

# Kittitas County Economic Update

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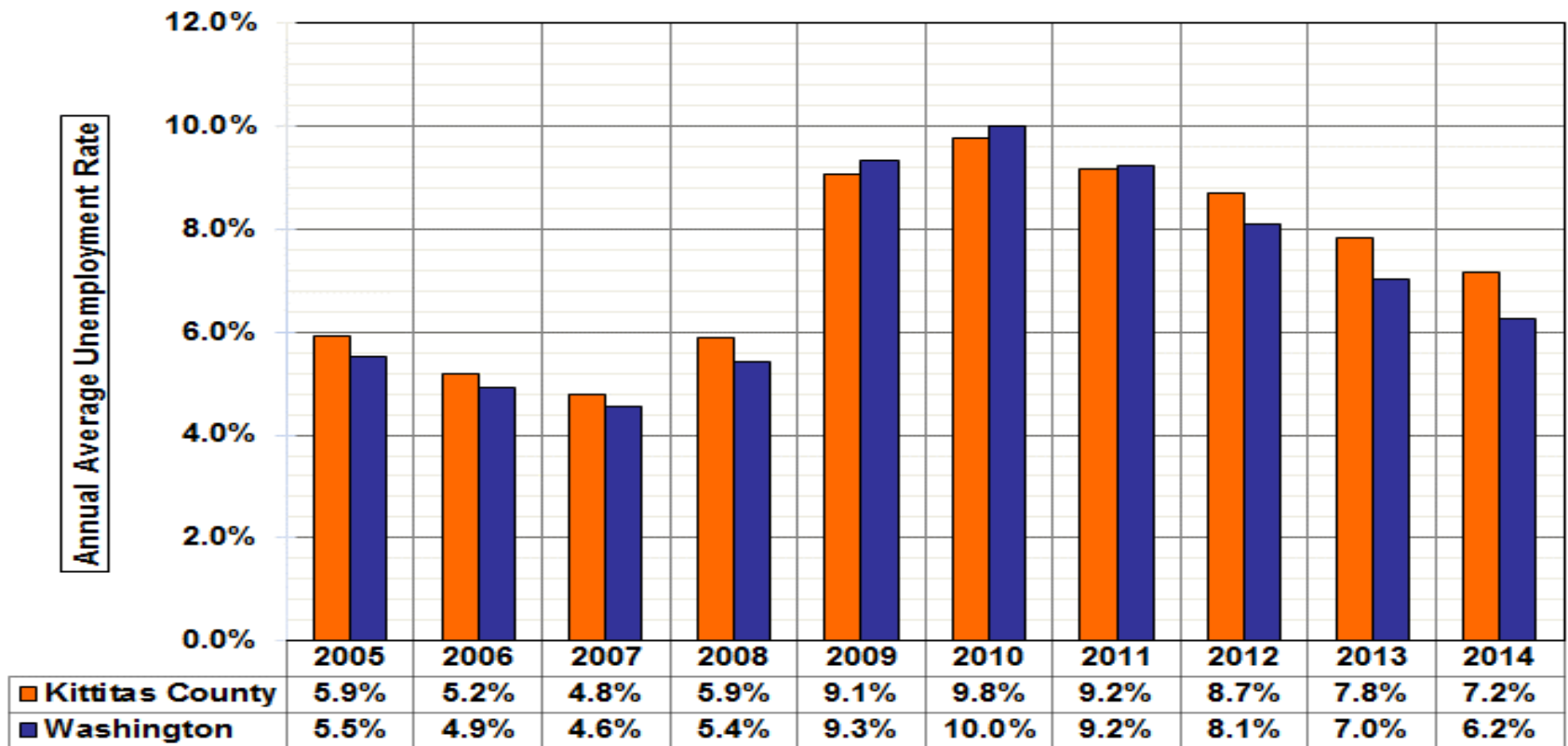
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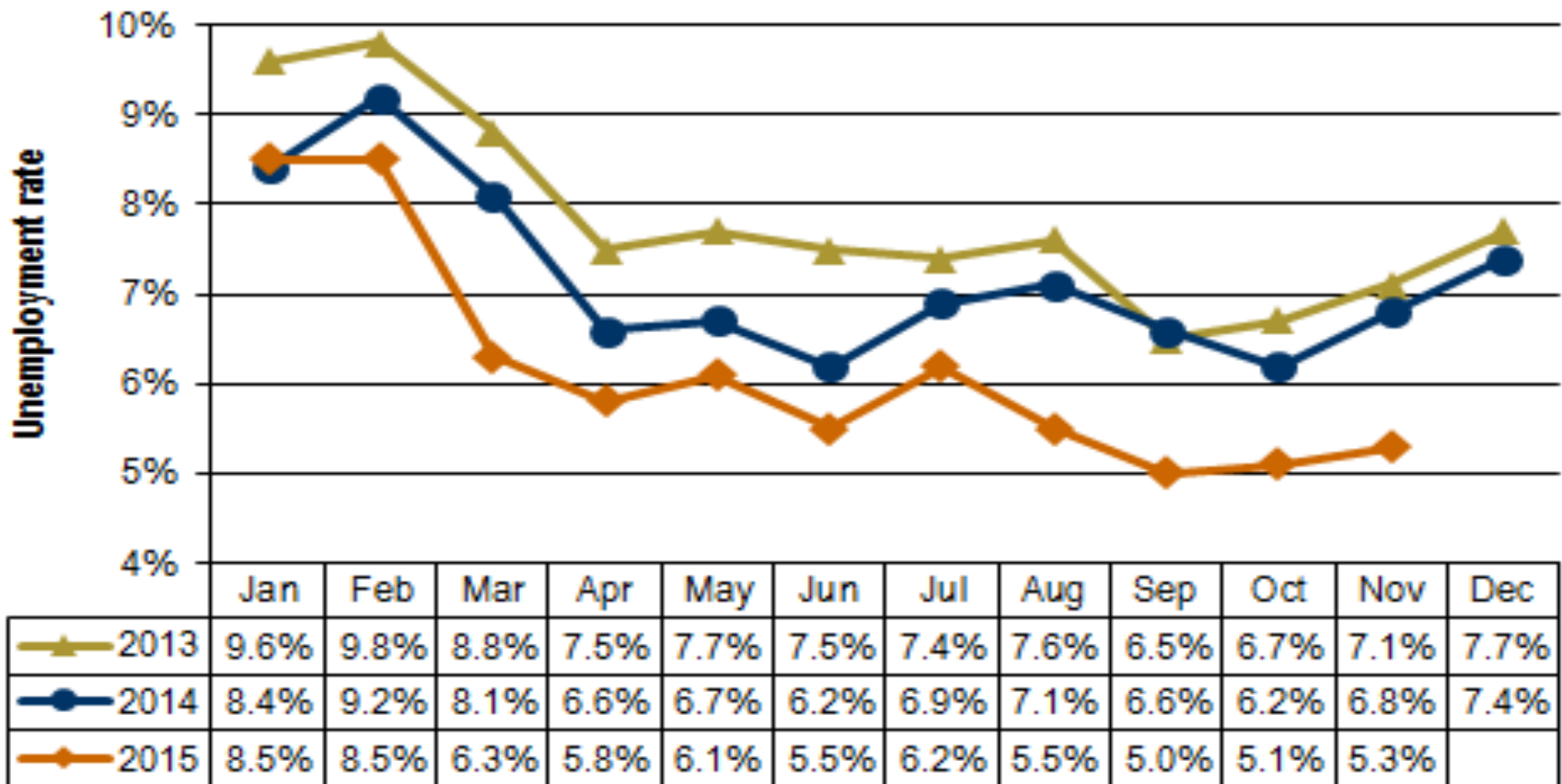
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# Annual Average Unemployment Rates in Kittitas County and in Washington from 2005 through 2014



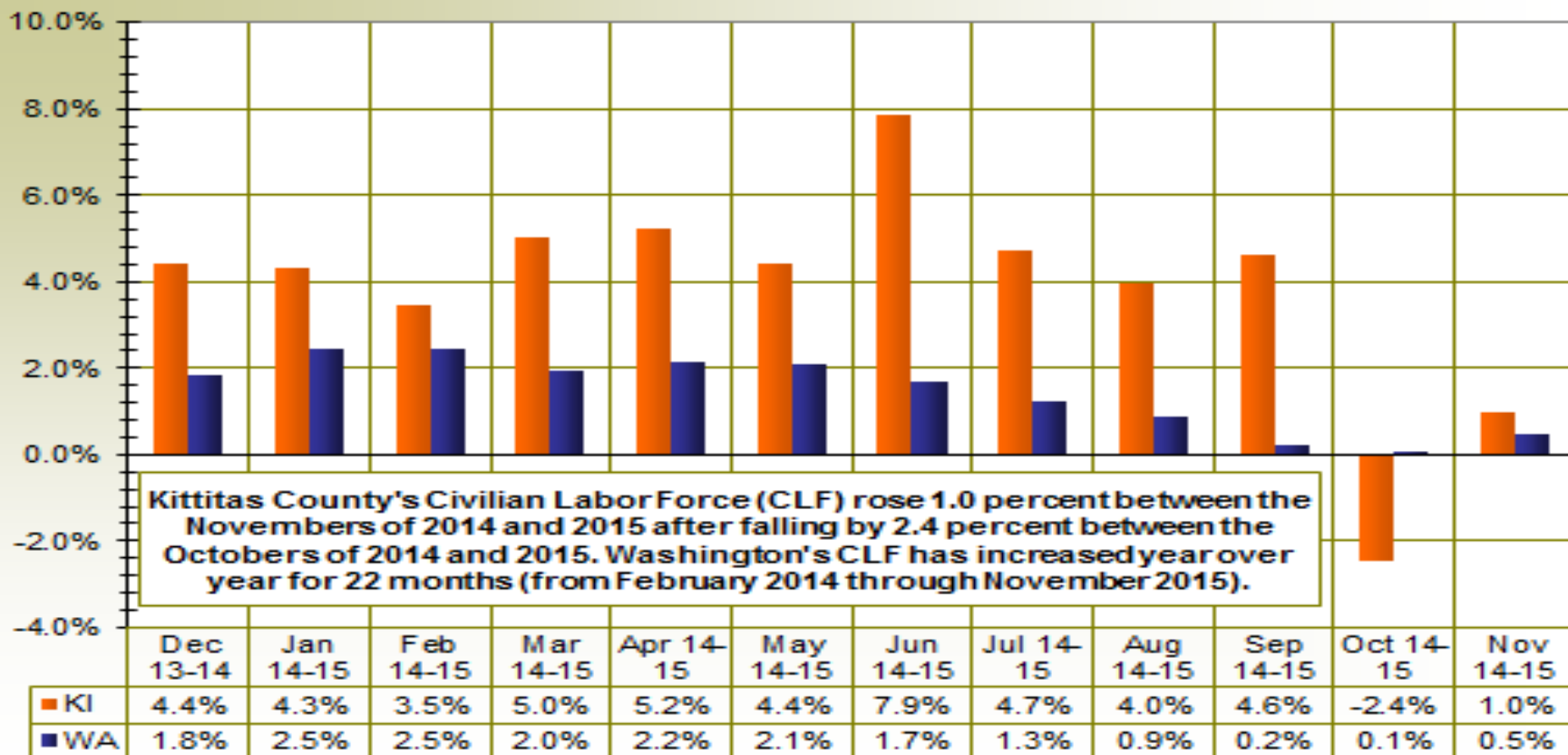
# Unemployment Rates in Kittitas County: From January 2013 through November 2015



# Kittitas County's Civilian Labor Force: From November 2014 through November 2015

			Change	
			Nov-14	Nov-14
Kittitas County	Preliminary Nov-15	Revised Nov-14	Nov-15	Nov-15 %
<b>Labor force and unemployment</b>				
Civilian labor force	20,590	20,387	203	1.0%
Resident employment	19,495	19,007	488	2.6%
Unemployment	1,095	1,380	-285	-20.7%
Unemployment rate	5.3	6.8	-1.5	

# Labor Force changes in past 12 months: Kittitas County and Washington state



# Analyzed county-level QCEW data for 22 industries/sectors

## 19 private-industry sectors

**NAICS 11** (Agriculture, forestry and fishing)

**NAICS 21** (Mining)

**NAICS 22** (Utilities)

**NAICS 23** (Construction)

**NAICS 31-33** (Manufacturing)

**NAICS 42** (Wholesale trade)

**NAICS 44-45** (Retail trade)

**NAICS 48-49** (Transportation and warehousing)

**NAICS 51** (Information)

**NAICS 52** (Finance and insurance)

**NAICS 53** (Real estate and rentals)

**NAICS 54** (Professional and business services)

**NAICS 55** (Management of companies)

**NAICS 56** (Administrative and waste services)

**NAICS 61** (Private education services)

**NAICS 62** (Health services)

**NAICS 71** (Arts, entertainment and recreation)

**NAICS 72** (Accommodation and food services)

**NAICS 81** (Other services)

## Three government sectors

Federal government

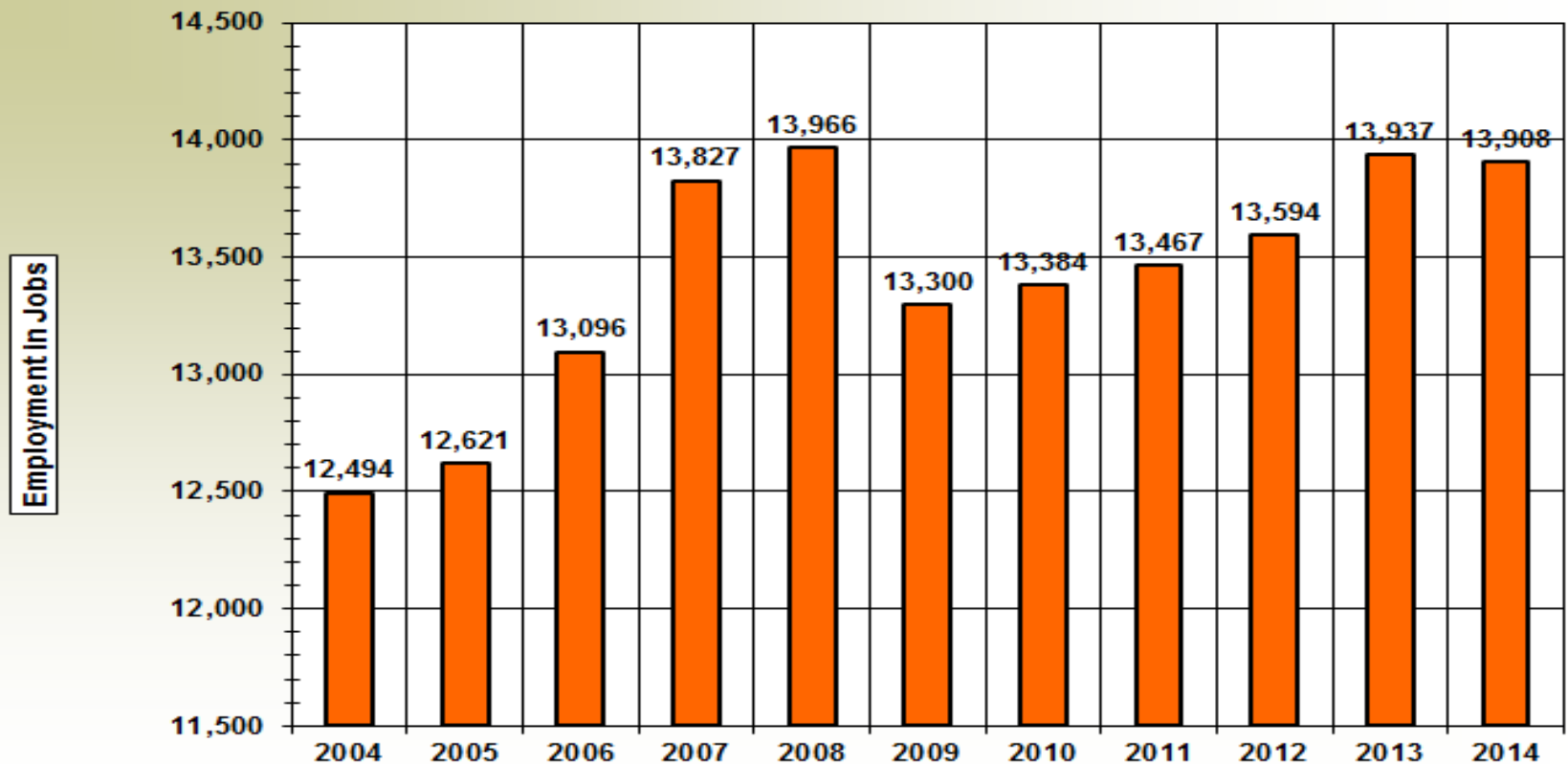
State government

Local government

\* North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)

QCEW is the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, a  
U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data set.

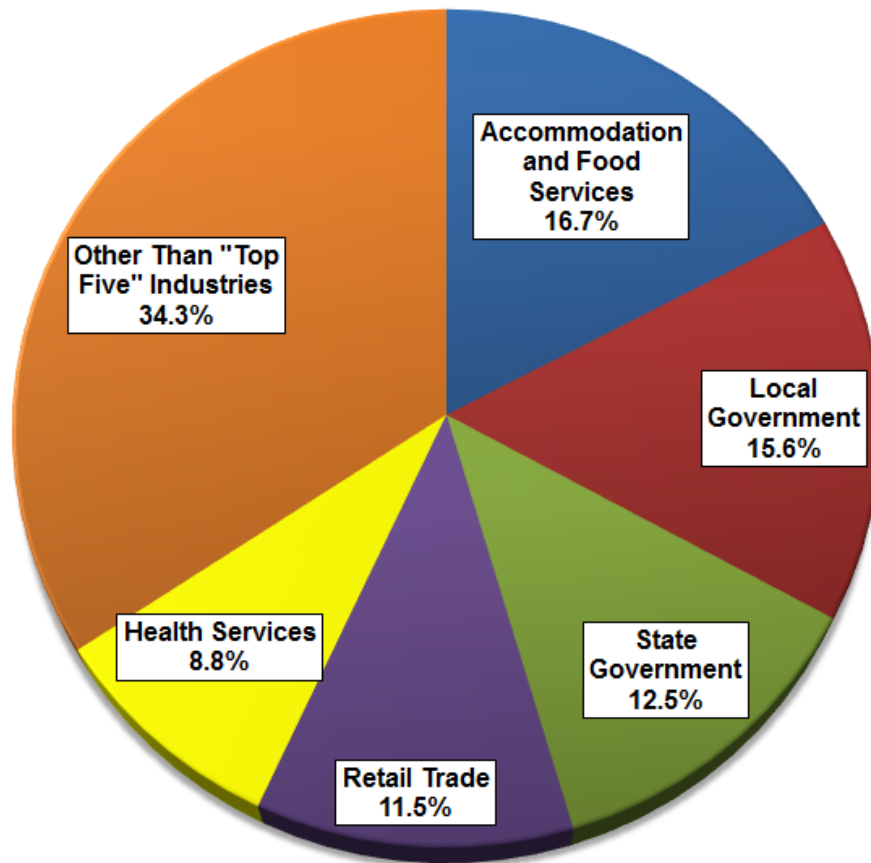
# Kittitas County: Total covered employment from 2004 through 2014



Source: QCEW Data



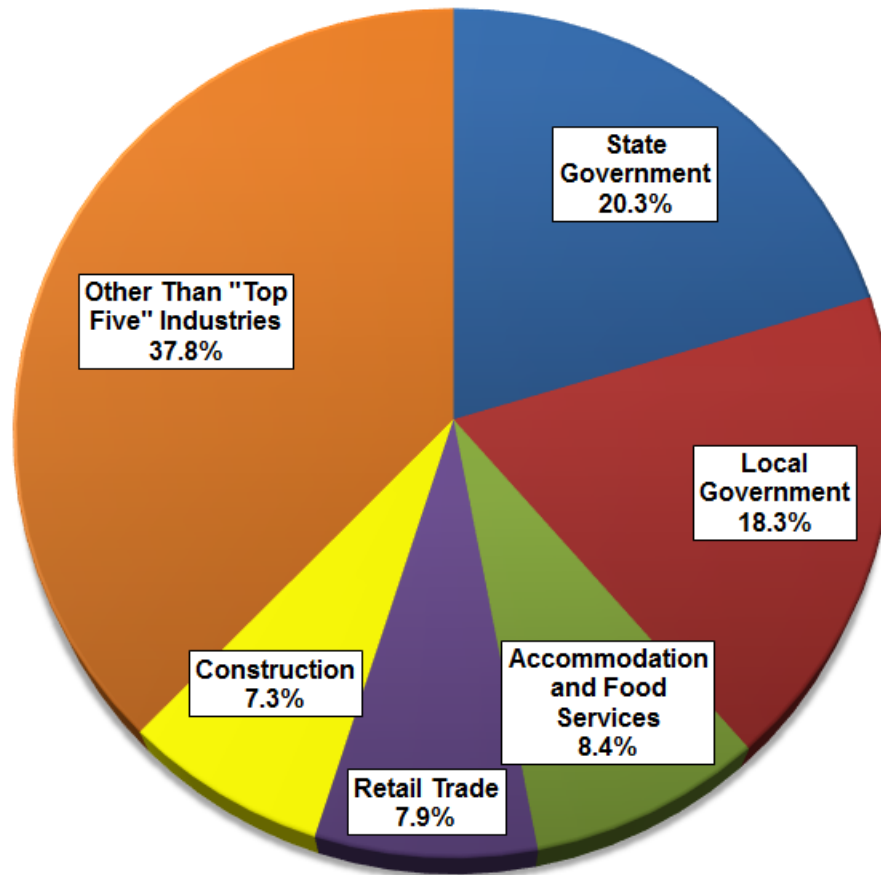
# Kittitas County: Top 5 industries by employment in 2014



Industry	Number of Jobs
Accommodation and Food Services	2,407
Local Government	2,176
State Government	1,734
Retail Trade	1,600
Health Services	1,221
Other Than "Top Five" Industries	4,770
<b>Total Covered Employment</b>	<b>13,908</b>

Source: QCEW Data

# Kittitas County: Top 5 industries by wages in 2014



Industry	Wages (in \$)
State Government	\$99,227,494
Local Government	\$89,645,624
Accommodation and Food Services	\$40,973,893
Retail Trade	\$38,713,420
Construction	\$35,720,227
Other Than "Top Five" Industries	\$184,542,003
<b>Total Covered Wages</b>	<b>\$488,822,661</b>

Source: QCEW Data

# Kittitas County in 2014: Summary of “Top 5” industries

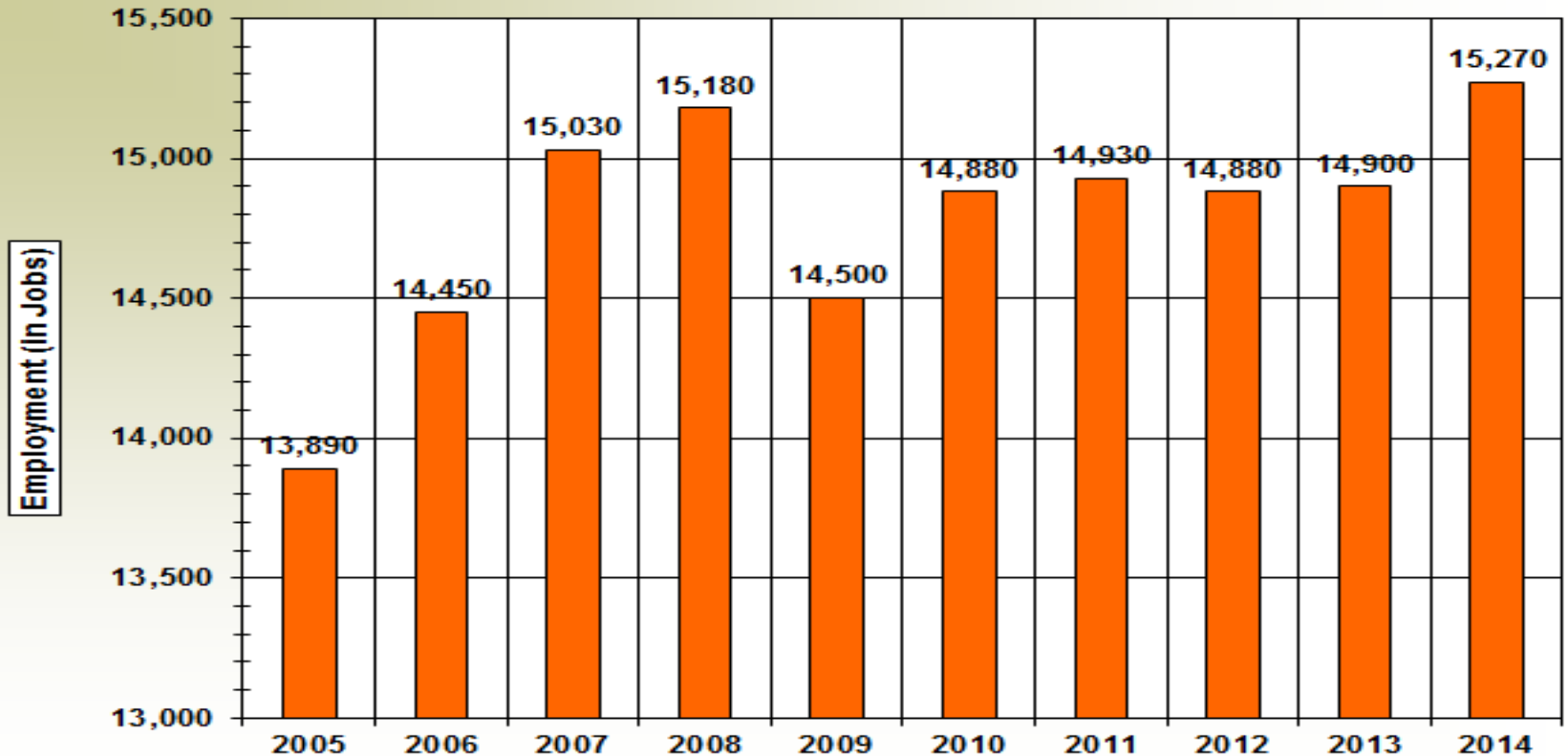
**Total covered wages = \$488.8 million**

**Average annual employment = 13,908**

**Average annual wage = \$35,147 (\$55,003 for WA)**

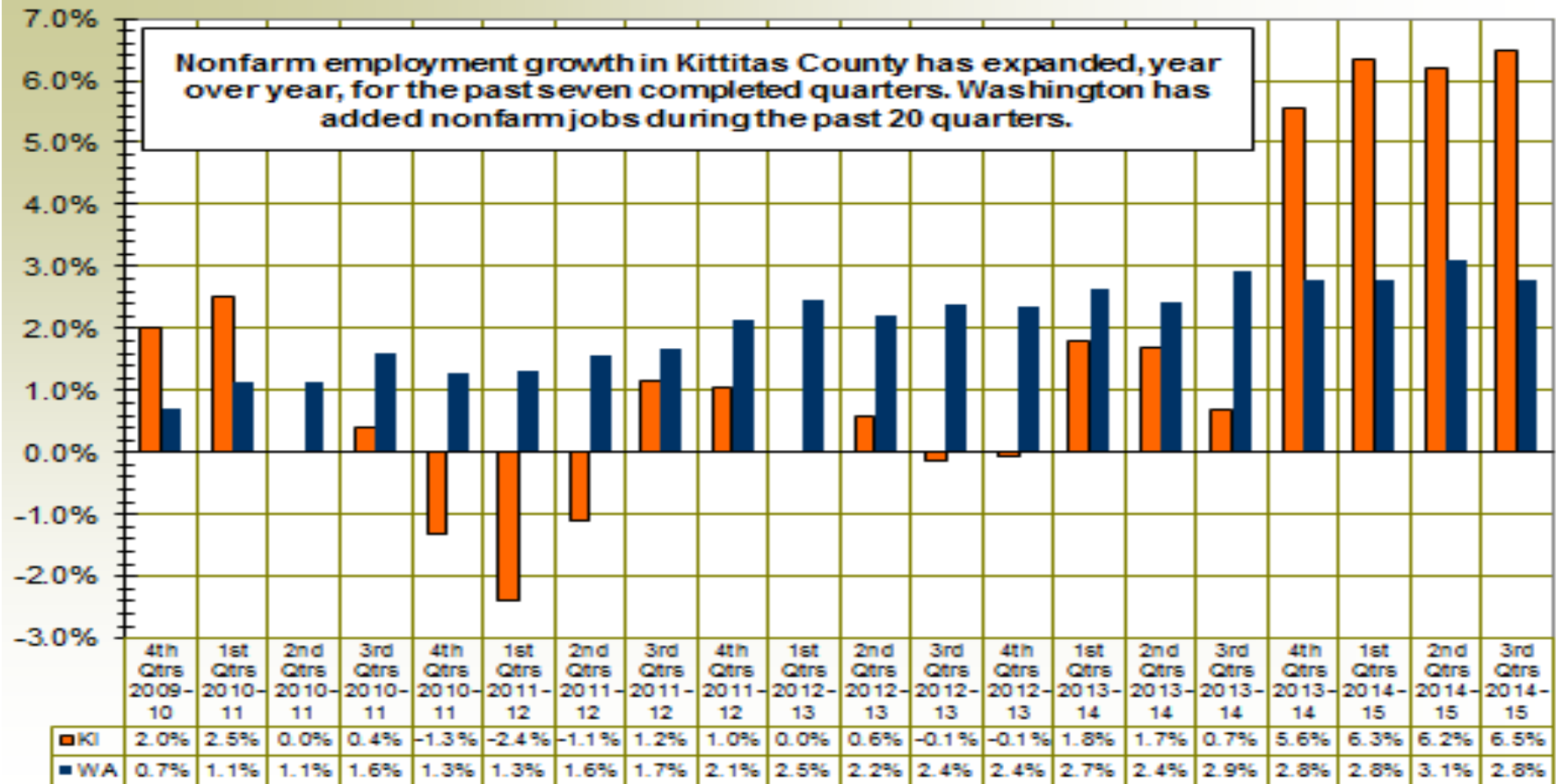
Industry	Percent of jobs	Percent of wages
Accommodation and food services	16.7	8.4
Local government	15.6	18.3
State government	12.5	20.3
Retail trade	11.5	7.9
Health services	8.8	6.7

# Kittitas County: Total nonfarm employment 2005 through 2014



Source: CES Data, LMPA, ESD

# Kittitas County and Washington state: Nonfarm employment changes 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2010 through 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2015

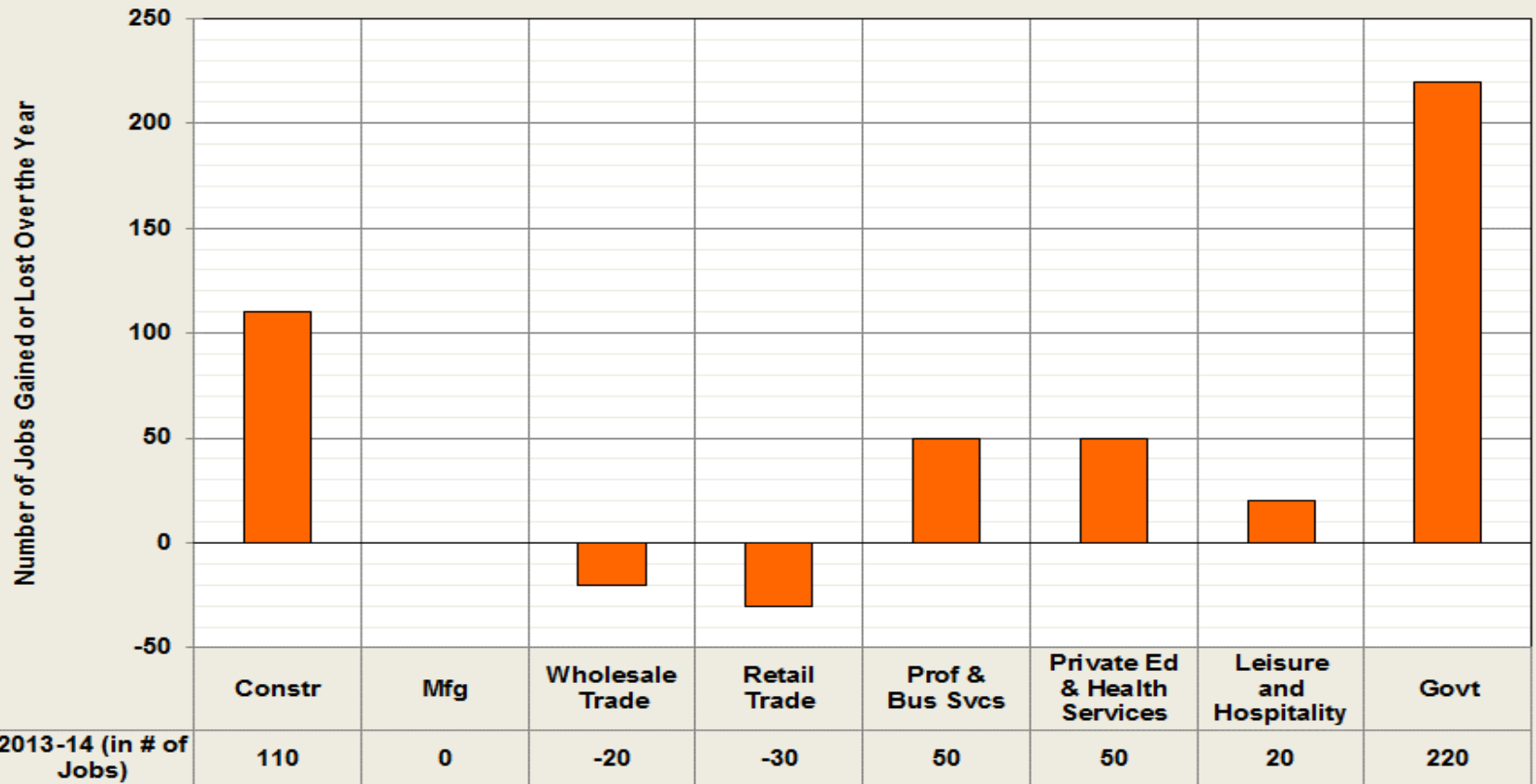


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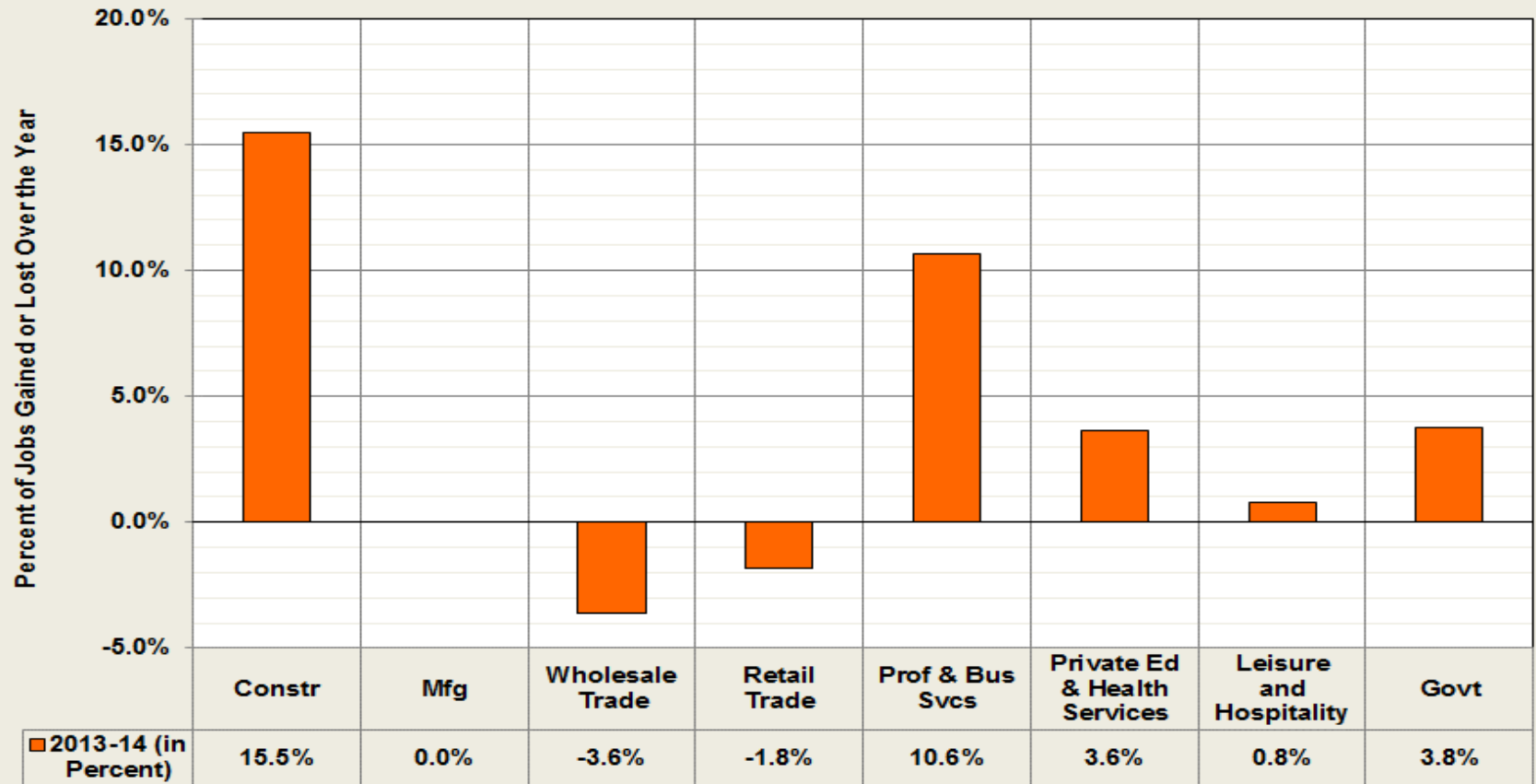
## Nonfarm job growth in 2014

Industry	Annual Avg. Employment in 2013	Annual Avg. Employment in 2014	Job Change	Percent Change
Total nonfarm	14,900	15,270	370	2.5%
Total private	9,080	9,230	150	1.7%
Goods producing	1,270	1,380	110	8.7%
Mining, logging and construction	710	820	110	15.5%
Manufacturing	560	560	0	0.0%
Service providing	13,630	13,880	250	1.8%
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,410	2,360	(50)	-2.1%
Wholesale trade	550	530	(20)	-3.6%
Retail trade	1,630	1,600	(30)	-1.8%
Transportation, warehousing and utilities	230	230	0	0.0%
Information and financial activities	660	650	(10)	-1.5%
Professional and business services	470	520	50	10.6%
Education and health services	1,370	1,420	50	3.6%
Leisure and hospitality	2,510	2,530	20	0.8%
Government	5,820	6,040	220	3.8%
Federal government	150	140	(10)	-6.7%
State and local government	5,680	5,900	220	3.9%
State & local government education	3,950	4,140	190	4.8%

# Sector job gains/losses (in #) in Kittitas County in 2014

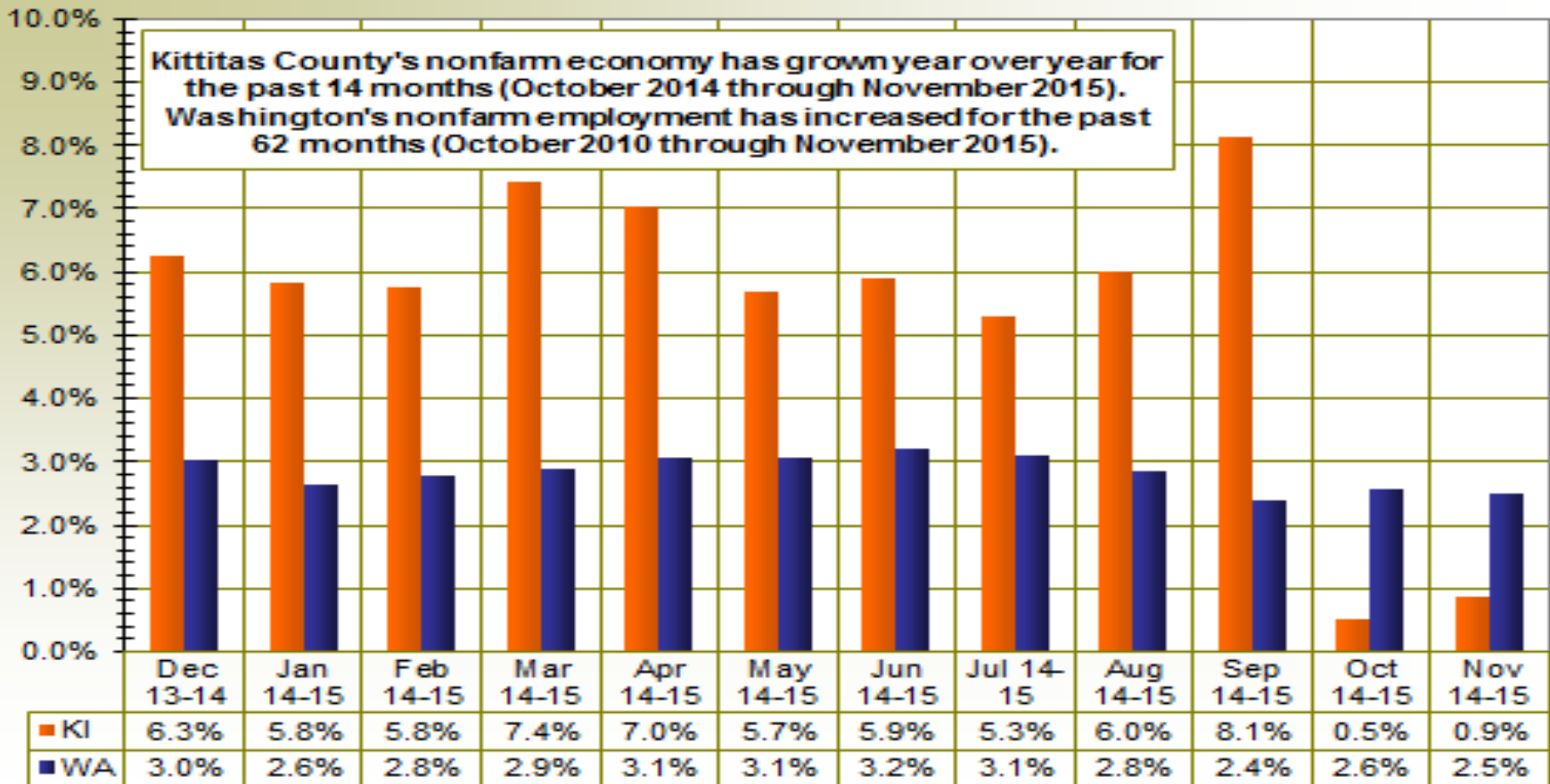


# Sector job gains/losses (in %) in Kittitas County in 2014





# Nonfarm employment changes in Kittitas County and Washington in the prior twelve months



# Kittitas County: Nonfarm job growth November 2014 through November 2015

Kittitas County	Preliminary Nov-15	Revised Nov-14	Change	
			Nov-14 Nov-15	Nov-14 Nov-15 %
<b>Industry employment</b>				
Total nonfarm <sup>1</sup>	16,140	16,000	140	0.9%
Total private	9,460	9,330	130	1.4%
Goods producing	1,330	1,470	(140)	-9.5%
Mining, logging and construction	860	920	(60)	-6.5%
Manufacturing	470	550	(80)	-14.5%
Service providing	14,810	14,530	280	1.9%
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,550	2,400	150	6.3%
Wholesale trade	540	530	10	1.9%
Retail trade	1,740	1,640	100	6.1%
Transportation, warehousing and utilities	270	230	40	17.4%
Information and financial activities	670	660	10	1.5%
Professional and business services	520	530	(10)	-1.9%
Education and health services	1,490	1,430	60	4.2%
Leisure and hospitality	2,500	2,450	50	2.0%
Government	6,680	6,670	10	0.1%
Federal government	130	120	10	8.3%
State and local government	6,550	6,550	0	0.0%
State & local government education	4,910	4,800	110	2.3%

# **Kittitas County's labor market started 2015 “with a bang” but appears to be “ending with a whimper.”**

- **Kittitas County's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined from 7.8 in 2013 to 7.2 percent in 2014. However, the Civilian Labor Force (CLF) shrank from 20,161 in 2013, to 20,112 in 2014, a 148 resident and 0.7 percent decline. (Washington's CLF expanded by 0.8 percent in 2014.)**
- **Total nonfarm employment grew by 370 jobs in 2014, from 14,900 jobs in 2013 to 15,270 in 2014, up 2.5 percent. Construction netted 110 new jobs while and government added 220 - accounting for 89.2 percent of this expansion. (Washington's economy grew by 2.7 percent in 2014.)**
- **The pace of CLF and nonfarm job growth in Kittitas County decelerated in October and November 2015.**

# Website and Contact Information

**Employment and economic information  
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**<https://fortress.wa.gov/esd/employmentdata/>**

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