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KEDA and Western Washington University Center for Economic and Business Research partner to produce Kitsap **Top Employers List** 

SILVERDALE, WA – The Kitsap Economic Development Alliance (KEDA), in collaboration with the **Center for Economic and Business** Research at Western Washington University, has released its 2023 Kitsap Top Employers List. The most frequently accessed report on KEDA's website, this data is crucial for public and private partners, potential real estate investors, and companies considering expansion or relocation. The report's employment counts, reflecting total headcount and Full Time Equivalent (FTE) employment as of December 31, 2023, are based on primary data of what was reported to KEDA by responding businesses unless noted otherwise in the report.

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Top 10 Employers	Total Headcount
Naval Base Kitsap	38,197
St. Michael Medical Center/ Franciscan Medical Group	1,933
South Kitsap School district	<mark>1,580</mark>
Central Kitsap School District	1,559
Kitsap County	1,200
Olympic College	951
North Kitsap School District	857
Port Madison Enterprises	830
Bremerton School District	768
Haselwood Auto Group	642

## Key Findings from the 2023 Kitsap Top Employers List

This year's report lists 75 firms with a total headcount of 63,047 employees. As in previous years, the 2023 report continues to underscore the significant role that public sector employment plays in Kitsap County.

Public sector organizations make up seven of the top 10 employers in the report. In addition, the public sector represents more than three-fourths of the overall headcount: 48,829 workers across 26 public employers, while the private sector headcount totals 14,218 workers across 49 employers. Both the public and private sector added net headcount in 2023, but the public sector added significantly more, a net increase of 1,154 compared to the private sector's 188.

Much of this can be attributed to the region's largest employer, Naval Base Kitsap, which accounts for 38,187 workers across military and civilian personnel and which represents 60 percent of all headcount in the report. Naval Base Kitsap added a net 1,282 workers in 2023, the increase driven by growth in civilian employment. The complete list of 2023 Kitsap Top Employers can be viewed and downloaded at <a href="https://www.kitsapeda.org/workforce/major-employers">https://www.kitsapeda.org/workforce/major-employers</a>

#### **About Kitsap Economic Development Alliance (KEDA)**

Founded in 1983, the Kitsap Economic Development Alliance's mission is to facilitate healthy economic growth and investments that support livable, resilient communities, fueled by innovation and the diverse people and businesses of Kitsap. The organization focuses on holistically developing Kitsap's economy across its various geographies and communities to ensure healthy growth and a desirable quality of life. Our vision is economic vitality for all, in one spectacular place! For more information, visit www.kitsapeda.org

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