

# How Washington Compares

2020 JLARC BRIEFING REPORT

This briefing report used national data to show how Washington compares to other states.

## Population, economy, health, and environment

	RANK	MEASURE	1-YEAR TREND
Population	13	7,614,893	↑
Percent change in population (10-year change)	9	14.2%	↓
Per capita personal income	7	\$62,026	↑
Per capita state GDP	6	\$75,088	↑
Annual unemployment rate	9	4.5%	↓
Percent of population living in poverty	42	10.3%	↓
Percent of population under 65 with health insurance	16	92.5%	↓
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	49	3.9	↓
Percent of adults 25+ with at least a high school education	15	91.6%	↑
Percent of adults with obesity (2018)	38	28.7%	↑
Per capita CO <sub>2</sub> emissions from fossil fuel combustion (2017)	39	10.93	↓

## Government spending and debt

	RANK	MEASURE	1-YEAR TREND
Per capita federal grants	33	\$1,945	↑
Per capita federal expenditures	30	\$8,084	↑
Per capita state expenditures	30	\$6,107	↑
Percent change in per capita state expenditures (10-year change)	25	3.2%	↓
Per capita general fund expenditures	17	\$2,725	↑
Per capita state and local debt outstanding	6	\$11,928	↑
State government FTEs per 100 persons	18	1.7	↓
Bond ratings (December 2019)	17	AA+	↑

Key	Measure <b>increased</b> from last year	↑
	Measure <b>decreased</b> from last year	↓

## Education costs and spending

	RANK	MEASURE	1-YEAR TREND
State and local per pupil funding, pre-K-12	19	\$13,275	↑
State per pupil funding, pre-K-12	9	\$8,944	↑
Average annual in-state tuition and fees at public 4-year institutions	25	\$10,080	↑
Percent change in in-state tuition and fees at public 4-year institutions (5-year change)	50	(-12.4%)	↑
Higher education appropriations per FTE student	25	\$6,966	↓

## Taxes and Revenue

	RANK	MEASURE	1-YEAR TREND
Per capita state revenue	21	\$8,052	↑
Per capita local revenue	6	\$6,918	↑
State & local revenue as a percent of personal income	27	23.1%	↑
Per capita state taxes	12	\$3,185	↑
Per capita local taxes	18	\$2,110	↑
Per capita state and local taxes	13	\$5,342	↑
State and local taxes as a percent of personal income	30	9.1%	↑

## Public assistance, transportation, and public safety spending

	RANK	MEASURE	1-YEAR TREND
Per capita Medicaid expenditures	29	\$1,618	↓
Percent of total state expenditures for public assistance	40	22.3%	↓
Per capita state and local road expenditures	25	\$572	↓
Per capita state public safety expenditures	30	\$200	↓

Data sets are the most current national data available, and range from 2016 to 2020.