

# Chelan & Douglas Counties: 2023 Update

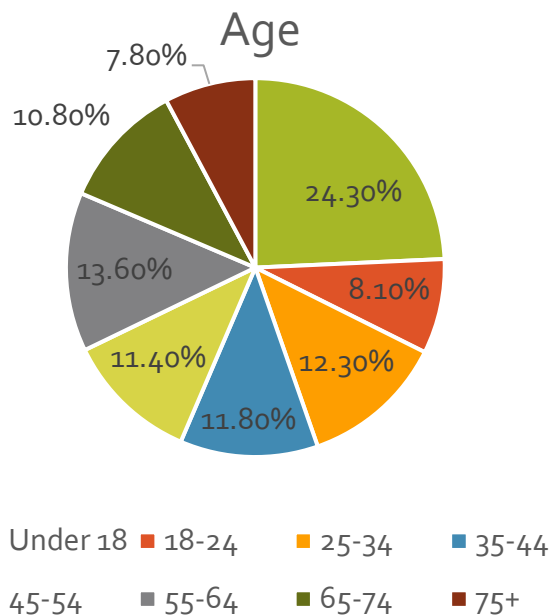
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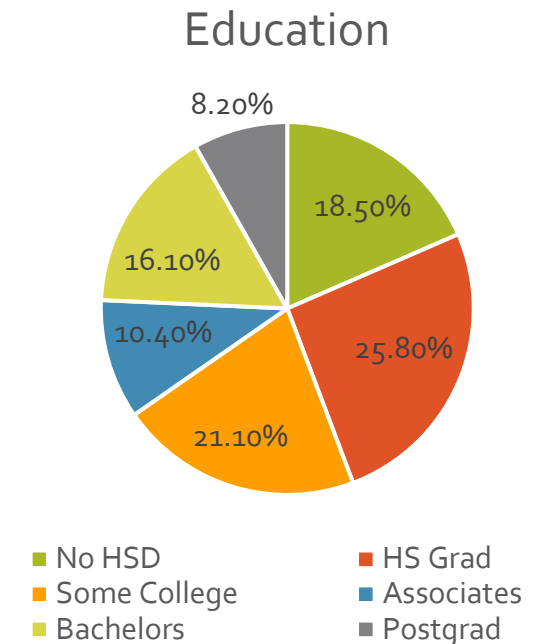
# Wenatchee MSA Quick Facts

	Wenatchee MSA*	Washington State	USA
Population	119,173 (↑)	7,512,465 (↑)	326,569,308 (↑)
Male/Female	50.3% / 49.7% (↑ male)	50% / 50%	49.2% / 50.8%
Median Age	39.5 (↑)	37.8 (↑)	38.2 (↑)
Population Growth	0.9%	1.3%	0.6%
People per sq. mi.	25.5	114.6	92.9
Labor force participation rate	62.4% (↑)	64.3% (↑)	63.2%



**Race**

White	73.4% (↓)
Black/African American	0.4% (↓)
Native American	0.7% (↓)
Asian	0.8%
Pacific Islander	0.1%
Other	18.8% (↑)
2 or more	5.8% (↑)
Hispanic/Latino (any race)	29.5% (↑)



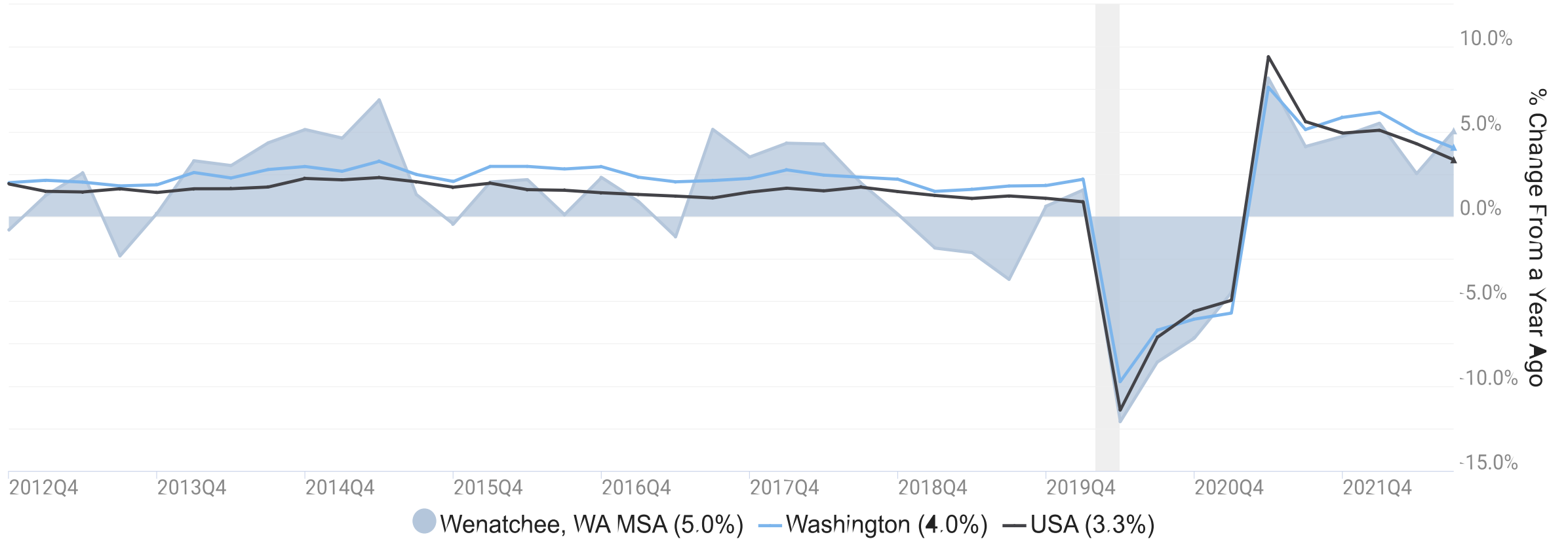
\*Wenatchee MSA is defined as Chelan & Douglas Counties

Source: American Community Survey 2015-2019

# Employment Trends

As of 2022Q3, total employment for the Wenatchee, WA MSA was 59,872 (based on a four-quarter moving average). Over the year ending 2022Q3, employment increased 5.0% in the region.

## Employment for Wenatchee, WA MSA

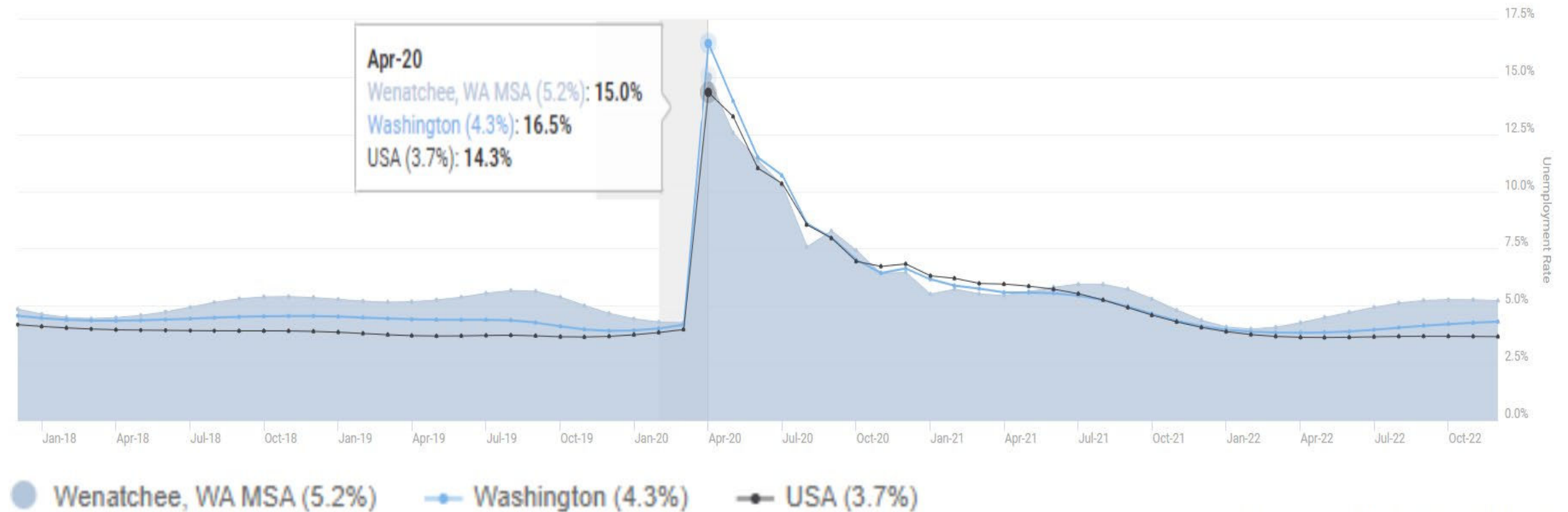


Source: JobsEQ®. Data as of 2022Q3. The shaded areas of the graph represent national recessions.

Employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2022Q2 with preliminary estimates updated to 2022Q3.

# Unemployment Rate

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Wenatchee, WA MSA was 5.2% as of December 2022. The regional unemployment rate was higher than the national rate of 3.7%. One year earlier, in December 2021, the unemployment rate in the Wenatchee, WA MSA was 4.4%.



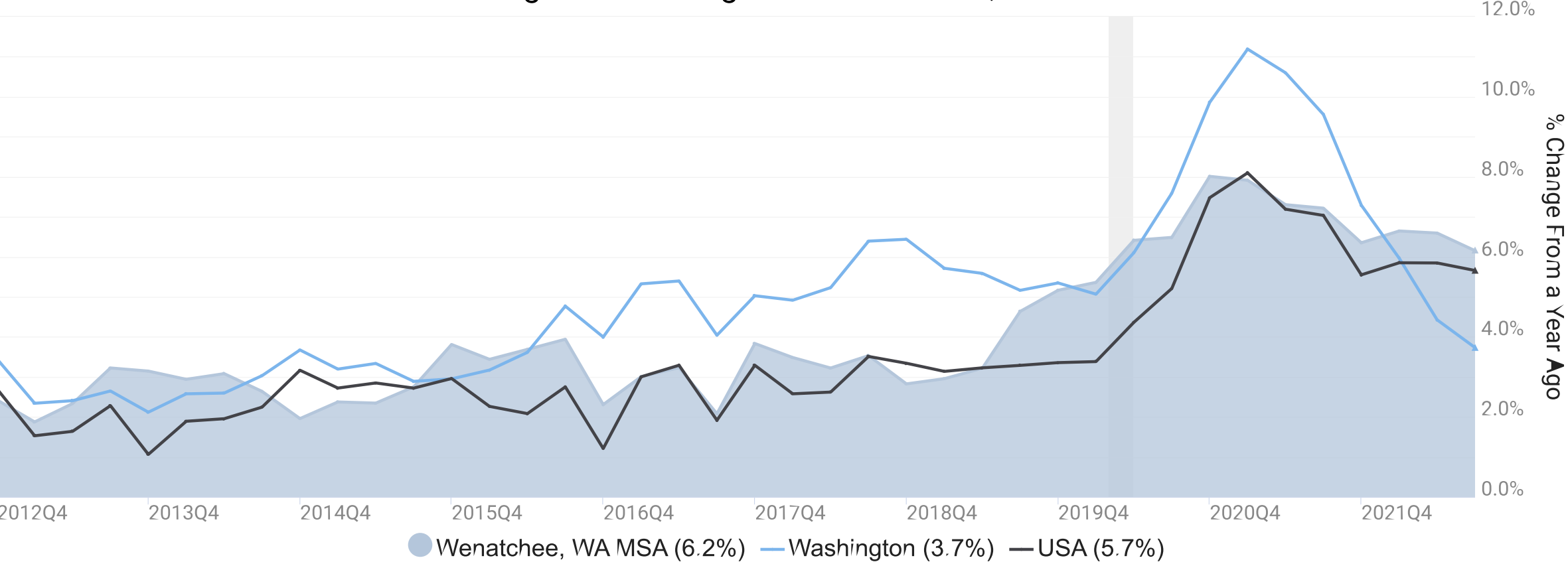
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Unemployment rate data are from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and updated through December 2022.

# Wage Trends

The average worker in the Wenatchee, WA MSA earned annual wages of \$49,927 as of 2022Q3. Average annual wages per worker increased 6.2% in the region over the preceding four quarters. For comparison purposes, annual average wages were \$68,132 in the nation as of 2022Q3.

### Average Annual Wages for Wenatchee, WA MSA



Source: JobsEQ®. Data as of 2022Q3. The shaded areas of the graph represent national recessions.

Annual average wages per worker data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2022Q2 with preliminary estimates updated to 2022Q3.

# Inflation Indicators, Washington State (November 2022)

- Consumer Price Index up 7.7% as of October 2022 (down from 9.1% in June)
- Auto prices easing
- Gas prices up 17.5% from October 2021
- Food costs up 10.9%
- Core consumer costs up 6.3%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics; data through October 2022

# Cost of Living Index

The Cost of Living Index estimates the relative price levels for consumer goods and services. When applied to wages and salaries, the result is a measure of relative purchasing power. The cost of living is 2.2% higher in Wenatchee, WA MSA than the U.S. average.

## Cost of Living Information

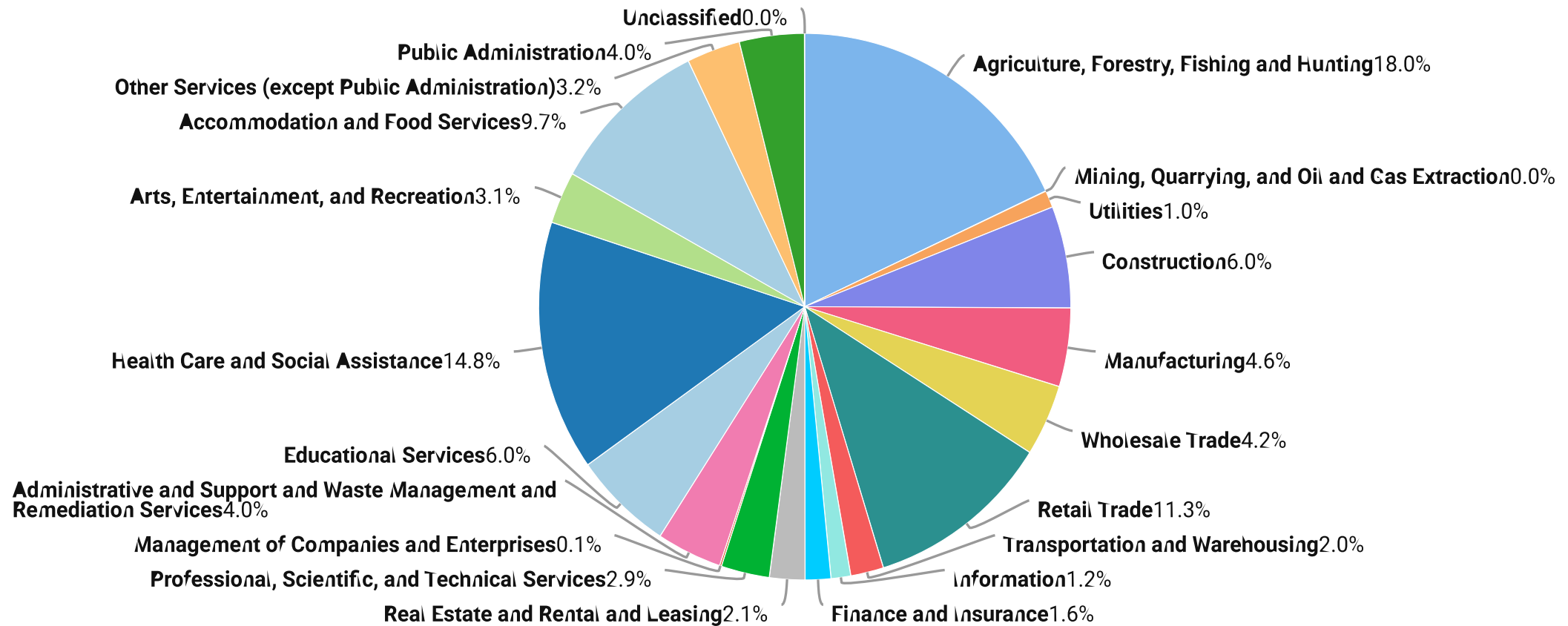
	Annual Average Salary	Cost of Living Index (Base US)	US Purchasing Power
Wenatchee, WA MSA	\$49,927	102.2	\$48,852
Washington	\$80,388	127.2	\$63,175
USA	\$65,055	100.0	\$65,055

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

Data as of 2021Q4

Cost of Living per [COLI](#), data as of 2021Q4, imputed by Chmura where necessary.

Largest Sectors		Highest Location Quotients	
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	10,802	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	13.48
Healthcare & Social Assistance	8,877	Utilities	1.99
Retail Trade	6,753	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1.61
Highest Average Wages Per Worker		Most Projected Job Growth In The Next Year	
Utilities	\$104,025	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	+152 jobs
Management of Companies & Enterprises	\$77,521	Healthcare & Social Assistance	+104 jobs
Finance & Insurance	\$76,024	Accommodation & Food Services	+99 jobs





# Industry Growth-Decline Forecast (1 yr)

Industry	1 Year Forecast
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	+1.4%
Health Care & Social Assistance	+1.2%
Accommodation & Food Services	+1.7%
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	+1.0%
Education	+0.5%
Professional/Technical/Scientific Services	+0.9%
Transportation & Warehousing	+0.8%
Retail Trade	0.0%
Utilities	-0.5%
<b>Total – All Industries</b>	<b>+0.8%</b>

Employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2021Q2 with preliminary estimates updated to 2021Q3 with preliminary estimates updated to 2021Q4. Forecast employment growth uses national projections adapted for regional growth patterns.

# Occupation Growth-Decline Forecast (1 yr)

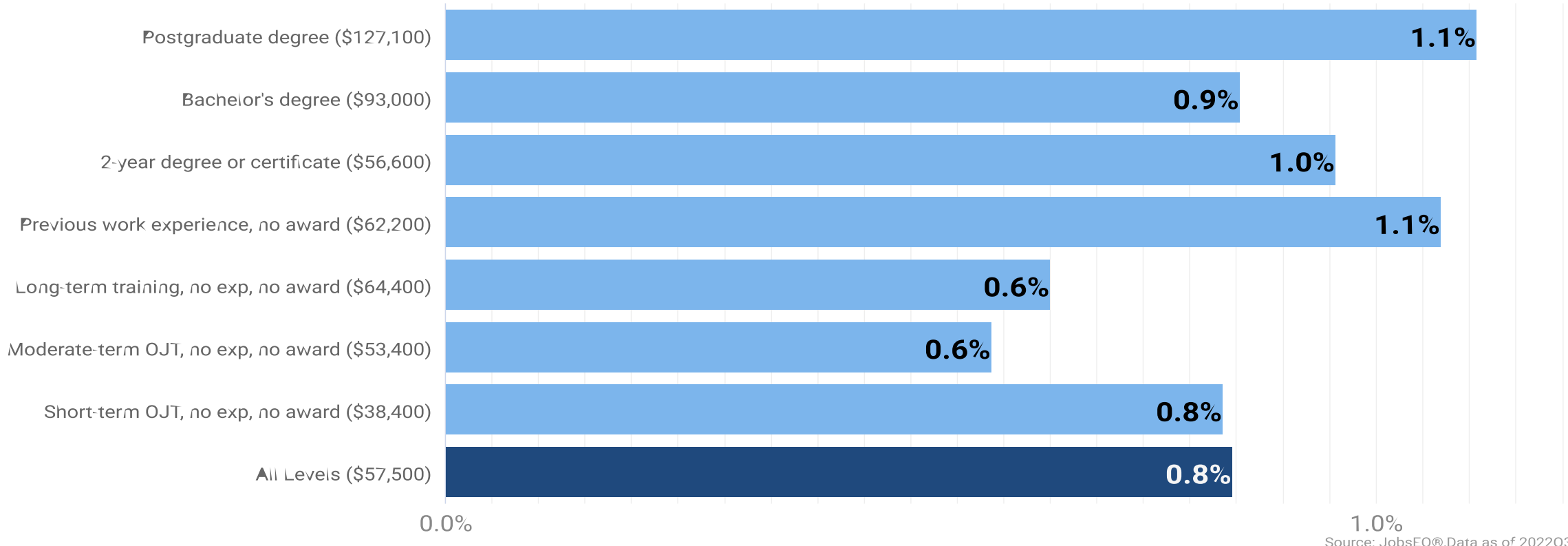
Industry	1 Year Forecast
Healthcare Support	+1.9%
Personal Care and Service	+1.4%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	+1.4%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	+1.3%
Community & Social Services	+1.2%
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	+1.0%
Educational Instruction & Library	+0.7%
Transportation & Material Moving	+1.0%
Management	+1.0%
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	+0.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	+0.8%
Computer & Mathematical	+1.3%
Protective Service	+0.5%

Occupation employment data are estimated via industry employment data and the estimated industry/occupation mix. Industry employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and currently updated through 2022Q2, imputed where necessary with preliminary estimates updated to 2022Q3. Wages by occupation are as of 2022 provided by the BLS and imputed where necessary. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

# Education Levels

Expected growth rates for occupations vary by the education and training required. While all employment in the Wenatchee, WA MSA is projected to grow 0.8% over the next ten years, occupations typically requiring a postgraduate degree are expected to grow 1.1% per year, those requiring a bachelor's degree are forecast to grow 0.9% per year, and occupations typically needing a 2-year degree or certificate are expected to grow 1.0% per year.

## Annual Average Projected Job Growth by Training Required



Source: JobsEQ®, Data as of 2022Q3

Employment by occupation data are estimates as of 2022Q3. Education levels of occupations are based on BLS assignments. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

# Top Job Listings and Listing Employers

Job Opening	# of ads
Registered Nurses	1,486
Retail Salespersons	585
First-line Supervisors of Retail Salespersons	572
Stockers and Order Fillers	547
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	376
Surgical Technologists	299
Radiological Technologists/Technicians	270
Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	245
First Line Supervisors/Food Svc & Prep	234
Speech-Language Pathologists	231

Employers Listing Jobs	# of ads
Wenatchee School District	506
Confluence Health	285
Stemilt Growers LLC	245
Columbia Hospitality	208
Fusion Medical Staffing	190
Cynet HealthStaff	186
Express Employment Professionals	187
Cynet Health	177
WinCo Foods	139
Lowes	135