

A great place to live, work and play.

Washington State is a study in contrasts. Formed by volcanic upheaval and born out of a fierce, independent pioneer spirit, the state offers its residents endless opportunities. Indeed, Washington is not only the ideal place to build a business or career, but it's a great place to live, too.

Washington has an international reputation as a mecca for those who love the great outdoors, a place where you can surf the ocean in the morning, play 18 holes at a championship course in the afternoon and still have enough time to get in a few black diamond ski runs before nightfall.

But if your idea of a workout is finding a place to dine or enjoy a show, you'll find Washington is more than up to the task. Some of the best restaurants in the United States can be found here along with a vibrant arts scene, from symphonies, ballets and operas to museums, theaters and galleries.

Yes, it rains here from time to time. While the marine air of Western Washington can turn the sky gray, Eastern Washington enjoys more sunny days annually than Florida — 300 a year on average. And when the sun does come out, nearly everyone will agree that there is simply no place on earth that is as breathtakingly beautiful as the Pacific Northwest.

WASHINGTON STATE QUALITY OF LIFE

Nationally ranked for a reason.

Over the last decade, Washington State's population has grown 14.1%, outpacing the national average. The people here are very friendly, open and welcoming. They're smart and well read, too. Nearly a third of working adults have a college degree and there are more bookstores per capita than any other region in the U.S.

You'll see the spirit of the Northwest everywhere you look, from the funky festivals and quaint towns that dot the landscape to our diverse interests and curious nature. Perhaps it should come as no surprise that more than a quarter million businesses have chosen to be based here, from tiny startups to internationally recognized brands. Innovation is in our nature, as is our highly competitive spirit.

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-KEN WESTRICK, CEO, 3TIER

Choose Washington for all the right reasons!

From our highly educated workforce and culture of innovation to our mild climate, clean air and spectacular scenery, Washington State is without question one of the most desirable places to live in the United States.

Businesses choose Washington for many reasons. But we think most will agree that becoming a Washington State business is one of the smartest decisions they made; not only for their business, but for their staff and their families who come to love our quality of life.



