



CONSTRUCTION IN WASHINGTON STATE



Great Jobs Excellent Wages More Opportunities

- Almost 280,500 people were employed in construction (including services and suppliers) in 2019 — 10% of the private-sector workforce.
- Construction-worker pay averages \$63,764 (carpenters average \$65,517; electricians \$73,305; construction supervisors \$82,556; construction laborers \$51,384).
- Total construction payroll in 2019 was almost \$19.2 billion, 10% of total payroll for all industries.
- 61% of Washington's construction firms report difficulty in attracting craft workers.



Construction's Positive Multiplier Effect

- For each \$1 invested in new construction, the state's economy generates an additional \$1.97 in economic activity.
- For each \$1 invested in new construction, earnings increase by 54 cents for *all* households—not just those employed in construction.
- For each \$1 million invested in construction, an additional 10.89 jobs are created across the economy.



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Construction's Tax Contributions

- Construction businesses paid 21% (\$3.5 billion) of all state sales and B&O taxes in 2019.
- Construction businesses paid more than \$3 billion in state sales taxes—26% of the state total—a greater share than manufacturing (2%), services (24%), transportation/information/utilities (4%) and wholesale trade (6%).
- Construction businesses paid more than \$489 million in state B&O taxes—11% of the state's total.
- Construction firms paid more than \$1.2 billion in local sales taxes.

Sources: University of Washington, Employment Security Department, Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics, AGC of America survey

About Associated General Contractors

AGC of Washington and Inland Northwest AGC are committed to enhancing the performance of our members, representing their interests, and building a better climate for construction. We represent firms engaged in commercial construction, including general contractors, specialty contractors, suppliers and service firms.

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