



Gov. Inslee (D)

**“Today, I am here with the hope that together we will usher in a new era – one that moves past polluting fossil fuels and embraces a clean-energy future. There is no doubt in my mind that clean-energy technologies open doors to economic prosperity.”**

— Gov. Jay Inslee, Nov. 21, 2017, addressing the legislature of British Columbia, Canada, during a day of meetings with BC Premier John Horgan

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# Washington

**Pop. (2017):** 7,311,450

**Median household income:** \$64,691

**Credit Rating:** AA+/Stable

**Pop. growth 2017-2022:** 1.13%

**Median age:** 38.3

**Right-to-work state:** No

## Legislative Update

- In June, Washington became the fifth state to adopt paid family leave: The Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program will provide up to 16 weeks of leave for those wanting to take time off to care for a new infant or care for a family member. Depending on their earnings, employees will receive up to 90 percent of their wage or salary or up to \$1,000 per week.
- The program will be implemented by 2020.
- In June, at the facility of Echodyne, a radar technology startup in Bellevue, Gov. Jay Inslee signed an executive order to support safe testing and operation of autonomous vehicles.



**17<sup>th</sup>**

Business Tax Climate Rank Change 2017-2018: **0**



**13<sup>th</sup>**

Higher Ed. R&D Expenditure: **\$1,649,918**



**34<sup>th</sup>**

Number of NCRCs: **4,982** | Percent Improvement 2017-2018: **8%**



**3<sup>rd</sup>**

ITIF Score: **84.5**



**1<sup>st</sup>**

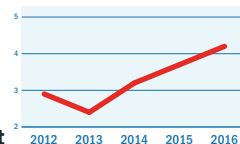
Lowest Electric Power Cost (cents/kWh): **4.87**



**26<sup>th</sup>**

**GDP**

**14<sup>th</sup>**



**2016 GDP**

(in millions of current US\$)

**\$476,770**