

Whatcom County Top Employers: 2019

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 12/31/19. 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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2018 Rank	2019 Rank	Company Name	Total Headcount
1	1	St Joseph Hospital	3116
3	2	Western Washington University	2647
2	3	Lummi Nation	2083*
4	4	Bellingham Public Schools	1186
6	5	The City of Bellingham	903
5	6	Whatcom County	902
11	7	Matrix Service Inc	870
7	8	BP Cherry Point	850*
13	9	Ferndale School District	847
10	10	Haggen	747
9	11	Alcoa Intalco Works	720*
15	12	Safran Cabin Inc (Formerly Zodiac Interiors)	583
16	13	Whatcom Community College	530
12	14	Blaine School District	525
19	15	Lynden School District	500
17	16	Family Care Network	491
18	17	Lynden Door Company	463*
22	18	Bellingham Tech. College	454**
21	19	Peoples Bank	451
25	20	WECU	389*
30	21	Faithlife (Formerly Logos)	353
27	22	Aramark	339*
28	23	Costco	331*
34	24	Mt. Baker School District	327**
33	25	Walmart	305

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33	25	Walmart	305
24	26	Anvil Corporation	300***
31	27	Diamond B Construction	300*
32	28	Cascade DAFO	300***
42	29	Phillips 66 Refinery	-
35	30	Community Food Co-Op	263
37	31	Meridian School District	262*
39	32	Nature's Path Foods USA Inc	223
38	33	Trans Ocean Products	214
41	34	Samson Rope Tech	210
26	35	The Markets	206
40	36	Target	200
43	37	Opportunity Council	185
45	38	SPIE	177
46	39	Mayberry Packing LLC	150
51	40	Healthy Pet (formerly Absorption Corp)	143
52	41	Mount Baker Imaging	132
49	42	Mt. Baker Products	130
53	43	Walton Beverage	120
36	44	Nooksack Valley School District	111
54	45	South Everson Lumber Co Inc (SELCO)	110
50	46	Specified Fittings, Inc	68

*Based on 2018 numbers

**Estimated using assumption that all part-time employees work 20 hours/week on average

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Phillips 66 Refinery suppressed by request