



City of Yakima

# **News Release**

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**Subject: City of Yakima Unemployment Continues at Record Lows**

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## **City of Yakima Unemployment Continues at Record Lows**

With a jobless rate of just 5.8 percent for the month of May, the city of Yakima's unemployment numbers continue at all-time record lows.

That's according to figures released today, Tuesday, by the State of Washington's Employment Security Department.

"This is encouraging news," said City Council Member and Council Economic Development Committee Chair Jason White. "It's great to see the city's unemployment rate set record lows for five consecutive months to start 2018."

The numbers, which are not seasonally adjusted, show an unemployment rate of 5.8 percent in the city of Yakima for the month of May 2018. That's the city's lowest rate for the month of May since the state agency began implementing electronic records back in 1990. The May 2018 figure is down from the 6.1 percent unemployment rate in May 2017.

"Besides being an all-time low for the month of May in Yakima, this unemployment number of 5.8 percent is the first time the city's rate has ever been below 6 percent for May," said Assistant City Manager Ana Cortez-Steiner.

The Employment Security Department will issue its next unemployment update on Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>.