

# Whatcom County 2016 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 12/31/16 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](mailto:cebr@wwu.edu).

## Whatcom County Top Employers, 2016

2016 Rank	2015 Rank	Company Name	Number of Employees	Notes
1	1	St Joseph Hospital	2126	FTE
2	9	Lummi Nation	1780	
3	3	Bellingham Public Schools	987	FTE
4	6	Whatcom County	881	
5	2	Western Washington University	839	FTE
6	5	BP Cherry Point	820	Estimated based on prior years
7	4	The City of Bellingham	788	
8	7	Fred Meyer	778	
9	25	Haggen	751	Total employees
10	8	Zodiac Interiors	607	
11	10	Alcoa Intalco Works	580	
12	13	T mobile	437	
13	14	Bellingham Tech. College	430	
14	15	Lynden school district	430	
15	18	Family Care Network	426	
16	16	Smith Gardens	400	
17	19	Anvil Corporation	400	Estimated
18	31	Peoples Bank	394	FTE
19	21	Lynden Door Company	380	
20	12	Alpha Technologies	373	
21	17	The Markets	370	
22	22	Ferndale school district	358	

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23	11	Matrix Service Inc	340	
24	27	Diamond B Construction	300	
25	24	WECU	292	
26	20	Faithlife (Formerly Logos)	285	
27	23	Cascade DAFO	285	
28	30	Whatcom Community College	285	
29	26	Mt. Baker School District	275	FTE
30	42	Nooksack Valley school district	263	Total employees
31	28	Blaine School District	250	
32	39	Costco	250	Estimated using FTE
33	29	Target	240	
34	32	Meridian School District	226	
35	33	Peak-Ryzex	225	Estimated based on prior years
36	34	Samson Rope Tech	215	
37	37	Trans Ocean Products	208	
38	48	Aramark	200	FTE, Estimated based on prior years
39	35	Nature's Path Foods USA Inc	195	
40	40	Walmart	193	
41	36	Trident Seafood	178	
42	38	Bellingham Cold Storage	154	
43	41	Phillips 66 Refinery	150	Estimated based on prior years
44	45	South Everson Lumber Co Inc (SELCO)	145	
45	49	Specified Fittings, Inc	140	
46	43	Mt Baker Products	135	
47	44	Walton Beverage	130	FTE
48	46	Mayberry Packing LLC	115	
49	47	Haskell Corp	110	
50	50	Healthy Pet (formerly Absorption Corp)	64	