Washington County’s unemployment rate was 9.6 percent in June 2020 compared with 3.2 percent this time last year. More than 32,000 remain unemployed which is still larger than the Great Recession high of about 30,000 individuals.

From May to June 2020, Washington County’s added 9,300 jobs or 3 percent of nonfarm employment. Between employment growth in May and June, 38 percent of jobs lost in April 2020 have been recovered. Over 4,000 jobs were added in leisure and hospitality, a 30 percent increase. Other services and manufacturing also saw notable gains. However, almost all industries remain below June 2019 figures.

Workers in Washington County claiming continued unemployment benefits peaked in May 2020. Over 25,000 individuals continued to request unemployment in May which is about nine times higher than what we saw prior to COVID-19. While still over seven times higher than March 2020, continued unemployment claims declined to 20,842 in June.

**Unemployment Rate**
*June 2000 to June 2020, Seasonally Adjusted*

**Local Area Unemployment Statistics**

**Several Industries Start to Recover Job Losses**
*May 2020 to June 2020, percentage change*

**Unemployment Rates in Washington County Cities**
*June 2020, Not Seasonally Adjusted*

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