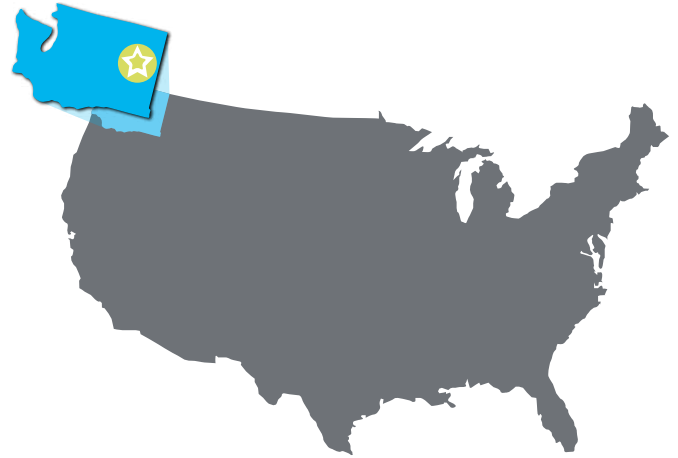


# SPOKANE REGION

WASHINGTON

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SPOKANE  
inc.**

THE SPOKANE REGION is the capital of the Intermountain Northwest, serving a population of almost 2 million people from Eastern Washington, North Idaho, British Columbia, and as far away as Alaska and Montana, with cultural activities, retail connections, multi-modal transportation, recreational access, business services, educational opportunities, medical care, and much more!



# WE'RE ON THE MAP

## LIVE

You can really live here! The low cost of housing and quick commutes mean a high quality of life that won't break the bank, but still leaves you with time to spare.

## LEARN

Our goal is to create an amazing talent pool that fills the needs of the future and helps drive a thriving community. From a stellar K-12 system to our eight area colleges and universities, this is the place for your kids, and you, to keep learning.

## WORK

With a diversified economy that includes advanced manufacturing, aerospace, agriculture, education, finance insurance, health services, and logistics and distribution, we are the largest labor market in Eastern Washington and North Idaho.

## PLAY

This is an awesome place to play in all four seasons! 76 lakes, 35 public and private golf courses, 5 ski resorts, miles of hiking and biking trails, and the list goes on of the things you can do here. It is a recreation paradise.

## THRIVE

With so much to do and so much more time to do it, the Spokane Region is a place where you can grow professionally and personally!



# WHY SPOKANE!

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**LOW COST**  
OF DOING BUSINESS

Spokane is one of the most affordable areas to operate or start a business. Labor costs, residential and commercial real estate, and utility rates are among the lowest in the region, and across the nation.

**FORBES LIST:  
SPOKANE  
RANKS  
#55  
BEST PLACES FOR  
BUSINESS & CAREERS  
OUT OF THE  
200  
LARGEST  
METRO AREAS  
IN THE U.S.**

**IF YOU  
MAKE  
\$65K  
IN SPOKANE  
YOU WOULD  
HAVE TO MAKE  
\$127K  
IN SAN FRANCISCO  
\$102K  
IN SEATTLE  
\$87K  
IN PORTLAND  
\$72K  
DENVER  
\$69K  
IN MINNEAPOLIS  
TO SUPPORT  
THE SAME  
LIFESTYLE**

*check out these stats!*

COST OF LIVING		
	SPOKANE	NATIONAL AVERAGE
Overall	100.3	100
Grocery	98.4	100
Housing	99.3	100
Utilities	97.5	100
Transportation	108.5	100
Miscellaneous	98.6	100

Source: C2ER Cost of Living Index

**SAFE  
WE ARE  
RANKED  
6TH  
LOWEST  
RISK  
FOR  
NATIONAL  
DISASTERS  
IN THE NATION**



## EDUCATION & WORKFORCE

TALENT, TALENT, TALENT

A wide range of initiatives are underway across the Spokane region that are designed to deliver targeted skills acquisition for 21st century careers.

**8**  
**AREA**  
 UNIVERSITIES  
**SIX**  
 INSTITUTIONS  
**WITH A**  
**PRESENCE**  
**IN DOWNTOWN**  
**SPOKANE'S**  
**UNIVERSITY**  
**DISTRICT**

**K-12**  
**STEM**  
 WORKFORCE  
 PIPELINE

Spokane STEM Network is one of the 10 regional networks in Washington. It drives and delivers educational opportunities for students P-20 to complete education and work in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) related careers.

**NEARLY**  
**90,000**  
**HIGHER-ED**  
**STUDENTS**  
**STUDYING**  
**WITHIN**  
**80**  
**MILES**

**LARGEST**  
**JOB HOLDER**  
**AGE GROUP**  
**IN SPOKANE**  
**COUNTY IS**  
**25-34**  
**22.6%**  
**OF THE**  
**WORKFORCE**

*we're*  
**COMPETITIVE**

New technologies and developments in material sciences and computing capabilities require a nimble and highly technical workforce that can adapt to the environment and compete in the global marketplace.

The Spokane region has developed a comprehensive multi-sector strategy in which the development of talent is a key component.



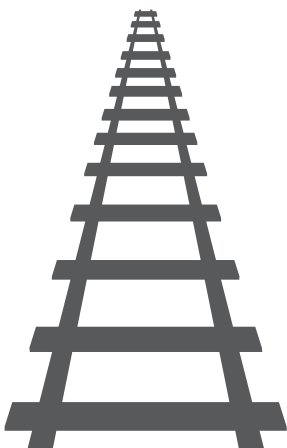
# TRANSPORTATION

## GETTING PLACES

Spokane County is a critical access point for road, air, and rail systems, and is ideally located for freight distribution east-west and north-south via Interstate 90 and US 395/North Spokane Corridor. Class 1 rail service is available via both BNSF and Union Pacific.

### RAIL

Spokane County is served by Union Pacific and BNSF railroads. Spokane is on the direct lines for both railroads from Seattle to Chicago, serving as a gateway to and from the interior U.S. and the Pacific Rim.

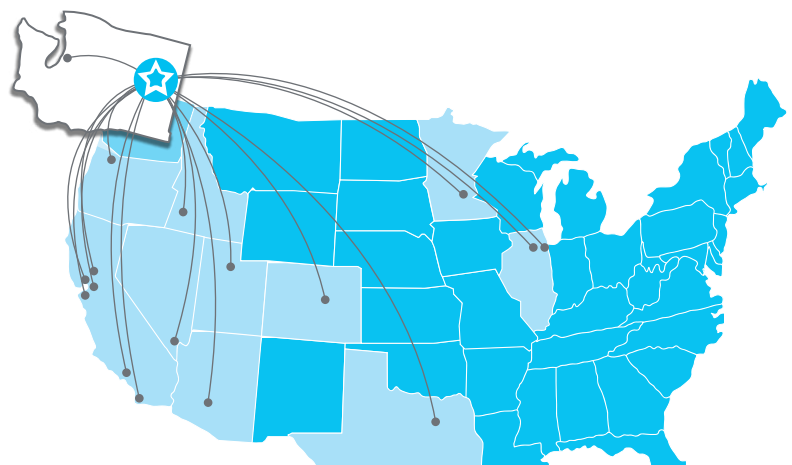


**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**  
Voters approved a 10 year plan to improve and expand public transit service in the region, including a new Central City Line.

**HIGHWAY**  
The region is fortunate to have a major trans-continental highway through the center of Spokane County, bisecting the cities of Liberty Lake, Spokane Valley, and Spokane.

### AIR

Spokane International Airport (GEG) is a 7,000-acre commercial service airport served by Alaska, American, Delta, Frontier, Southwest, and United and two integrated air cargo carriers, FedEx and UPS. It is the second largest airport in the State of Washington, and in 2018 handled 3,998,272 total passengers and 70,807 U.S. Cargo Tons.



### DIRECT FLIGHTS SPOKANE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

- BOISE • CHICAGO (MIDWAY & O'HARE) • DALLAS/FORT WORTH
- DENVER • LAS VEGAS • LOS ANGELES • MINNEAPOLIS
- OAKLAND • PHOENIX • PORTLAND • SACRAMENTO
- SALT LAKE CITY • SAN DIEGO • SAN FRANCISCO
- SAN JOSE • SEATTLE





# ECONOMY

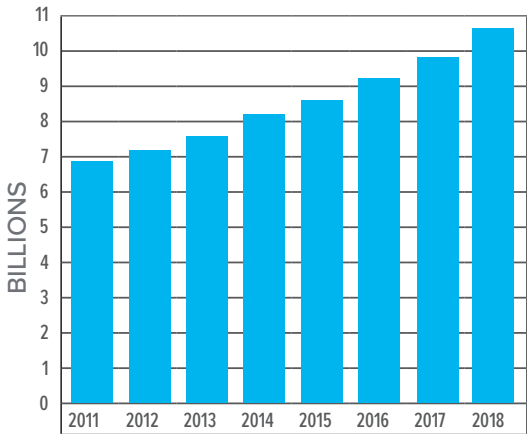
## DIVERSE AND GROWING

Spokane's regional economy is well-rounded and diversified, thriving on the emergence of new technologies in research and education, health and bio-sciences, while embracing new developments in traditional industries including agriculture, manufacturing, and forestry.

### TOP PRIVATE EMPLOYERS

- Providence Health Care
- Kalispel Tribal Economic Authority/  
Northern Quest Resort & Casino
- URM Stores Inc.
- Wal-Mart Stores Inc.
- Gonzaga University
- MultiCare Rockwood Clinic
- Avista Corp.
- MultiCare Deaconess Hospital
- ENGIE
- Alorica Business Solutions
- Kaiser Aluminum Corp.

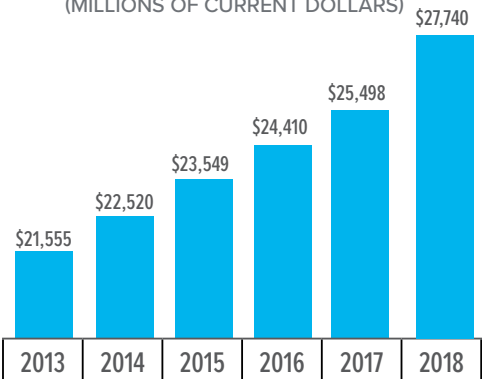
### TOTAL ANNUAL TAXABLE RETAIL SALES SPOKANE COUNTY



**5%**  
UNEMPLOYMENT  
**RATE**

Source: WA State ESD

### GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT SPOKANE MSA (MILLIONS OF CURRENT DOLLARS)



**SPOKANE COUNTY  
MEDIAN CLOSE PRICE**

**UP  
9.1%**

**FROM LAST YEAR**



**\$272,700**

Source: Zillow



**OUR** *awesome*  
**COMMUNITY**  
**SPOKANE WASHINGTON**

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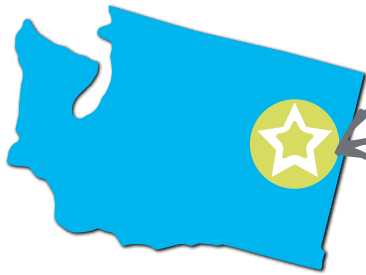




*at only \$4 for a pint, every hour is happy hour!*

## OUR CITIES

### OVERVIEW



*we're  
right  
here!*

#### CITY OF SPOKANE

Spokane serves as the business, transportation, medical, industrial, and cultural hub of the region.

#### SPOKANE VALLEY

Along the banks of the Spokane River, tradition and ambition meet in the Spokane Valley.

#### CITY OF CHENEY

Home to Eastern Washington University, this city of 11,750 residents boasts Spokane County's first Certified Development Site. Cheney is ideal for manufacturing, advanced manufacturing, and aerospace.

#### LIBERTY LAKE

Located near the Idaho border and just minutes from downtown Spokane, Liberty Lake is a family and business friendly community.

#### AIRWAY HEIGHTS

Ideally situated near the Spokane International Airport, Airway Heights is an important hub for aerospace, manufacturing, and logistics.

**2<sup>ND</sup>**  
**LARGEST**  
**CITY IN**  
**WASHINGTON**

**HOME TO**  
**15**  
**OF THE**  
**LARGEST**  
**OFFICE & BUSINESS**  
**PARKS IN**  
**SPOKANE COUNTY**

**GROWTH**  
**OF OVER**  
**23%**  
**SINCE 2010**



*yeah, you can do this in our downtown!*

**QUALITY OF LIFE**  
REVELING IN RECREATION



**76**  
**LAKES & RIVERS**



**35**  
PUBLIC & PRIVATE  
GOLF COURSES



**FIVE**  
SKI RESORTS



**SIX**  
STATE PARKS  
**FOUR**  
NATIONAL FORESTS



LARGEST  
**3 ON 3**  
BASKETBALL  
TOURNAMENT  
*in the world*





*so many things to do and so much time to do it in*

**QUALITY OF LIFE**  
CELEBRATING CULTURE



**WORLD  
CLASS  
SYMPHONY**



**BEST OF  
BROADWAY  
SERIES**



**CONCERTS**  
IN MUSIC VENUES  
OF ALL SIZES



**19**  
**WINERIES**  
IN SPOKANE  
COUNTY



SMITHSONIAN  
INSTITUTE  
AFFILIATED  
**MUSEUM**

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