

## Whatcom County 2014 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 12/31/14. 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 [Hart.Hodges@wwu.edu](mailto:Hart.Hodges@wwu.edu).

Rank	Previous Rank	Company	Employees	Notes
1	1	St Joseph Hospital	2750	
2	2	Western Washington University	1072	
3	7	Bellingham Public Schools	946	
4	4	The City of Bellingham	813	
5	3	BP Cherry Point	779	
6	5	Whatcom County	774	
7	8	Lummi Nation	760	
8	10	Aramark	620	Number is estimated from prior years. Company did not respond to 2015 survey.
9	11	Zodiac Interiors	600	Formerly Heath Tecna Inc.
10	12	Alcoa Intalco Works	579	
11	13	Silver Reef Casino	522	
12	18	Alpha Technologies	420	
13	16	Walmart	378	Number is estimated from prior years. Company did not respond to 2015 survey.

14	17	Matrix Service Inc.	375	Number is estimated from prior years. Company did not respond to 2015 survey.
15	15	Lynden school district	365	
16	19	T mobile	340	Number is estimated from prior years. Company did not respond to 2015 survey.
17	20	Ferndale school district	306	Previous year over reported due to inclusion of part-time employees
18	21	Faithlife (Formerly Logos)	300	Number is estimated from prior years. Company did not respond to 2015 survey.
19	23	Fred Meyer	280	Company provides an estimate of full-time based on total headcount.
20	24	Cascade DAFO	275	Number is estimated from prior years. Company did not respond to 2015 survey.
21	25	Phillips 66 Refinery	275	
22	14	Whatcom Community College	269	Previous year over reported due to inclusion of part-time employees
23	6	Haggen	262	Previous year over reported due to inclusion of part-time employees
24	33	Trident Seafood	265	
25	26	WECU	261	
26	22	Mt. Baker School District	251	
27	27	Target	240	Number is estimated from prior years. Company did not respond to 2015 survey.
28	9	The Markets	225	Previous year over reported due to inclusion of part-time employees
29	N/A	Meridian School District	219	

30	32	Bellingham Tech. College	211	
31	30	Samson Rope Tech	210	
32	31	Trans Ocean	209	Number is estimated from prior years. Company did not respond to 2015 survey
33	35	Blaine School District	179	
34	34	Diamond B Construction	173	
35	29	Costco	167	
36	36	Sterling Insurance	150	Number is estimated from prior years. Company did not respond to 2015 survey.
37	28	Nooksack Valley school district	135	
38	37	Mayberry Packing LLC	115	
	**	Anvil Corporation		Company is expected to be significant but did not respond to 2015 survey.