

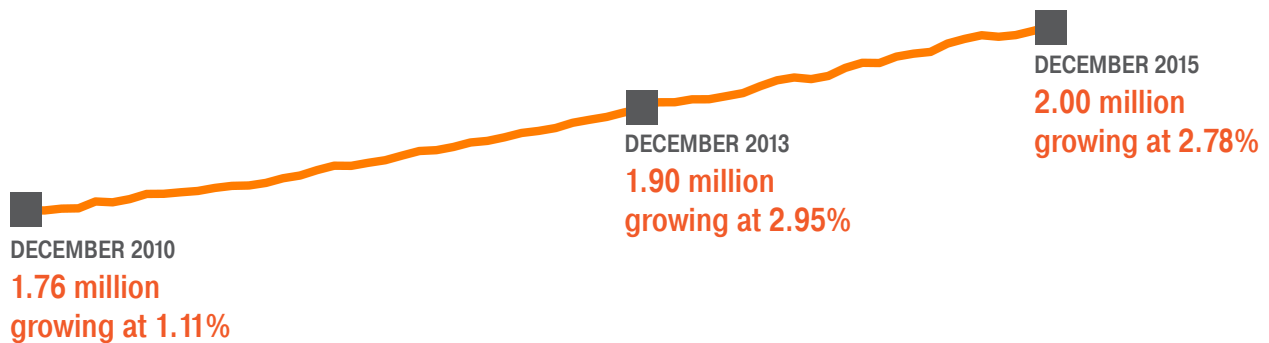
Region adds 54,300 jobs in 2015

In 2015 the Puget Sound region gained 54,300 jobs, marking the fifth consecutive year of job growth. All four central Puget Sound counties – King, Pierce, Snohomish and Kitsap – gained new jobs.

During the last five years, the region experienced a surge in job growth much more robust than the previous 10 years. The region added a total of 241,300 jobs between 2010 and 2015, compared to loss of 6,600 jobs in the previous five-year period from 2005 to 2010, and a gain of only 16,700 from 2000 to 2005.

Annual Wage and Salary Employment – Seasonally Adjusted

(December 2010 to December 2015)



Growth of Jobs by 5-year Increments

YEARS	1990-95	1995-00	2000-05	2005-10	2010-15
Seattle MSA (King & Snohomish Counties)	72,600	240,100	-18,600	-1,600	209,100
Bremerton MSA (Kitsap County)	3,600	5,800	12,000	-2,700	3,700
Tacoma MSA (Pierce County)	21,900	30,500	23,300	-2,300	28,500
Region	98,100	276,400	16,700	-6,600	241,300

Coming up in March

We'll look at regional job data for the first month of 2016. January typically shows a seasonal dip in the job growth rate as companies end seasonal holiday work.

SOURCE: Employment Security Department: WA Employment Estimates (Seasonally Adjusted), Date: 1/26/2016
December 2015 estimates are preliminary.