One of the Larger Business Sectors in the State

More than 170,000 work in global trade and supply Chain in WA, more than in aerospace and almost as many as in IT
Economic Development and Industry Sector
Jobs in the Supply Chain Sector

Washington is a Huge Supply Chain State

Total Jobs in “Non All-In” Global Trade and Supply Chain Management, Washington State, 2009-2019

72,700 workers were employed in other industries in various roles and capacities, up from 62,800 in 2017.

These include 10,300 in aerospace, 4,000 in other manufacturing operations in the state, and an estimated 30,500 in e-commerce, primarily at Amazon but also at other businesses such as Zulily, based on custom analysis for this report.

Occupation Employment in Washington

Logisticians/Transportation, Storage, Distribution Managers

Source: JobsEQ®, Data as of 2021Q4, The shaded areas of the graph represent national recessions.
Economic Development and Industry Sector
Average Wage By Subsector

- Marine Cargo Shipping: $126,000 - $134,400
- Air Cargo Shipping: $119,400 - $117,100
- Freight Forwarding: $97,200 - $102,300
- Intermodal & Transloading: $73,400 - $79,700
- Warehousing and Storage: $71,800 - $70,500
- Couriers: $64,900 - $69,000
- Sector Average: $76,200 - $80,700
- Median Household Income, Washington State: $72,200 - $75,000

Average Wage

2017

2019

Global Trade & Supply Chain Management
Highline College
Purchasing Managers plan, direct, or coordinate the activities of buyers, purchasing officers, and related workers involved in purchasing materials, products, and services. Includes wholesale or retail trade merchandising managers and procurement managers. Their job duties include: developing reduction strategies and savings plans, develop cost reduction strategies and savings plans, develop and implement purchasing and contract management instructions, policies, and procedures. Prepare bid awards requiring board approval. Direct and coordinate activities of personnel engaged in buying, selling, and distributing materials, equipment, machinery, and supplies.

**Payscale**
- $145,200 in Washington,
- $132,700 in United States

**Education & Training**
- High School Diploma,
- Associate's Degree,
- Bachelor's Degree,
- Master's Degree,
- Certificate

**Jobs**
- 1864 in Washington,
- 73,560 in United States
Mentorship Program

Mentorship Guidebook

Mentorship Program Overview

This Mentorship Program has been developed to enhance the educational experience of students (Mentees) preparing for careers in the transportation, logistics, or supply chain field by matching them with current experienced professionals (Mentors). Mentees receive one-on-one guidance in planning their transition to the industry workforce and exposure to relevant professional networks for the purposes of career advancement. Mentors acquire experience in coaching the next generation of industry professionals and gain access to a local and diverse talent pipeline.
Where to Get Training

Education

Many of Washington’s community, technical colleges and universities offer a variety of certificates and degrees in the global trade, supply chain management, logistics management, transportation, and business career fields. Please contact us or the specific school if you have questions.

- BAS Programs
- Programs by Career
- Programs by College/University