

Process: Wage Information and Employment Resources

WorkSource staff should use labor market information to help job seekers find employment. The **Employment and economic information** website from LMEA can be used to find wage information for occupations as well as other employment resources.

Process Steps:

1. Search the **Employment and economic information** website for occupations.
2. Learn occupation details, including wage information.
3. Narrow the search down to occupations in specific geographic areas.

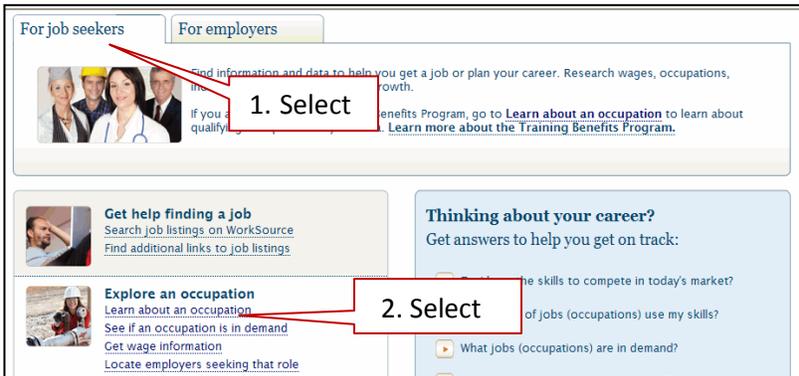
Detailed Steps for this Process:

1. Open your web browser and type the following URL address:
<https://fortress.wa.gov/esd/employmentdata>.
2. The **Employment & economic information** website displays.
3. Select **Employment resources** (Fig. 1).
 - a. Or, Select **Learn about an occupation** under **Top tools for Job seekers**, skip to step 7.



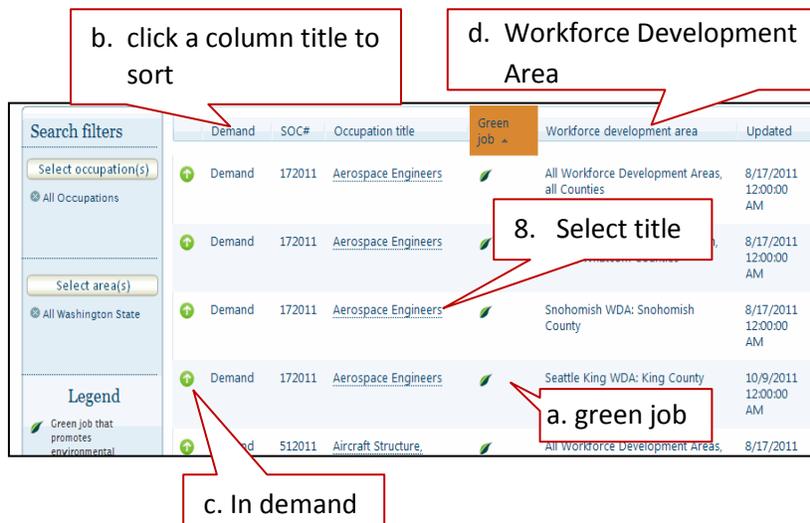
The search screen displays (Fig. 2).

4. The **Employment resources** page displays (Fig. 2).
5. Select the **For Job seekers** tab.
6. In the **Explore an occupation** box, select **Learn about an occupation**.



(Fig. 2)

7. The Learn about an occupation screen displays (Fig. 3). This screen provides a listing of Washington State in demand and not in demand occupations. The occupations are listed by Workforce Development Areas (WDA).
 - a. **Green job** occupations are **designated by a green leaf**.
 - b. The information in the **columns may be sorted** in ascending and descending order.
 - c. Occupations **in demand** are designated by a **green arrow**.
 - d. Occupations can show as in demand in one WDA and not in demand in another.
8. Select an **occupation title** to find specific wage information.



(Fig. 3)

9. Occupation details display (Fig. 4).
10. **Average annual wage** display is located on this screen. Close the screen to proceed.

(Fig. 4)

Search results for Learn about an occupation
 Aerospace Engineers
 Northwest WDA: Island, San Juan, Skagit, Whatcom Counties
 Soc Code: 172011 Updated: 8/17/2011

Job description: Perform a variety of engineering work in designing, constructing, and testing aircraft, missiles, and spacecraft. May conduct basic and applied research to evaluate adaptability of materials and equipment to aircraft design and manufacture. May recommend improvements in testing equipment and techniques.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average level of Education / Training for this occupation nationally is: Bachelor's degree

* Average wage (March 2011):	\$119,065.00
Short term trend:	Growth 2.8%
Long term trend:	Growth 2.8%
Estimated employment (2009):	329
Average annual total openings (2009 - 2019):	18
Percent of successfully placed applicants (2009):	0
Statewide vacancies (fall 2010):	194

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To narrow search results use **Search filters** (Fig. 5). Filtering options include: occupation name, occupation type or Standard Occupational Classification number (SOC). Clicking **Select area(s)** button provides the opportunity to search multiple WDAs.

11. **Select occupation(s).**
12. The Search occupation form displays. Type in occupation name, occupation type or SOC.
 - a. Selecting **Search** will display results and close the Search occupations form.
13. **Click Select area.**
14. **The Search area(s) form displays.** Select a **check box** for each location.
15. **Select Search.** Selecting **Search** will display results and close the Select area(s) form.

(Fig. 5)

Additional Process Aids:

[Search Job Openings](#)

[Check Unemployment Rate](#)

[Find Employment in a Similar Occupation](#)

[Find Employment in the Same Occupation but Different Industry](#)

[Find Employment in Related Industry](#)

[Find Employment in Same Industry](#)

[Find Employment Using the Skills You Have \(Transferable Skills\)](#)

[Find Occupations in Demand](#)

[Find Wage Information](#)