



City of Yakima

# **News Release**

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**Subject: City of Yakima Unemployment at Record Low**

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## **City of Yakima Unemployment Rate Hits Record Low**

The city of Yakima's unemployment rate for September 2021 was 3.9 percent. That is a record low for the city, according to State of Washington Employment Security Department numbers dating back to 1990.

"Continued job growth in the city of Yakima is a positive sign for our local economy," said Communications & Public Affairs Director Randy Beehler. "The city appreciates the business investment in this community."

The numbers, which are not seasonally adjusted, show an unemployment rate of 3.9 percent in the city of Yakima for September 2021. The previous record low, according to figures dating back to 1990, was 4.4 percent. That jobless rate was reported in October 2019, September 2018 and September 2017.

"The latest unemployment numbers continue a recovery from 2020, which saw significant jobless increases due to the pandemic," said Beehler. "For example, the city's unemployment rate was 7.6 percent in September 2020."

Besides setting an all-time record-low unemployment rate last month, the city has a chance to record its lowest ever year-end jobless rate. Currently, the city's average monthly unemployment rate is 5.9 percent for 2021. The record low is 5.7 percent, set in 2018.

Click [ESDWAGOV - Labor force \(LAUS\)](#) and scroll down to "Historical labor force by city" to see ESD's monthly unemployment numbers listed by city dating back to 1990.