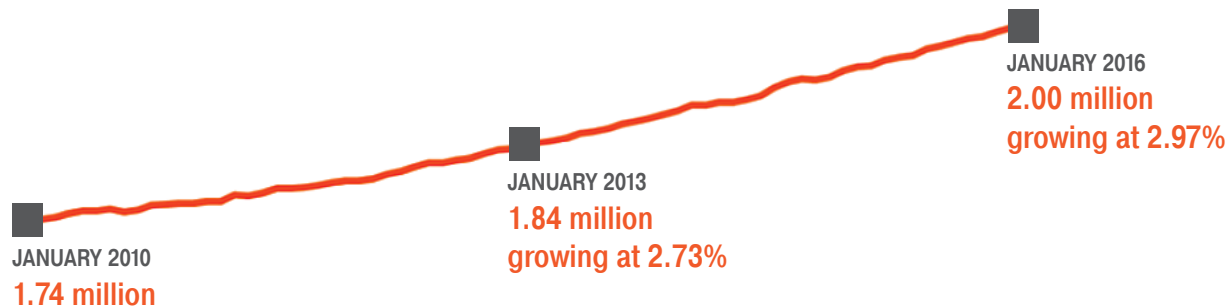


Region starts off the year by adding 150 jobs per day

The region added 4,500 jobs in the first month of 2016. That's 150 jobs per day. The majority of the job gains occurred in King and Snohomish Counties. The annual job growth rate remained around 3% in January 2016 despite the traditional end to retail seasonal work. In December 2015, the region gained 5,200 jobs.

Annual Wage and Salary Employment – Seasonally Adjusted

(January 2010 to January 2016)



The region started the year building on six years of robust job growth, adding 269,600 jobs since January 2010. The region gained 58,000 jobs since January 2015, which is 6% higher than 54,600 jobs added between January 2014 and January 2015. The regional civilian labor force increased 1.6% since January 2015 and the unemployment rate in January 2016 remained at 5.3%.

Coming soon:

We'll look at the regional job data for the month of February 2016 and investigate job trends further into 2016.