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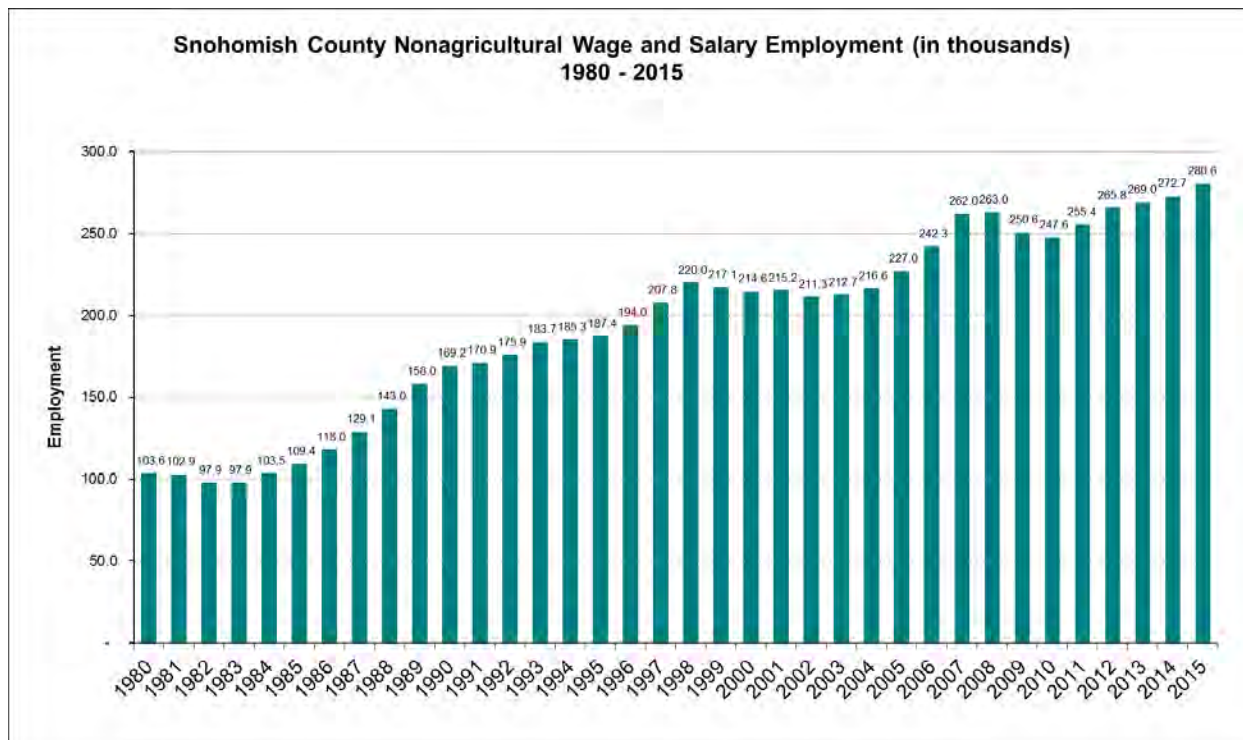
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Snohomish County continued steady job growth in 2015. Following a low-point in 2010 with non-agricultural wage and salary employment at 247,600 jobs, employment grew steadily each year, and by 2015 had grown to 280,600 jobs. (See Figure E-1).

The growth from 2010 to 2015 was led by the private sector, notably manufacturing. Manufacturing employment increased by 11,000 jobs, a 21.0% increase over 2010. Reversing the trend of the previous decade, manufacturing’s share of the county’s total jobs increased during the period from 21.3% in 2010 to 22.7% in 2015. Aerospace manufacturing in particular accounted for 8,600 of the growth in manufacturing jobs, 24.3% growth from 2010. Aerospace employment peaked in 2013 at 45,600 jobs before a small drop, finishing at 43,900 jobs in 2015. Service sector employment grew by 18,300, a 10.2% increase. However, the Service sector share of total jobs shrank from 72.3% in 2010 to 70.3% in 2015. Meanwhile, Government employment held fairly constant (-0.2%) over the period. (See Table E-1).

From 2014 to 2015, the largest rate of growth was in the Mining, Logging, and Construction sector, which grew by 2,100 to 19,600 jobs, 11.9% growth. (See Table E-1).

Figure E-1



Source: Washington State Employment Security Department (ESD). Data for 2014-2015 published September 2016.

Table E-1

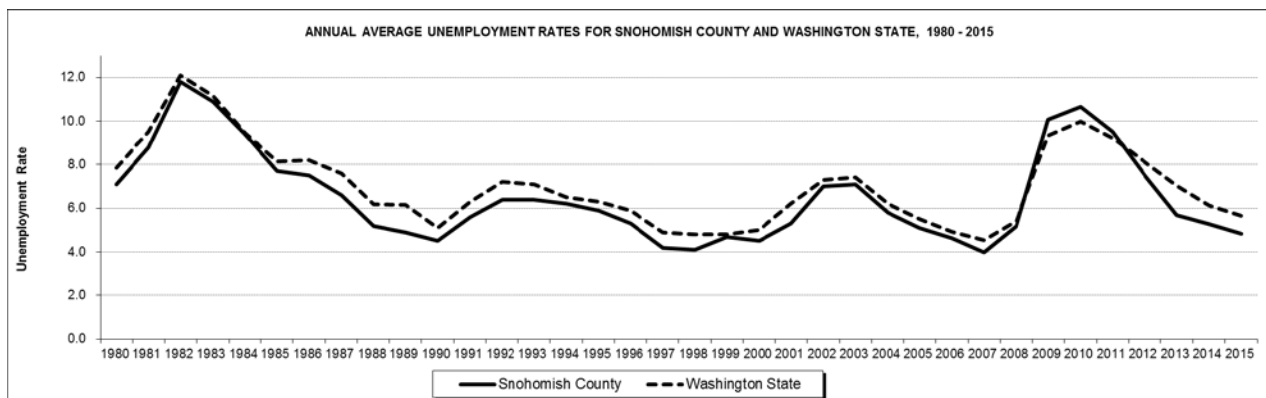
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers Employed in Snohomish County, 2010 - 2015												
NAICS INDUSTRY TITLE (in thousands)	2010		2011 Annual Average	2012 Annual Average	2013 Annual Average	2014 Annual Average	2015		2010 - 2015		2014-2015	
	Annual Average	Pct. Distrib.					Annual Average	Pct. Distrib.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.
Total Nonfarm 1/	247.6	100.0%	255.4	265.8	269.0	272.7	280.6	100.0%	33.0	13.3%	7.9	2.9%
Total Private	208.8	84.3%	218.2	228.6	231.4	234.5	241.9	86.2%	33.1	15.8%	7.3	3.1%
Goods Producing	68.6	27.7%	73.3	79.5	80.5	80.6	83.2	29.7%	14.7	21.4%	2.6	3.3%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	15.9	6.4%	15.0	15.5	16.1	17.5	19.6	7.0%	3.6	22.8%	2.1	11.9%
Manufacturing	52.6	21.3%	58.3	64.0	64.4	63.1	63.7	22.7%	11.0	21.0%	0.6	0.9%
Durable Goods	48.8	19.7%	54.5	60.8	61.3	59.9	60.2	21.5%	11.4	23.3%	0.3	0.5%
Computer and Electronic Product Mfg.	4.9	2.0%	4.9	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.5	1.9%	0.5	10.7%	-0.1	-1.9%
Aerospace Product and Parts Mfg.	35.3	14.2%	40.4	45.5	45.6	43.9	43.9	15.6%	8.6	24.3%	-0.1	-0.2%
Nondurable Goods	3.8	1.5%	3.8	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.5	1.2%	-0.4	-9.2%	0.3	7.8%
Service Providing	179.1	72.3%	182.1	186.4	188.4	192.1	197.4	70.3%	18.3	10.2%	5.3	2.7%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	42.2	17.0%	42.6	43.8	44.3	45.4	47.4	16.9%	5.2	12.3%	2.0	4.4%
Wholesale Trade	7.9	3.2%	8.1	8.1	7.9	8.0	8.1	2.9%	0.3	3.6%	0.2	2.3%
Retail Trade	30.6	12.4%	30.6	31.9	32.4	33.3	34.8	12.4%	4.2	13.8%	1.6	4.7%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	3.8	1.5%	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.2	4.5	1.6%	0.7	18.1%	0.2	5.8%
Information	5.4	2.2%	5.7	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.8	2.1%	0.4	7.6%	0.0	0.7%
Financial Activities	11.3	4.6%	11.4	11.2	12.5	12.2	12.3	4.4%	1.0	8.5%	0.1	1.0%
Professional and Business Services	20.4	8.2%	21.4	23.1	23.1	23.7	24.9	8.9%	4.5	22.1%	1.3	5.4%
Educational and Health Services	29.8	12.0%	31.6	31.9	32.0	32.9	33.3	11.8%	3.5	11.7%	0.4	1.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	21.7	8.8%	22.4	23.2	23.3	24.1	24.9	8.9%	3.1	14.4%	0.8	3.3%
Other Services	9.4	3.8%	9.8	10.1	9.9	10.0	10.1	3.6%	0.7	7.1%	0.1	1.0%
Government	38.8	15.7%	37.3	37.2	37.5	38.2	38.8	13.8%	-0.1	-0.2%	0.6	1.4%
Federal Government	2.5	1.0%	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.0	0.7%	-0.5	-20.0%	-0.1	-5.1%
State Government	5.8	2.3%	5.7	5.9	6.1	6.2	6.3	2.2%	0.5	8.4%	0.1	1.9%
State Educational Services	2.6	1.0%	2.6	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.3	1.2%	0.7	28.6%	0.2	5.0%
Local Government	30.5	12.3%	29.3	29.1	29.4	29.9	30.5	10.9%	-0.1	-0.2%	0.5	1.8%
Local Educational Services	14.3	5.8%	14.1	13.9	14.1	14.4	14.7	5.2%	0.5	3.3%	0.3	2.1%
Workers in Labor/Management Disputes	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%

1/ Excludes proprietors, self-employed, members of the armed services, workers in private households, and agriculture. Includes all full- and part-time wage and salary workers. Columns may not add due to rounding. Data prepared by the Labor Market and Economic Analysis Branch, Washington State Employment Security Department, data for 2014-2015 published September 2016.

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Snohomish County’s annual average unemployment rate dropped to 4.8% in 2015. That was the first time it was below 5% since 2007. (See Figure E-2).

Figure E-2



Source: Washington State Employment Security Department (ESD). Data for 2014-2015 published September 2016.

Snohomish County continues to have a larger share of its jobs in manufacturing than other counties in the Puget Sound Region

Snohomish County had the third largest number of non-agricultural jobs in the Puget Sound Region, behind King and Pierce Counties, with 14% of the region's jobs located in Snohomish County. Snohomish County had a significantly larger share of its employment in the manufacturing sector, at 23% in 2015, and has roughly one-third (33%) of the manufacturing jobs in the region. This is mainly due to the presence of Boeing, the aerospace manufacturer, which is the largest employer in the county.

Table E-2

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers Employed in Central Puget Sound Counties, 2015 Annual Averages															
NAICS INDUSTRY (in thousands)	2015 Snohomish County			2015 Pierce County			2015 King County			2015 Kitsap County			Central Puget Sound		
	County	%	Region % Share	County	%	Region % Share	County	%	Region % Share	County	%	Region % Share	County	%	
Total Nonfarm 1/	280.6	100%	14%	296.0	100%	15%	1,312.1	100%	66%	87.8	100%	4%	1976.5	100%	
Total Private	241.9	86%	14%	238.6	81%	14%	1,137.8	87%	68%	56.5	64%	3%	1674.8	85%	
Goods Producing	83.2	30%	28%	37.3	13%	12%	174.4	13%	58%	6.6	7%	2%	301.4	15%	
Mining, Logging, and Construction	19.6	7%	18%	20.2	7%	18%	67.4	5%	61%	4.2	5%	4%	111.4	6%	
Manufacturing	63.7	23%	33%	17.1	6%	9%	107.0	8%	56%	2.3	3%	1%	190.1	10%	
Aerospace Product and Parts Mfg.	43.9	16%	NA	NA	NA	NA	44.7	3%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Service Providing	197.4	70%	12%	258.8	87%	15%	1,137.8	87%	68%	81.2	93%	5%	1675.1	85%	
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	47.4	17%	13%	62.5	21%	17%	245.0	19%	67%	13.1	15%	4%	368.0	19%	
Wholesale Trade	8.1	3%	NA	13.1	4%	NA	62.4	5%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Retail Trade	34.8	12%	16%	36.1	12%	17%	133.8	10%	62%	10.5	12%	5%	215.3	11%	
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	4.5	2%	NA	13.3	4%	NA	48.9	4%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Information	5.8	2%	NA	2.9	1%	NA	89.1	7%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Financial Activities	12.3	4%	NA	13.7	5%	NA	70.0	5%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Professional and Business Services	24.9	9%	9%	27.5	9%	10%	215.7	16%	78%	7.0	8%	3%	275.1	14%	
Educational and Health Services	33.3	12%	NA	50.6	17%	NA	167.3	13%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Leisure and Hospitality	24.9	9%	13%	30.5	10%	16%	129.7	10%	67%	8.8	10%	5%	193.8	10%	
Other Services	10.1	4%	NA	13.7	5%	NA	46.7	4%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Government	38.8	14%	13%	57.4	19%	19%	174.3	13%	58%	31.3	36%	10%	301.7	15%	
Federal Government	2.0	1%	4%	11.7	4%	22%	20.0	2%	38%	18.5	21%	35%	52.2	3%	
State Government	6.3	2%	8%	11.9	4%	15%	59.1	5%	75%	2.0	2%	2%	79.2	4%	
Local Government	30.5	11%	18%	33.8	11%	20%	95.2	7%	56%	10.8	12%	6%	170.3	9%	
Workers in Labor/Management Disputes	0.0	0%	0%	0.0	0%	0%	0.0	0%	0%	0.0	0%	0%	0.0	0%	

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