

Telecommunications - Washington

[Telecommunications Industry Overview](#)

Telecommunications represents one of the emerging sectors of employment growth in Washington. Growth areas include the cellular, paging, wireless, and satellite services, and data and video transmission sectors.

The telecommunications industry consists of wired telecommunications carriers, paging, cellular and other wireless telecommunications, telecommunications resellers, satellite telecommunications, and cable and other program distribution. Elements of the telecommunications industry may be found in hardware and infrastructure manufacturing, innovative software, and innovative wireless industry lines such as wireless data transmission of utility meter and heart monitor readings!

Telecommunications Highlights

- The telecommunications industry has 327 companies within Washington State employing almost 28,000 people, Fourth Quarter 2003 data.
- # 1 in digital infrastructure, the Corporation for Enterprise Development.

Regional Hotspots

- Over 12,000 telecommunications jobs are within the Greater Seattle area, Trade Alliance of Greater Seattle.
- “Wired” Rural Washington: Being a ‘wired’, low operating cost business is necessary for today’s competitive market. Lower cost opportunities frequently result in offshore relocation. Realizing this need, WSU’s Center to Bridge the Digital Divide, Washington State Economic Development Councils & Associations, state & local government, businesses, and research institutions recently forged partnerships determined to market the connectivity and competitive advantages located within rural Washington.

Work Force

Higher education in Washington offers students a variety of program specializing in the telecommunication business and technology sectors. These programs include:

- [The Washington State University Center to Bridge the Digital Divide \(CBDD\)](#)
- [The School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at Washington State University](#)
- [Shoreline Community College’s Center for Manufacturing Excellence](#)
- [The Edmonds Community College Materials Science Technology program](#)
- [Clover Park Technical College](#)

State Initiatives

To learn more about industry specific [Tax](#), [Incentives](#), and [Financing](#) options, please refer to their individual links.

- [Advanced Technology Initiative \(ATI\)](#)

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