

Region added 59,700 jobs in 2017 – 362,800 new jobs since 2010

The region's strong economy continued to generate significant job growth in 2017, adding 59,700 jobs.

The number of jobs is slightly more than the job gain of 59,400 in 2016, and marks the eighth consecutive year of job growth for the region.

Regionwide, jobs grew 21 percent since 2010, or 3 percent in the past year. The strongest job growth was in the Seattle metro area, which includes King and Snohomish counties.

Central Puget Sound Region Job Growth, 2010-2017

	2010	2015	2016	2017	2010-2017 DIFFERENCE	2016-2017 DIFFERENCE	2010-2017 DIFFERENCE	2016-2017 GROWTH RATE
Seattle MSA	1,407,500	1,616,000	1,664,000	1,715,900	308,400	51,900	22%	3%
Tacoma MSA	270,900	299,700	311,900	317,400	46,500	5,500	17%	2%
Bremerton MSA	84,200	88,900	89,800	92,100	7,900	2,300	9%	3%
Total	1,762,600	2,006,615	2,065,700	2,125,400	362,800	59,700	21%	3%

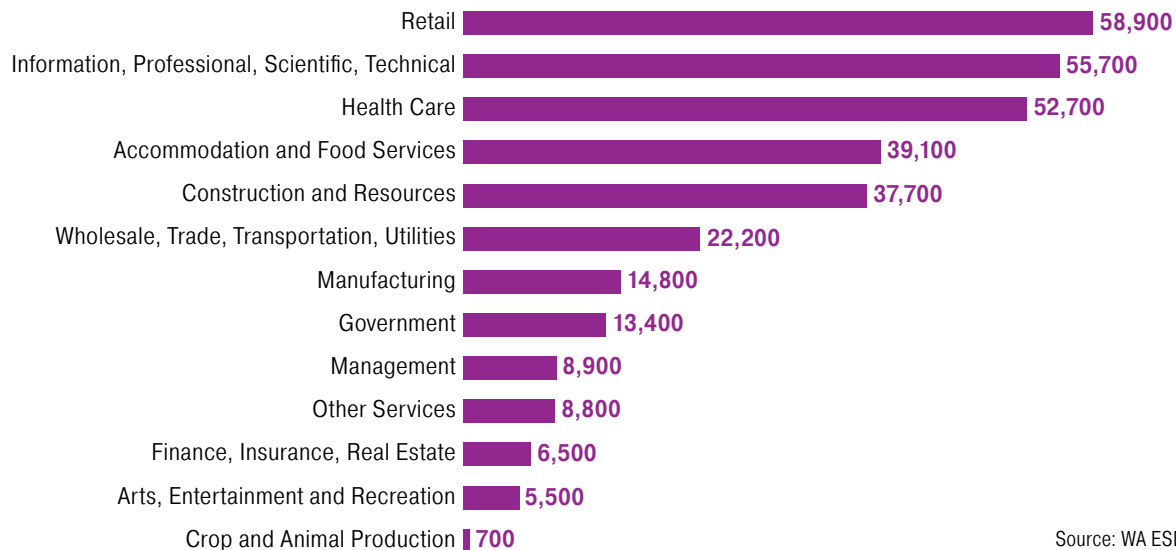
Source: <https://fortress.wa.gov/esd/employmentdata/reports-publications/economic-reports/washington-employment-estimates>

Locally focused job sectors accounted for the bulk of the jobs added, increasing to accommodate a growing regional population.

These sectors include retail, health care, accommodations & food services, and construction. The retail sector in the region, however, also includes jobs in the rapidly growing Internet retailer industry.

The information, professional, scientific, and technical sector grew strongly over the period, reflecting the region's thriving IT economy.

Central Puget Sound Region Job Change, 2010-2017



Source: WA ESD, QCEW: Q2