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KEDA Releases 2020 Top Employers Survey Results

KEDA and Western Washington University Center for Economic and Business Research partner to produce Kitsap Top Employers List for 2020

SILVERDALE, WA -For the fifth year the Kitsap Economic Development Alliance (KEDA) has again partnered with the Center for Economic and Business Research at Western Washington University to produce the [Kitsap Top Employers List](#). The Top Employers List is the most frequently accessed report on KEDA’s website. This data is utilized by public and private partners, potential real estate investors and companies considering expansion or relocation for inclusion in market analysis, industry cluster analysis, competitive analysis, and workforce analysis. Employment counts reflect permanent full-time employees as of December 31, 2020.

Kitsap Top Employers – 2020 Top 10			
Naval Base Kitsap	Public	Dept. of Defense	31,142
St. Michael Medical Center and Franciscan Medical Group	Private	Healthcare	1,869
Washington State²	Public	Public	1,700
Olympic College	Public	Public	1,554
Central Kitsap School District	Public	Education	1,550
South Kitsap School District	Public	Education	1,306
Kitsap County	Public	County Services	1,151
North Kitsap School District¹	Public	Education	879
Bremerton School District³	Public	Education	662
Port Madison Enterprises	Private	Hospitality; retail; gaming	628

Trends & Highlights:

- Response rates for the 2020 report were lower than usual due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Kitsap's economy continues to have strong government employment characteristics
- In organizations reporting 100+ employees, the majority are private companies (38 companies)
- With regard to Naval Base Kitsap:
 - The civilian employee count increased at just over 2,300 employees from the 2019 report
 - While overall numbers of employment at Naval Base Kitsap appear lower (31,142 vs 33,800), this is likely related to a timing matter, specifically the number of aircraft carrier home-ported (not on patrol) and how many submarines are in refit (not on patrol). As an example: The USS Theodore Roosevelt is expected to arrive to Bremerton in July 2021 and will bring with it an estimated 3,000 direct jobs.

The complete list of 2020 Kitsap Top Employers can be viewed and downloaded at <http://kitsapeda.org/demographics/economy/top-employers/>

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Founded in 1983, the Kitsap Economic Development Alliance focuses on partnering with business and government to retain, expand and attract employers to Kitsap. The organization focuses on holistically developing Kitsap's economy across its various geographies and communities to ensure healthy growth and a desirable quality of life. For more information, visit www.kitsapeda.org