



Spokane Area
Workforce Development Council

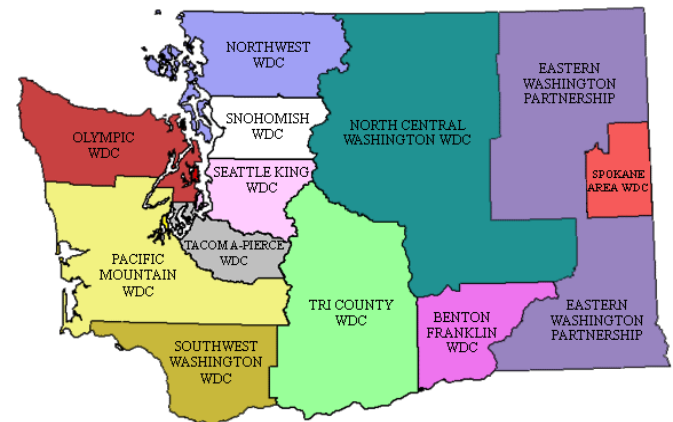
Spokane WDC Youth Education and Employment Services

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What is a workforce development council (WDC)?

- Responsible for bringing together business, government, labor, K-12, higher education, community service organizations, and economic development to create a workforce that meets the needs of our region.
- Job seeker (including students) and business services
- 12 WDCs in Washington State





Spokane job seeker and business services

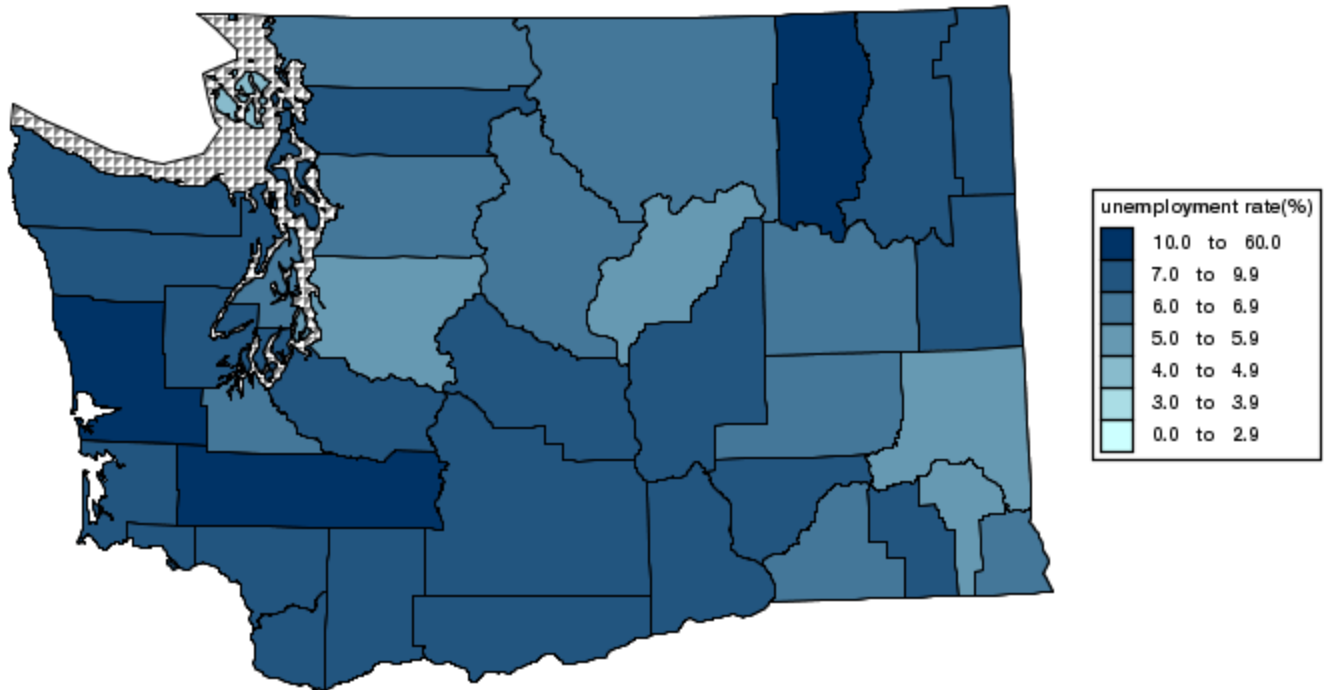
- WorkSource Spokane
 - 34,000 adults and 1,500 businesses served in 2012
 - Career pathway development, labor market information, training services, job search assistance, and more.
- Next Generation Zone
 - 2,500 young adults served in 2012
 - Career pathway development, paid internships, high school completion, college enrollment, and more.





WA State Unemployment Rates

Unemployment rates by county, not seasonally adjusted, Washington August 2013



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



Young Adults Most Affected by Great Recession

Washington State unemployment rate (percentage) by age group

Age Group	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
16 to 19 years	20.0	15.1	27.0	24.3	36.5	25.6	46.1	24.2
20 to 24 years	10.2	7.7	11.0	4.4	15.2	12.1	20.5	14.0
25 to 34 years	3.5	3.9	5.2	3.4	10.7	5.8	10.1	9.8
35 to 44 years	3.7	3.0	4.8	3.9	9.7	7.0	9.7	7.4
45 to 54 years	2.8	3.1	3.3	3.6	6.2	5.6	7.3	6.7
55 to 64 years	4.1	3.9	4.0	4.2	8.9	5.3	9.0	6.3
65 years and over	4.2	2.3	2.0	NA	8.4	2.9	12.4	5.7



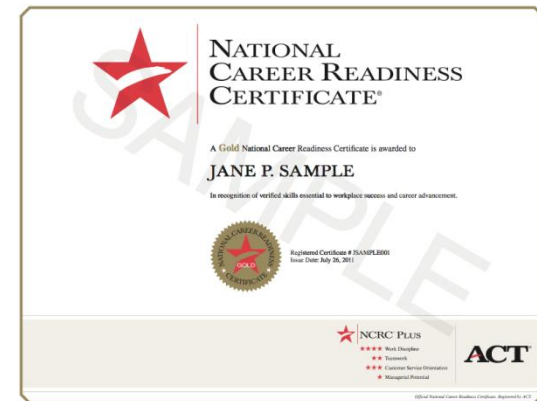
Low-income teens and young adults hit hard by Great Recession

- Moved from a time where greater than 50% of youth worked a summer job, to only 29%.
- However, among higher-income Caucasian families - 40% of teens can expect to obtain summer employment.
- Harvard report (2011): Only 9% of teens from low-income African-American families had a summer job.



Addressing youth unemployment

- Paid work experiences/internships
- Volunteer opportunities
- National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)





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