year employment increased by about 2.8 million jobs or 1.8 percent. Locally, the Leisure & Hospitality Sector gained 1,400 jobs and the Educational & Health Services Sector gained 12,100 jobs during the last year. (374,000 jobs were lost between March 2020 and April 2020) The Washington region has gained 418,300 jobs between April 2020 and April 2024 – 101.3 percent. The region’s inflation decreased in March to 3.4 percent from a rate of 3.6 percent in January. During April, the region’s unemployment rate decreased to 2.6 percent, while the national rate decreased to 3.5 percent. The 2,543 new housing units authorized during April 2024 represent a 9.0 percent increase from April 2023, when 2,332 new units were started. For a list of jurisdictions in the MSA, visit mwcog.org/REMS.

Washington MSA Total Employment

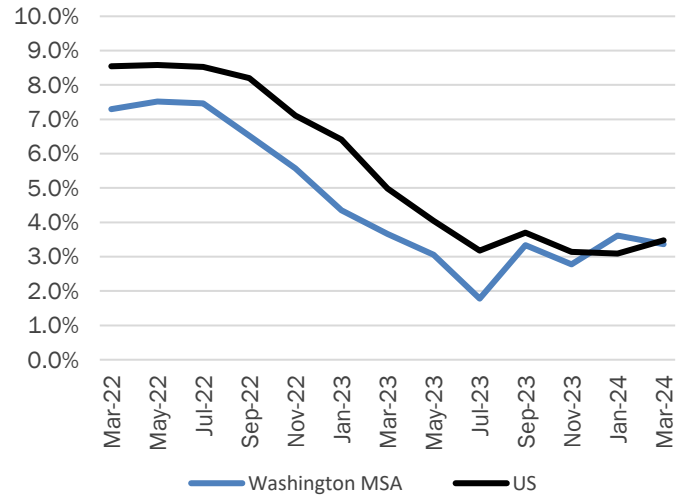
(1,000s of Jobs)

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Not Seasonally Adjusted



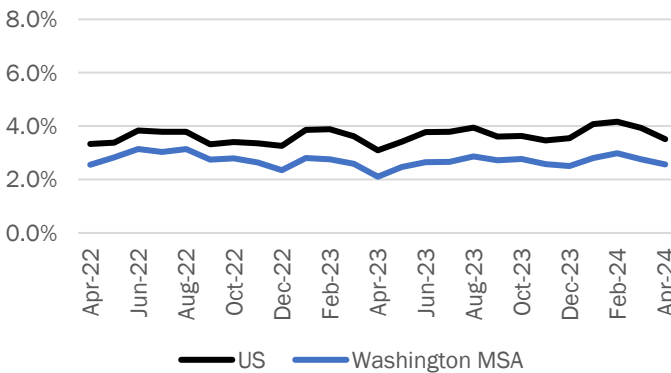
Over-the-Year Inflation Rate Washington MSA and US

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



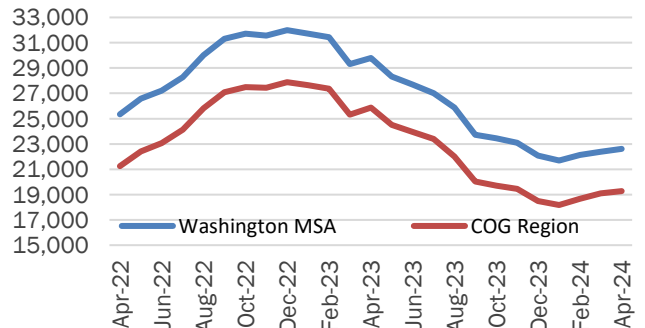
Unemployment Rate Washington MSA and US

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* - April 2024

(1,000s of Jobs)

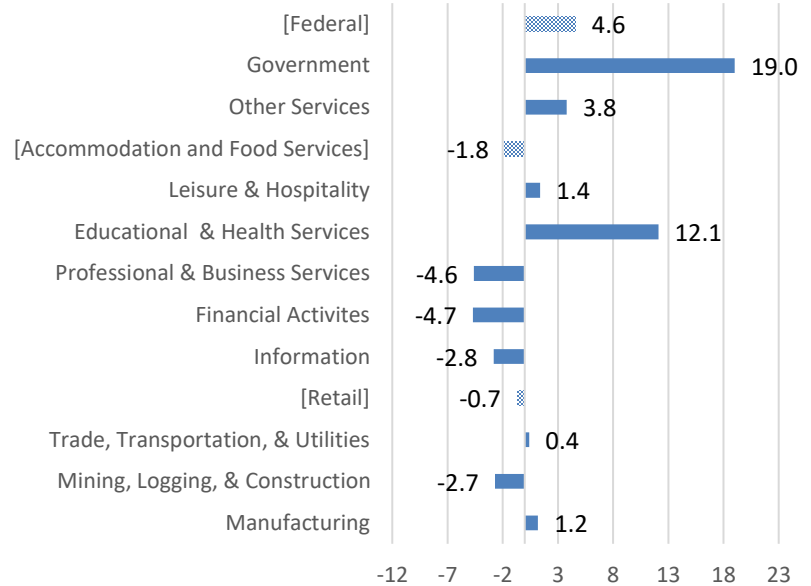
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Industry Group	At-Place Employment		Change from Last Year	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Manufacturing Mining, Logging & Construction	58.2	1.7	1.2	2.1
T,T, & U	399.7	11.8	0.4	0.1
[Retail]	255.8	7.6	-0.7	-0.3
Information	79.2	2.3	-2.8	-3.4
Financial Activities	150.1	4.4	-4.7	-3.0
Prof. and Bus. Services	812.4	24.0	-4.6	-0.6
Educ. & Health Services	467.2	13.8	12.1	2.7
Leisure & Hospitality	319.9	9.5	1.4	0.4
[Accom. and Food Services]	272.3	8.1	-1.8	-0.7
Other Services	196.0	5.8	3.8	2.0
Government	738.0	21.8	19.0	2.6
[Federal]	373.4	11.0	4.6	1.2
Total	3,381.2	100.0	23.1	0.7

Washington MSA Over-the-Year Employment Change by Industry Group* April 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	Number
New Homes Auth.	2,543	Apr-24	211
			9.0
	Rate (%)	Month	Rate Last Year
Unemployment Rate¹	2.6	Apr-24	2.1
Inflation Rate²	3.4	Mar-24	3.7

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 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.