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# WASHINGTON STATE

## UNEMPLOYMENT COST FACT SHEET



**\$594**

Average SUTA Cost  
per Employee

Factors used in calculating employer state unemployment rates have increased; therefore increasing the average unemployment tax cost per employee by 19% since 2008.

### UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIM STATS

**\$17,706**

Total Maximum Benefits

A claimant can collect up to a maximum of \$17,706 on a single claim.

**\$45,000**

2017 Taxable Wage Base

Washington's unemployment wage base increased from \$44,000 in 2016 to \$45,000 in 2017, therefore increasing the wages on which employers pay SUTA on.

2015: \$42,100  
2014: \$41,300

**\$130 Million**

Unemployment Claim  
Overpayments

Washington's 3rd quarter 2015 through 2nd quarter 2016 unemployment claim overpayment rate was 13.646%, equaling over \$130 million.

### What do state unemployment tax (SUTA) costs, claims costs and wage base amounts mean to your organization?

**These factors could mean less money for your cause.**

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