

Whatcom County 2018 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 12/31/18 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.

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2017 Rank	2018 Rank	Company Name	Total Headcount
1	1	St Joseph Hospital	3028**
2	2	Lummi Nation	2083
3	3	Western Washington University	1769*
4	4	Bellingham Public Schools	1028
5	5	Whatcom County	912*
7	6	The City of Bellingham	885
6	7	BP Cherry Point	850
10	8	Fred Meyer	770**
11	9	Alcoa Intalco Works	720*
9	10	Haggen	709
16	11	Matrix Service Inc	575*
15	12	Blaine School District	562
14	13	Ferndale School District	512
-	14	Peak-Ryzex	500
17	15	Safran Cabin Inc (Formerly Zodiac Interiors)	496*
34	16	Whatcom Community College	479
19	17	Family Care Network	479
18	18	Lynden Door Company	463*
22	19	Lynden School District	455
21	20	T-mobile	437**

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23	21	Peoples Bank	434
13	22	Bellingham Tech. College	420
25	23	Smith Gardens	400*
26	24	Anvil Corporation	400*
12	25	WECU	389*
27	26	The Markets	370*
28	27	Aramark	339*
20	28	Costco	331
29	29	Alpha Technologies Services Inc.	331**
31	30	Faithlife (Formerly Logos)	322**
32	31	Diamond B Construction	300*
33	32	Cascade DAFO	300**
-	33	Walmart	275
30	34	Mt. Baker School District	275**
45	35	Community Food Co-Op	263
44	36	Nooksack Valley School District	263
35	37	Meridian School District	262
36	38	Trans Ocean Products	256*
39	39	Nature's Path Foods USA Inc	220
37	40	Target	200**
38	41	Samson Rope Tech	200
24	42	Phillips 66 Refinery	-

*Estimated using assumption that all part-time employees work 20 hours a week

**Estimated from 2017 numbers

***Phillips 66 Refinery suppressed by request