

Whatcom County 2015 Top Employers

The Center for Economic and Business Research at Western Washington University asks businesses for permanent full-time employees based in Whatcom County each year – the following table is for employment counts as of 12/31/15 for those businesses with more than 200 employees. Getting this information is harder than you might think due to differences in how companies define full-time, how to count people who work in different locations during the year, etc. Numbers in the table should be used for discussion purposes and reference, with an understanding of the uncertainty surrounding the numbers.

Not all companies contacted agree to have their employment numbers published. If an omission is believed to have occurred, please contact the Center for Economic and Business Research at Western Washington University by phone at 360 -650-3909 or by e-mail at cebr@wwu.edu.

2015 Rank	2014 Rank	Company	Full Time Employ	Notes
1	1	St Joseph Hospital	2750	
2	8	Lummi Nation	1781	Reflects total FTE of all tribal entities, including government, casino, retail and schools.
3	2	Western Washington University	1690	
4	4	Bellingham Public Schools	962	Reported as FTEs
5	5	The City of Bellingham	825	Reported as FTEs
6	6	BP Cherry Point	820	
7	7	Whatcom County	809	
8	20	Fred Meyer	760	Company provides only total employees (all FT and PT)
9	10	Zodiac Interiors	607	
10	11	Alcoa Intalco Works	586	
11	14	Matrix Service Inc	455	
12	13	Alpha Technologies	439	
13	17	T mobile	437	Company provides only total employees (all FT and PT)
14	33	Bellingham Tech. College	432	
15	15	Lynden school district	405	
16	3	Smith Gardens	400	Previous year included seasonal workers
17	31	The Markets	392	
18	n/a	Family Care Network	380	
19	16	Anvil Corporation	372	

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20	19	Faithlife (Formerly Logos)	361	
21	n/a	Lynden Door Company	360	
22	18	Ferndale school district	307	
23	21	Cascade DAFO	281	
24	27	WECU	279	
25	26	Haggen	262	Estimate
26	28	Mt. Baker School District	251	
27	38	Diamond B Construction	250	
28	37	Blaine School District	241	
29	30	Target	240	Estimate
30	24	Whatcom Community College	237	Includes, Faculty, classified and exempt staff but not adjunct faculty.
31	23	Peoples Bank	233	
32	32	Meridian School District	226	
33	n/a	Peak-Ryzex	225	Estimate
34	34	Samson Rope Tech	210	
35	n/a	Nature's Path Foods USA Inc	210	
36	25	Trident Seafood	206	
37	35	Trans Ocean Products	203	