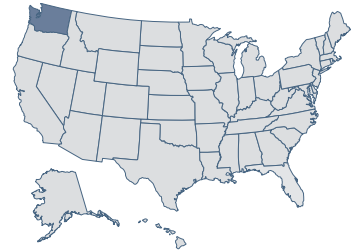


Washington

5 Economic Performance
Rank: 2009

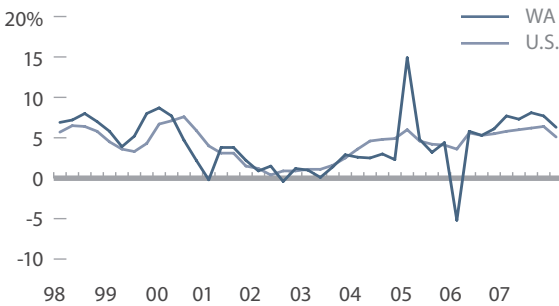
22 Economic Outlook
Rank: 2009



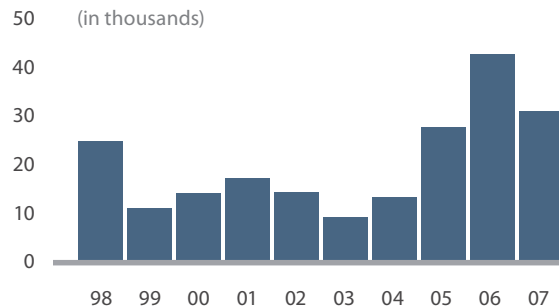
Economic Performance Rank (1=best 50=worst)

A historical measure based on a state's performance (equally weighted average) in the three important performance variables shown below. These variables are highly influenced by state policy.

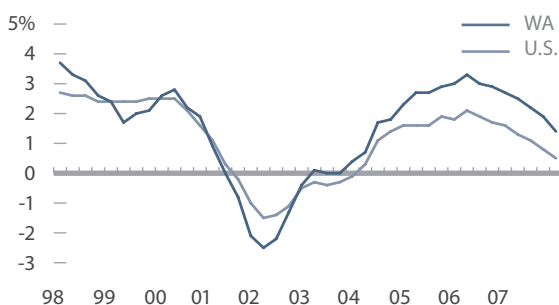
Personal Income Per Capita Cumulative Growth 1997-2007 **55.8%** **Rank: 13**



Absolute Domestic Migration Cumulative 1998-2007 **206,169** **Rank: 10**



Non-Farm Payroll Employment Cumulative Growth 1997-2007 **16.6%** **Rank: 13**



Economic Outlook Rank (1=best 50=worst)

A forecast based on a state's standing (equally weighted average) in the 15 important state policy variables shown below. Data reflect state + local rates and revenues and any effect of federal deductibility.

Historical Ranking Comparison
2008 ECONOMIC OUTLOOK RANK

30

Variable	Data	Rank
Top Marginal Personal Income Tax Rate	0.00%	1
Top Marginal Corporate Income Tax Rate	0.00%	1
Personal Income Tax Progressivity (change in tax liability per \$1,000 of income)	\$0.00	2
Property Tax Burden (per \$1,000 of personal income)	\$29.23	22
Sales Tax Burden (per \$1,000 of personal income)	\$39.80	49
Remaining Tax Burden (per \$1,000 of personal income)	\$25.84	44
Estate/Inheritance Tax Levied?	Yes	50
Recently Legislated Tax Changes (2007 & 2008, per \$1,000 of personal income)	\$0.06	28
Debt Service as a Share of Tax Revenue	10.0%	45
Public Employees Per 10,000 of Population (full-time equivalent)	525.4	13
State Liability System Survey (tort litigation treatment, judicial impartiality, etc.)	61.5	26
State Minimum Wage (federal floor is \$6.55)	\$8.07	50
Average Workers' Compensation Costs (per \$100 of payroll)	\$1.98	14
Right-to-Work State? (option to join or support a union)	No	50
Number of Tax or Expenditure Limits (0= least/worst, 3=most/best)	3	1