



2022 Whatcom County Top Employers List

The Center for Economic and Business Research at Western Washington University asks businesses for the number of workers they employ in Whatcom County each year – the following table is for employment counts as of 12/31/22. Some data from 2021 is included where the Center was unable to collect an updated response. While it may seem straightforward, labor information can get complicated due to differences in defining full-time labor, how to count people who work in different locations during the year, and other potential data errors

Numbers in the table should be used for discussion purposes and reference, with an understanding of the uncertainty surrounding the numbers and self-selection bias of volunteered data.

In conducting this research, we have included those companies reporting a headcount of more than 130 to help limit the overall size of the list.

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WHATCOM COUNTY TOP EMPLOYERS: 2022

2022 Rank	2021 Rank	Business Name	2022 Headcount
1	1	St. Joseph Medical Center	3117*
2	3	Western Washington University	2490
3	2	Lummi Nation	1698
4	4	Bellingham Public Schools	1423*
5	6	City of Bellingham	1119
6	7	Whatcom County	918*
7	15	Whatcom Community College	832
8	-	Haggen	715
9	5	BP Cherry Point	700
10	10	LTI, Inc.	557*
11	20	Family Care Network	405
12	-	Whatcom Educational Credit Union (WECU)	402
13	13	Fred Meyer	398
14	11	Blaine School District	395
15	14	Peoples Bank	313
16	-	Alpha Technology Services	302
17	27	Whatcom Transportation Authority	291*
18	21	Anvil Corporation	280
19	-	Semiahmoo Resort, Golf and Spa	260
20	-	Trans-Ocean Products, Inc.	254
21	-	Harris Pacific Northwest, LLC	242
22	24	Walmart	237
23	-	Mills Electric	185
24	-	WinCo Foods	152
25	-	Mt. Baker Care Center	149
26	-	CHS Northwest	148
27	-	Hardware Sales Inc.	133

*Based on 2021 numbers

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