



Briefing Report

How Washington Compares 2019

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Background

Compilation of measures from national datasets—shows how WA compares to others

Intent is to make these public data sources more accessible and interactive

Based on peer evaluation offices, Virginia in particular

The background of the slide features a photograph of the Washington State Capitol building, showing its iconic dome and classical columns, partially obscured by green trees.

Overview of measures

Population size, economy, education, and health

Taxes and revenue

Government spending and debt

Education costs and spending

Public assistance, transportation, and public safety spending

Data is available in interactive dashboards

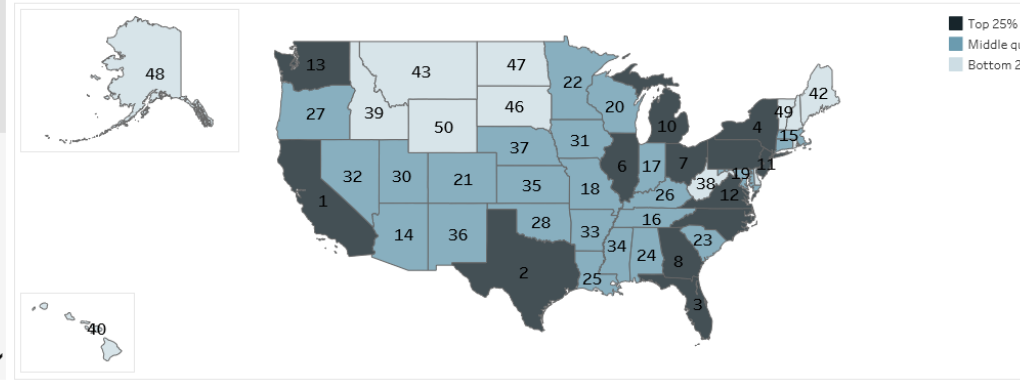
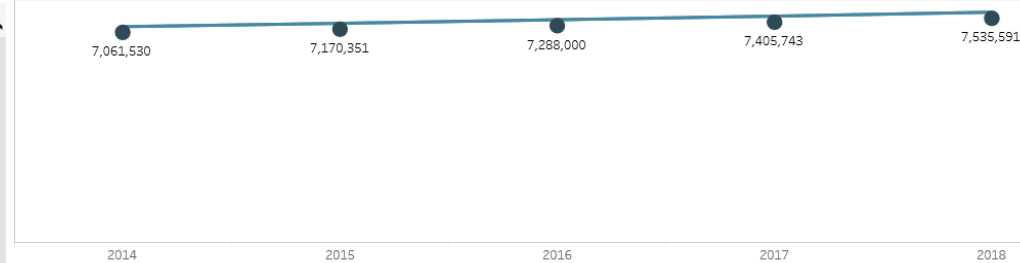
<http://leg.wa.gov/jlarc/reports/WACompares/default.html>

1. Population 2018

Select a state to filter

5-year trend: Washington

California	39,557,045
Texas	28,701,845
Florida	21,299,325
New York	19,542,209
Pennsylvania	12,807,060
Illinois	12,741,080
Ohio	11,689,442
Georgia	10,519,475
North Carolina	10,383,620
Michigan	9,995,915
New Jersey	8,908,520
Virginia	8,517,685
Washington	7,535,591
Arizona	7,171,646
Massachusetts	6,902,149
Tennessee	6,770,010
Indiana	6,691,878
Missouri	6,126,452
Maryland	6,042,718
Wisconsin	5,813,568
Colorado	5,695,564
Minnesota	5,611,179
South Carolina	5,084,127
Alabama	4,887,871
Louisiana	4,659,978
Kentucky	4,468,402
Oregon	4,190,713
Oklahoma	3,943,079
Connecticut	3,572,665
Utah	3,161,105
Iowa	3,156,145



[Click here to view percent change in population](#)

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

Category	Rank	Measure	1-Year Trend
Population size, economy, education, and health			
Population	13	7,535,591	↑
Percent change in population	6	14.8%	↑
Per capita personal income	8	\$57,896	↑
Per capita state gross product	5	\$70,799	↑
Annual unemployment rate	12	4.8%	↓
Percent of population living in poverty	37	11%	↓
Percent of population under 65 with health insurance	17	92.9%	↑
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	45	4.3	↓
Percent of adults 25+ with at least a high school education	15	91.3%	↑
Education costs and spending			
State and local per pupil funding, pre-K-12	19	\$12,691	↑
State per pupil funding, pre-K-12	12	\$8,498	↑
Average annual in-state and fees at public 4-year institutions	26	\$9,760	↑
Percent change in in-state tuition and fees at public 4-year institutions	50	(-16.3%)	↓
Higher education appropriations per FTE student	24	\$6,982	↑
Taxes and Revenue			
Per capita state revenue	21	\$7,018	↑
Per capita local revenue	6	\$6,469	↑
State & local revenue as a percent of personal income	26	21.0%	↑
Per capita state taxes	16	\$3,060	↑
Per capita local taxes	19	\$1,990	↑
Per capita state and local taxes	17	\$5,050	↑
State and local taxes as a percent of personal income	32	9.1%	↑
Government spending and debt			
Per capita federal grants	32	\$1,848	↓
Per capita federal expenditures	33	\$7,586	↓
Per capita state expenditures	29	\$6,034	↑
Percent change in per capita state expenditures	21	9.6%	↑
Per capita general fund expenditures	17	\$2,614	↑
Per capita state and local debt outstanding	6	\$11,686	↑
State government FTEs per 100 persons	18	1.7	↓
Bond ratings (December 2018)	18	AA+	Unchanged
Public assistance, transportation, and public safety spending			
Per capita Medicaid expenditures	28	\$1,621	↑
Percent of total state expenditures for public assistance	35	23.9%	↑
Per capita state and local road expenditures	21	\$575	↑
Per capita state public safety expenditures	17	\$252	↑

Key
 Measure increased from last year ↑
 Measure decreased from last year ↓

The complete report is on the JLARC web site: www.leg.wa.gov/jlarc
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Next Steps

2019 report is pilot effort – measures may be revised in future updates

Full Report

leg.wa.gov/jlarc/AuditAndStudyReports

A photograph of the Washington State Capitol building, featuring a prominent dome and classical architectural elements, set against a backdrop of trees and a body of water.

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