

# 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	2	Western Washington University	1499	FTE (1,689 headcount)
4	3	Bellingham Public Schools	987	FTE
5	6	Whatcom County	881	
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	22	Ferndale school district	510	FTE
13	13	T mobile	437	
14	14	Bellingham Tech. College	430	
15	15	Lynden school district	430	
16	18	Family Care Network	426	
17	16	Smith Gardens	400	
18	19	Anvil Corporation	400	Estimated
19	31	Peoples Bank	394	FTE
20	21	Lynden Door Company	380	
21	12	Alpha Technologies	373	

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22	17	The Markets	370	
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		Community Food Co-Op	250	
34	29	Target	240	
35	32	Meridian School District	226	
36	33	Peak-Ryzex	225	Esimated based on prior years
37	34	Samson Rope Tech	215	
38	37	Trans Ocean Products	208	
39	35	Aramark	200	FTE, Estimated based on prior years
40	40	Nature's Path Foods USA Inc	195	
41	36	Walmart	193	
42	48	Trident Seafood	178	
43		SPIE	171	FTE
44	38	Bellingham Cold Storage	154	
45	41	Phillips 66 Refinery	150	Estimated based on prior years
46	45	South Everson Lumber Co Inc (SELCO)	145	
47	49	Specified Fittings, Inc	140	
48	43	Mt Baker Products	135	
49	44	Walton Beverage	130	FTE
50		Mount Baker Imaging	117	Headcount, includes affiliated organization
51	46	Mayberry Packing LLC	115	
52	47	Haskell Corp	110	
53	50	Healthy Pet (formerly Absorption Corp)	64	