

# Top 10 Public Databases for Economic Development

## Labor Market and Economic Analysis, Employment Security (ESD) <http://www.workforceexplorer.com>

Check out the home page for the latest monthly Employment Situation reports, Business Employment Dynamics, and the most recent area analyses of labor markets under *What's New?*

Scroll down the home page to *How Do I Find?* and check out the Numbers and Trends Tool.

Check out Data Analysts under *Quick Links* for downloadable datasets under *Local Household Dynamics* such as: Local Employment Dynamics Dashboard, Quarterly Workforce Indicators, *Community Economic Development HotReport*, Industry Focus, and *OnTheMap*.

To save your query in *My Labor Market Info*, LOGIN before you make your selections.

## Office of Financial Management (OFM) <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/>

Check out the *Population* tab for Estimates and Forecasts, County GMA Projections, Small Area Estimate Program, Annexation and Census, Migration, Census 2000, Race and Minority Data, and Population Density.

Check out the *Research & Data* tab for Economy, Fiscal Research, Health Care, Education, Human Services, State Population Survey, Criminal Justice, Washington Trends, County & City Data, State Data Book, GIS Data, and Research Briefs.

## Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED) <http://www.cted.wa.gov/site/112/default.aspx>

Check out *ChooseWashington.com*, and drill down by county to options such as *Favorable Location Search*, *State Data*, *Washington Industries*, *Business Resources*, and *Media Center*.

Each option includes more drill down possibilities. For example, *Favorable Location Search* allows Search by Criteria, by Map/County/City, by Land & Buildings, and Site Selectors Page.

## Department of Revenue (DOR) <http://www.dor.wa.gov/content/AboutUs/StatisticsAndReports/Default.aspx>

Check out a variety of *Statistical Reports* such as: Comparative State & Local Taxes, Comparison of County Assessor Statistics, Detailed Tax Data by Industry and Tax Classification, Local Sales & Use Tax Distributions, Property Tax Local Levy Detail, Property Tax Statistics, Quarterly Business Reviews, State-Assessed Utility Valuation, State Excise Tax Interest Rates for 2009, Tax Statistics, and Taxable Retail Sales Comparison for all Cities & Unincorporated Counties.

## Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) <http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/summary.aspx?year=2007-08>

Check out a variety of statistical reports such as: *WASL Results*; *Student Demographics* including: Enrollment broken out by Gender, Ethnicity, and Special Programs; *Teacher Information*; and *Financial Data*.

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## State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC)

[http://www.sbctc.ctc.edu/college/e\\_workforceedu.aspx](http://www.sbctc.ctc.edu/college/e_workforceedu.aspx)

Check out the *Workforce Education* link, a collaborative website with the Association of Washington Business and the State Board.

[http://www.sbctc.ctc.edu/college/d\\_index.aspx](http://www.sbctc.ctc.edu/college/d_index.aspx)

Check out an array of staff reports posted such as: Basic Skills Tipping Point, High School/College Programs, Historical Enrollment, Student Achievement, Students of Color, Worker Retraining (Dislocated Workers), and WorkFirst. Check out *Data Links/Data Reporting/Data Warehouse* for databases available for research including: CIP, Class, College, Completions, Data Linking for Outcomes Assessment (DLOA), Financial Aid, PMIS, Student, Student Achievement, Stuclass, Transcripts, Transfer STEM Majors, and WABERS.

## Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) <http://www.hecb.wa.gov/news/newsfacts/KeyFacts2007.asp>

Check out a variety of *Key Facts* including Colleges and enrollments; Students, faculty, staff; Readiness, participation in college, transfers, achievement; Higher education finances; and Financial aid.

## Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (WTB) <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/>

Check out the left navigation bar for each of these sections: *What We Do*; *High Skills, High Wages Strategic Plan*; *Publications & Links*; and *Career Planning Resources*.

## U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) <http://www.bls.gov/data/>

Check out these databases: Inflation & Prices, Employment, Unemployment, Pay & Benefits, Spending & Time Use, Productivity, Workplace Injuries, International, Employment Projections, Regional Resources, Historical News Release Tables, Maps, and Calculators.

## U.S. Census Data “Quick Facts”, U.S. Department of Commerce

<http://quickfacts.census.gov/gfd/states/53000.html>

Check out county and statewide data such as *People QuickFacts* (age, gender, ethnicity, language skills, and educational attainment); housing units and ownership; median household income, percent of households in poverty, and per capita income. Data include *Business QuickFacts* such as number of nonfarm establishments, ownership by ethnicity; wholesale and retail trade, and building permits. Alternatively, click on *Browse data sets* to find more detailed and historical data organized via *People QuickLinks*, *Business QuickLinks*, *Geography QuickLinks*, and *Other QuickLinks*.

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