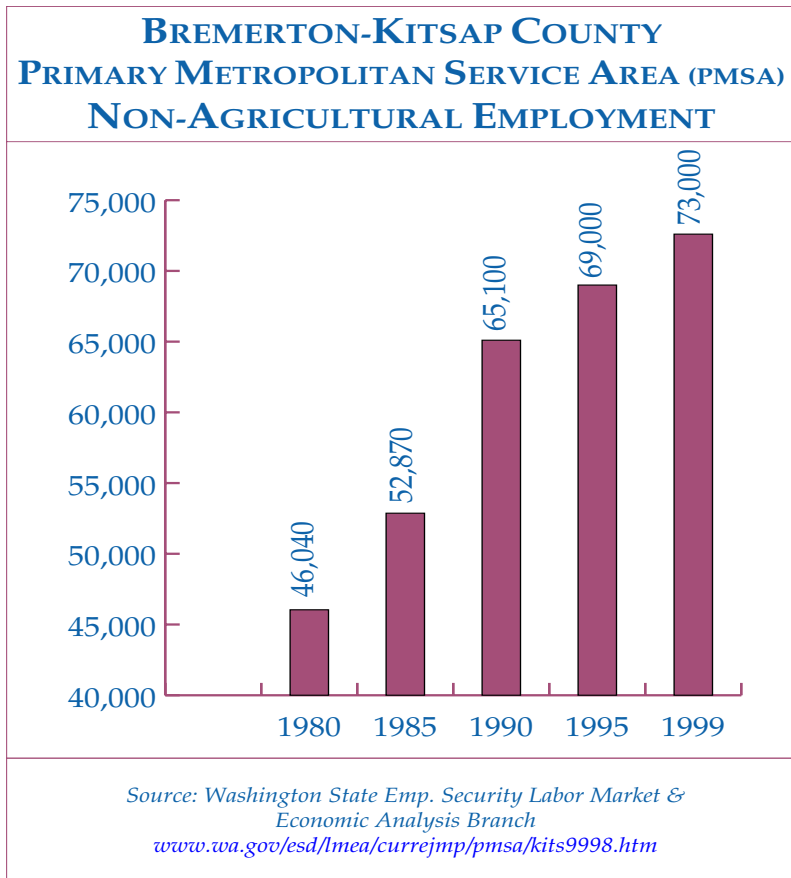


Non-Agricultural Employment Increased by 1,200 from December 1998 to December 1999, an increase of 1.67%. Employment categories that experienced increases were: Manufacturing, Construction, Transportation/Public Utilities, Finance/Insurance/Real Estate, Services and Government. Employment categories that experienced no change were: Mining/Misc. and Wholesale/Retail Trade.

BREMERTON-KITSAP COUNTY PRIMARY METROPOLITAN SERVICE AREA (PMSA) NON-AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT LEVELS				
Industry	Dec 1998	Dec 1999	% Change	Industry Share
Manufacturing	2,200	2,400	+9.09%	3.29%
Mining & Misc.	900	900	0.00%	1.23%
Construction	3,600	3,700	+2.78%	5.07%
Trans & Public Utilities	1,900	2,000	+5.26%	2.74%
Wholesale/Retail Trade	16,500	16,500	0.00%	22.60%
Finance, Ins/Real Estate	2,900	2,900	0.00%	3.97%
Services	18,100	18,800	+3.87%	25.75%
Government	25,700	25,800	+0.39%	35.34%
TOTAL	71,800	73,000	+1.67%	100.00%
<i>Source: Washington State Emp. Security Labor Market & Economic Analysis Branch www.wa.gov/esd/lmea/currejmp/pmsa/kits9998.htm</i>				

Slow but Steady Employment Growth: The graph below illustrates annual Kitsap County non-agricultural employment levels from 1980 to 1999. Annual growth in non -agricultural employment has been gradual but steadily uphill.



Department of Defense Civilian Employment:

The effect of military downsizing has had a big impact on civilian employment over the years. From it's most recent peak of over 22,500 jobs in 1992 and 1993, Kitsap County has lost some 8,144 jobs and in the past year employment has declined by 1,647.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT TRENDS								
	1988	1992	1993	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Puget Sound Naval Shipyard	11,700	12,245	12,540	10,233	9,620	9,239	8,494	8,194
Naval Submarine Base Bangor	2,630	4,807	4,776	4,764	3,785	5,000	5,000	3,800
Naval Undersea Warfare Center	3,247	4,362	4,254	3,679	2,873	1,950	1,450	1,390
Bremerton Naval Hospital	-	434	459	299	509	452	347	360
Fleet Industrial Supply Center	650	700	484	484	602	657	760	600
TOTAL	18,227	22,548	22,513	19,459	17,389	17,298	16,051	14,404

Unemployment Rate in Kitsap County at 5.0% (September 2000):

Washington's unemployment rate was 4.2% as of September 2000, underscoring very tight labor markets in many parts of the state. Unemployment in Kitsap County was 5.0%.

In Kitsap, 4,600 residents out of a total labor force of 91,600 were unemployed. Seasonal cutbacks take place in many resource-based industries, construction and tourism, as fall weather set in. However, this year the seasonal pull-back was less than normal. Total non-farm wage and salary employment increased by only 300 from September 1999 to September 2000 (91,300 to 91,600).