# Yakima County Economy – 2015 in Review

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#### Analyzed county-level QCEW data for 22 industries/sectors

#### 19 private-industry sectors

NAICS 11 (Agriculture, forestry and fishing)

NAICS 21 (Mining)

NAICS 22 (Utilities)

NAICS 23 (Construction)

NAICS 31-33 (Manufacturing)

NAICS 42 (Wholesale trade)

NAICS 44-45 (Retail trade)

NAICS 48-49 (Transportation and warehousing)

NAICS 51 (Information)

NAICS 52 (Finance and insurance)

NAICS 53 (Real estate and rentals)

NAICS 54 (Professional and business services)

NAICS 55 (Management of companies)

NAICS 56 (Administrative and waste services)

NAICS 61 (Private education services)

NAICS 62 (Health services)

NAICS 71 (Arts, entertainment and recreation)

NAICS 72 (Accommodation and food services)

NAICS 81 (Other services)

#### Three government sectors

Federal government

State government

Local government

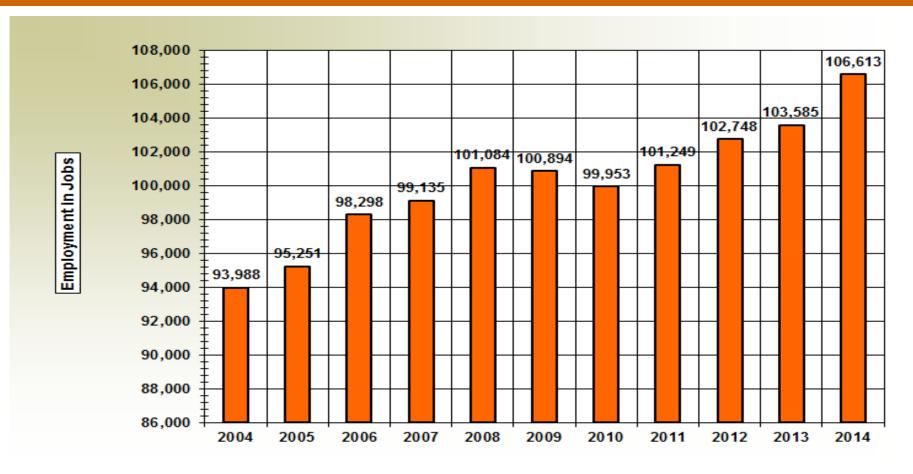
\* North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)

QCEW is the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, a

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data set.



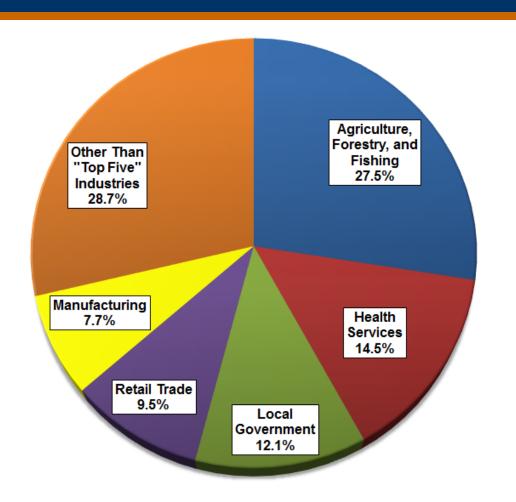
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Source: QCEW Data



### Yakima County: Top 5 industries by employment in 2014

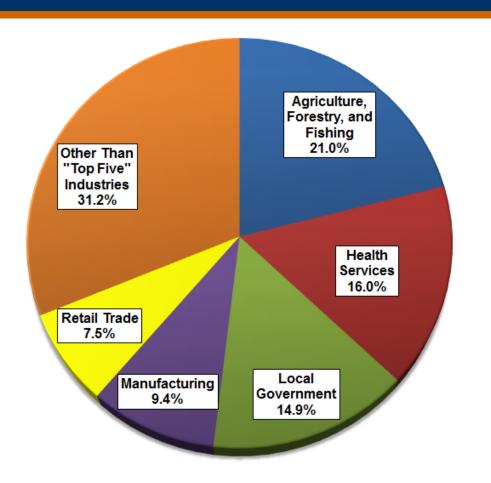


Yakima County: Top Five Industries by Employment in 2014			
Industry	Number of Jobs		
Agriculture,			
Forestry, and			
Fishing	29,331		
Health Services	15,456		
Local Government	12,896		
Retail Trade	10,103		
Manufacturing	8,216		
Other Than "Top			
Five" Industries	30,611		
Total Covered			
Employment	106,613		

Source: QCEW Data



## Yakima County: Top 5 industries by wages in 2014



Yakima County: Top Five Industries by Wages in 2014			
Industry	Number of Jobs		
Agriculture,			
Forestry, and			
Fishing)	\$775,183,033		
Health Services	\$592,111,640		
Local Government	\$548,775,275		
Manufacturing	\$347,502,709		
Retail Trade	\$276,141,632		
Other Than "Top			
Five" Industries	\$1,152,116,174		
Total Covered			
Wages	\$3,691,830,463		

Source: QCEW Data



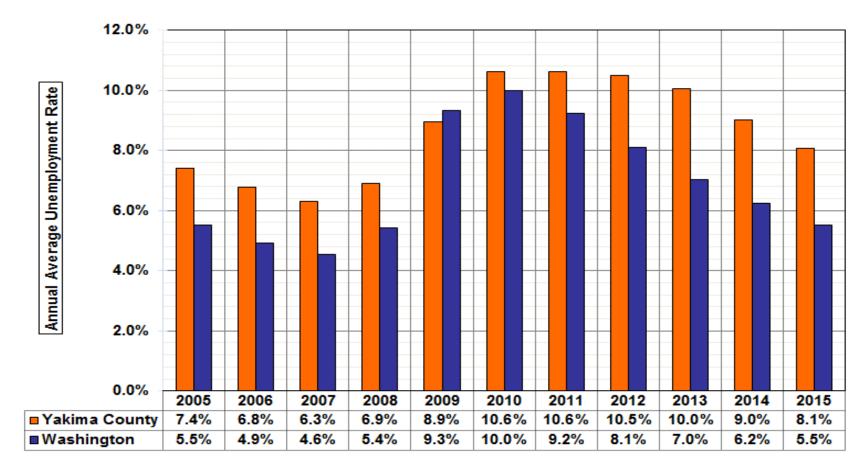
#### Yakima County in 2014: Summary of "Top 5" industries

Total covered wages = \$3.69 billion Average annual employment = 106,613 Average annual wage = \$34,628 (WA = \$55,003)

Industry	Percent of jobs (in Yakima County)	Percent of wages (in Yakima County)		
Agriculture	27.5	21.0		
Health services	14.5	16.0		
Local government	12.1	14.9		
Retail trade	9.5	7.5		
Manufacturing	7.7	9.4		

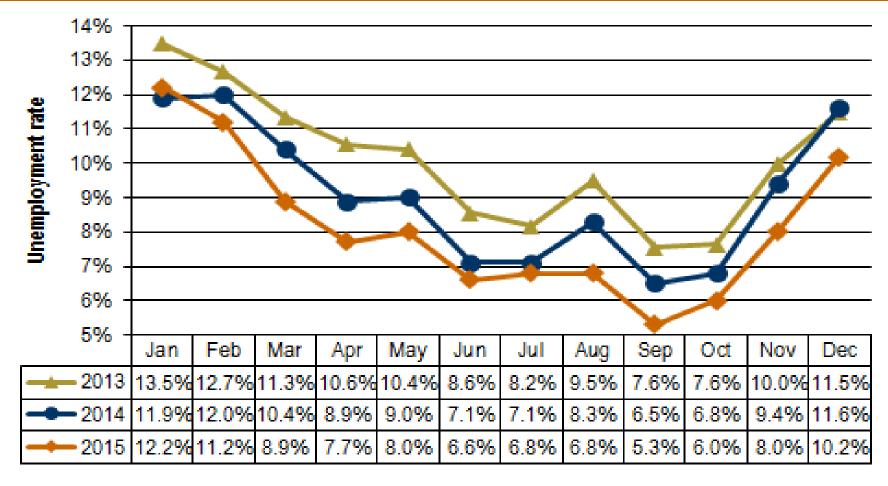


# Annual Average Unemployment Rates in Yakima County and in Washington from 2005-2015





#### Unemployment Rates in Yakima County: From January 2013-December 2015



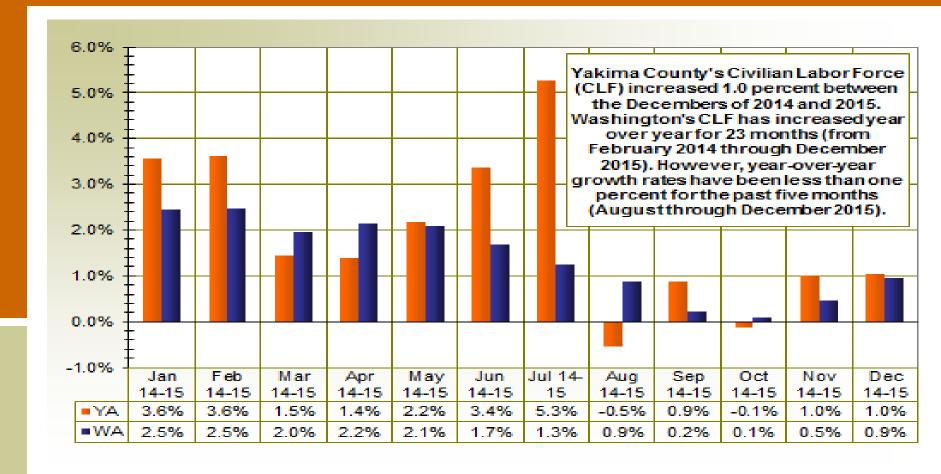


#### Yakima County's Civilian Labor Force: From December 2014-December 2015

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	Preliminary	Revised	Dec-14	Dec-14	
Yakima County	Dec-15	Dec-14	Dec-15	Dec-15 %	
Labor force and unemployment					
Civilian labor force	117,177	115,969	1,208	1.0%	
Resident employment	105,180	102,511	2,669	2.6%	
Unemployment	11,997	13,458	-1,461	-10.9%	
Unemployment rate	10.2	11.6	-1.4		



## Labor Force Changes in Yakima County and Washington in the last twelve months





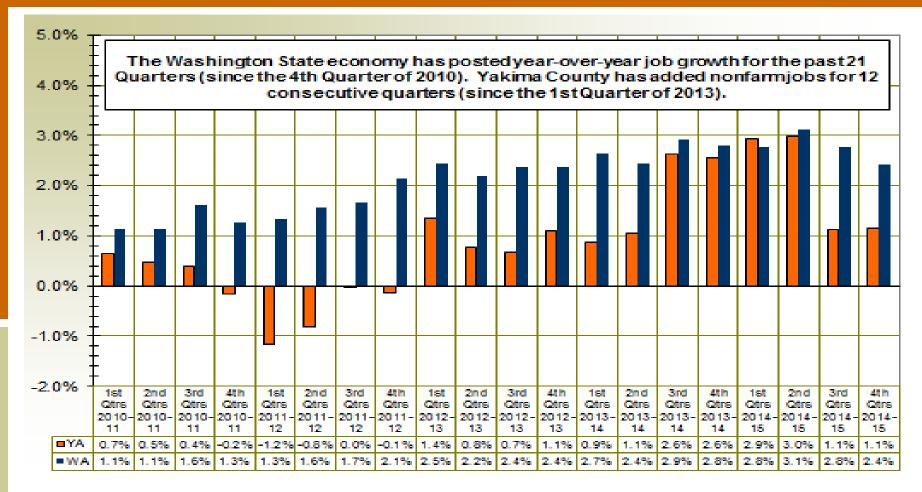
## Yakima County: Total nonfarm employment from 2005-2015



Source: CES Data, LMPA, ESD

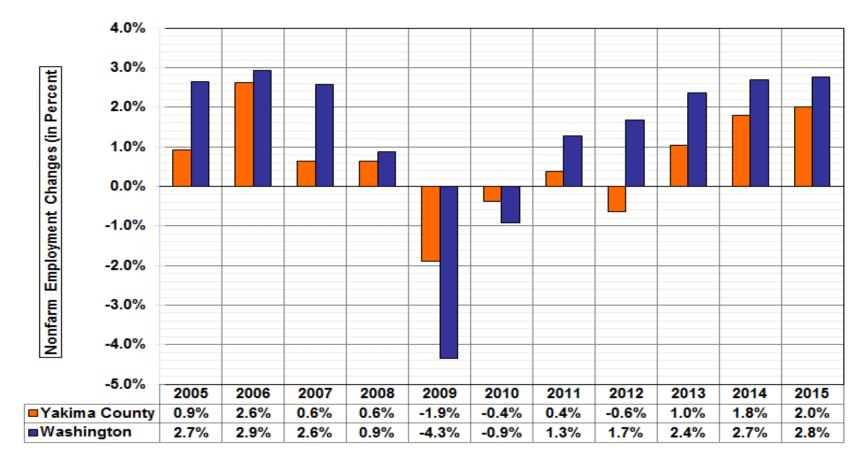


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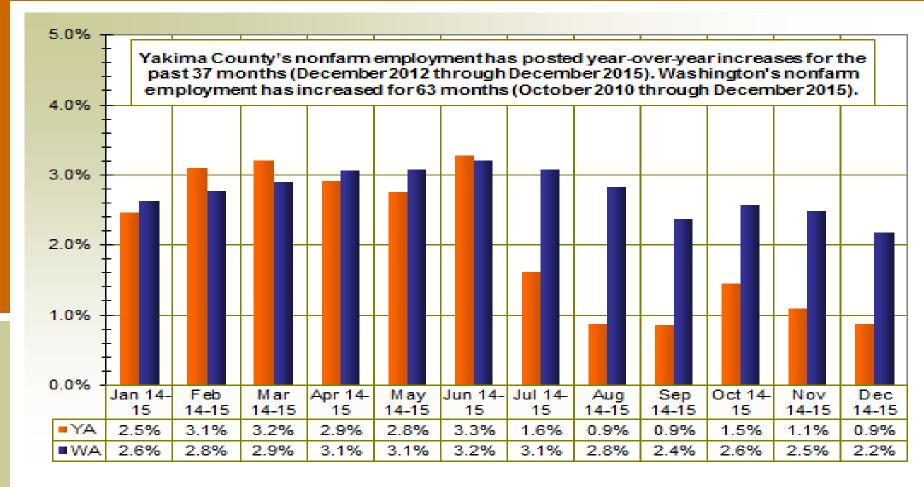


# Yakima County and Washington: Nonfarm employment changes during the last 11 years (2005-2015)





#### Nonfarm employment changes in Yakima County and Washington in the last twelve months



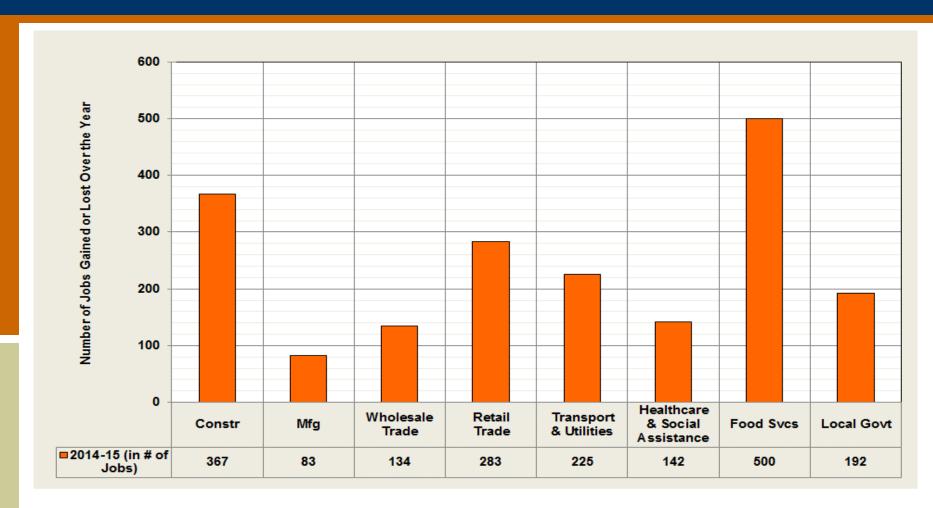


## Yakima County - Nonfarm job growth in major industries from 2014 to 2015

	Ann. Avg.	Ann. Avg.		
Industry		Employment in	Job Change	Percent Change
	2014			
Total Nonfarm	79.8		1.6	2.0%
Total Private	62.9		1.4	2.2%
Goods Producing	11.6	12.0	0.4	3.9%
Mining, Logging, and				
Construction	3.3	3.7	0.4	11.1%
Manufacturing	8.3	8.3	0.1	1.0%
Nondurable Goods	5.4	5.4	0.0	0.8%
Service Providing	68.3	69.4	1.2	1.7%
Private Service Providing	51.3	52.2	0.9	1.8%
Trade, Transportation, and				
Utilities	18.0	18.6	0.6	3.6%
Wholesale Trade	4.4	4.6	0.1	3.0%
Retail Trade	10.2	10.5	0.3	2.8%
Transportation and				
Utilities	3.4	3.6	0.2	6.7%
Professional and Business				
Services	3.7	3.7	(0.0)	-0.7%
Education and Health				
Services	16.7	16.8	0.1	0.5%
Health Care and Social				
Assistance	15.5	15.7	0.1	0.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	6.8	7.3	0.4	6.5%
Food Services	5.0	5.5	0.5	9.9%
Government	16.9	17.2	0.2	1.4%
Federal Government	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0%
State Government	2.7	2.7	0.0	1.6%
Local Government	13.1		0.2	1.5%

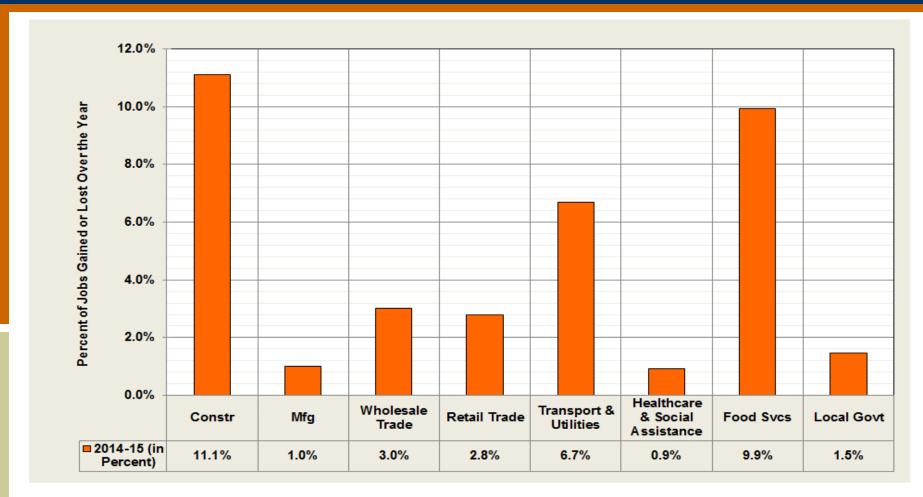


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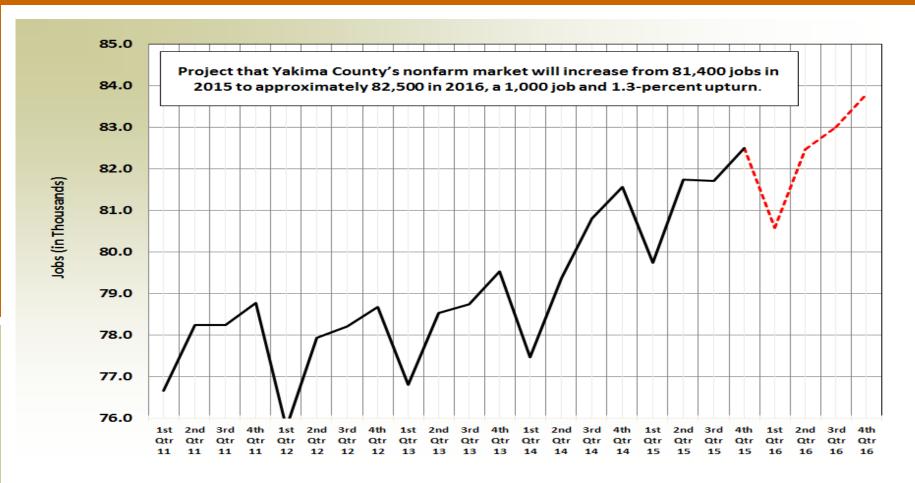


#### Yakima County: Comparison of 2015 Employment Projections (on 9 Feb 15) with Actual Data (on 8 Feb 16)

On 9 February 2015:					
-	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	An Avg
2015 (Projected)	80.5	82.5	82.7	83.7	82.3
2014	78.8	81.0	81.1	82.4	80.8
2014-2015 (in #)	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.5
2014-2015 (in %)	2.1%	1.9%	1.9%	1.6%	1.9%
On 8 February 2016:					
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	An Avg
2015 (Actual)	79.7	81.7	81.7	82.5	81.4
2014	77.5	79.4	80.8	81.6	79.8
2014-2015 (in #)	2.3	2.4	0.9	0.9	1.6
2014-2015 (in %)	2.9%	3.0%	1.1%	1.1%	2.0%



### Projected nonfarm job growth in Yakima County for 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Quarters 2016





# Nonfarm job growth in 2015 was robust in the first two quarters but sluggish in the last two

- The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined from 9.0 in 2014 to 8.1 percent in 2015.
- Yakima County's labor force increased from 119,411 residents in 2014 to 121,689 in 2015 (up 1.9 percent). However, growth rates were slow (one percent or less) from August through December 2015.
- Nonfarm employment averaged 81,400 in 2015, adding 1,600 jobs since 2014, a 2.0 percent increase. Construction, retail trade, transportation and utilities, and food services accounted for 87.5 percent of the 1,600 jobs added during 2015.



# Yakima County – 2015 in Review Questions?

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