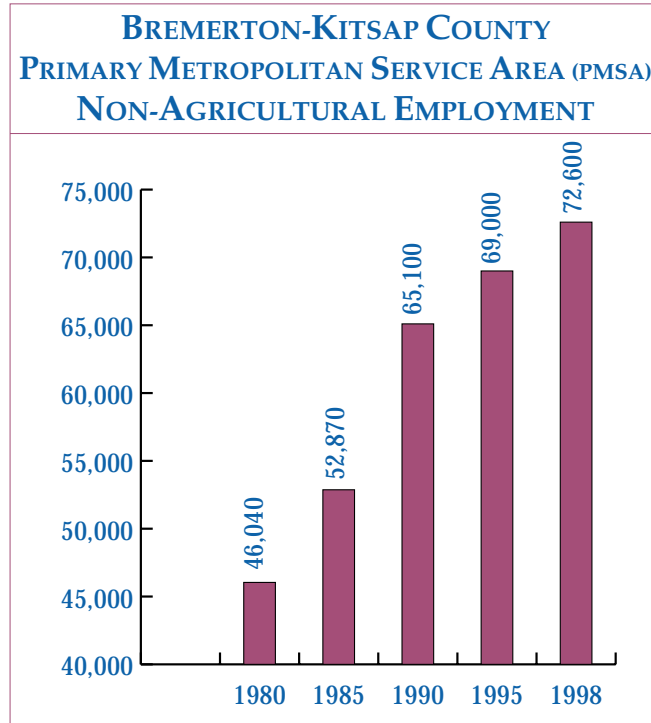


Non-Agricultural Employment Increased by 200 from December 1997 to December 1998, an increase of 0.28%. Employment categories that experienced increases were: Manufacturing, Construction, Transportation/Public Utilities, Finance/Insurance/Real Estate and Services. Employment categories that experienced decreases were: Mining/Misc., Wholesale/Retail Trade and Government.

BREMERTON-KITSAP COUNTY PRIMARY METROPOLITAN SERVICE AREA (PMSA) NON-AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT LEVELS				
Industry	Dec 1997	Dec 1998	% Change	Industry Share
Manufacturing	2,100	2,200	+4.76%	3.03%
Mining & Misc.	1,000	900	-10.00%	1.24%
Construction	3,200	3,400	+6.25%	4.68%
Trans & Public Utilities	1,700	1,800	+5.88%	2.48%
Wholesale/Retail Trade	17,300	17,200	-0.58%	23.69%
Finance, Ins/Real Estate	2,700	2,800	+3.70%	3.86%
Services	18,100	18,500	+2.21%	25.48%
Government	26,300	25,800	-1.90%	35.54%
TOTAL	72,400	72,600	+0.28%	100.00%
<i>Source: Washington State Emp. Security Labor Market & Economic Analysis Branch www.wa.gov/esd/lmea</i>				

Slow but Steady Employment Growth:

The graph below illustrates annual Kitsap County non-agricultural employment levels from 1980 to 1998. 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 1993 and 1994, Kitsap County has lost some 8,144 jobs and in the past year employment has declined by 1,647.

Unemployment Rate in Kitsap County at 4.3% (November 1999):

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 4.3% (November 1999):

Washington's unemployment rate was 4.0% as of November 1999, underscoring very tight labor markets in many parts of the state. Unemployment in Kitsap County was 4.3%.

In Kitsap, 4,000 residents out of a total labor force of 92,200 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 10,800 workers, far ahead of the 7,700 increase in November 1998.

Wholesale and retail trade were particularly strong, with pre-Christmas hiring of 8,700 people, according to the Washington State Employment Security Department. Seasonal hiring in public and private education added 6,700 workers, and gains also were posted in business services and health care. Construction employment dropped 4,700, manufacturing payrolls fell 3,300 and jobs in aircraft and parts dropped 800. Lodging, amusement and eating places also posted losses. The Seattle-Bellevue-Everett area had an unemployment rate of only 2.9 percent for November 1999.

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