

Business and Professional Licensing

Point-In-Time Snapshot of Individual & Business Licenses	
Profession	6/30/2023
Architects	9,450
Body Piercing & Tattooing	4,951
Cosmetologists	78,595
Funeral Directors & Embalmers	2,050
Geologists	1,999
Limousine & For Hire	1,451
Notaries Public	77,656
Private Investigators	1,584
Real Estate Appraisers	3,060
Real Estate Professionals	48,271
Security Guards	17,771
Vehicle Dealers & Transport/Disposal	7,014
Other	8,718
Total	262,570
Type	6/30/2023
Total Individual Licenses	230,986
Total Business Licenses	31,584
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License Transactions by Channel — FY 2023 Count		
Activity	Originals	Renewals
Polaris - Paper	7,512	14,243
Polaris - Internet	33,497	112,598
BLS Partner (DOR)*	1,502	11,558
Total	42,511	138,399
Polaris - Paper	18%	10%
Polaris - Internet	79%	81%
BLS Partner (DOR)*	4%	8%

*BLS = Business Licensing Service; DOR = Dept. of Revenue.

Firearms Program*	
Activity	FY 2023 Count
Law Enforcement Inquiries to Firearms Database	2,128,733
Firearm Transfers Received	229,905
Concealed Pistol Licenses Issued by Law Enforcement	164,272
Point-In-Time Snapshot as of 6/30/2023	
Active Concealed Pistol Licenses	690,613
Firearms Dealers	741

*DOL updates and maintains the firearms database for use by law enforcement. As of FY 2023, transfers include both pistol and semi automatic rifles.

Prorate & Fuel Tax Services	
Activity	FY 2023 Count
Fuel Tax Business Audits	215
Prorate & Fuel Tax Licenses	17,301
Annual Fuel Tax Collected	\$1,680,147,357

*As of FY 2023 - Prorate & Fuel Tax license counts were updated to include additional license types.

Uniform Commercial Code* — FY 2023 Count			
Activity	Internet	Paper	Total
Filings Processed	90,822	11,268	102,090
Searches Completed	286,671	1,703	288,374
Point-In-Time Snapshot as of 6/30/2023			
Total Active Filings in Database	696,148		

*DOL records liens on personal property and makes information available to the public through searches.

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Inclusion

Agency Facts	
Driver Licensing Services Offices	55
Vehicle Agent & Sub-Agent Offices	179
Allotted Full Time Positions (FTEs)	1,485

Biennial Budget 2023-2025	
Transportation	\$ 430 million
Omnibus	\$ 67 million
Total	\$ 497 million

Revenue Collected — by Recipient	
Recipient	Fiscal Year 2022*
WA State	\$ 2,669,886,363
Other States (IRP, IFTA)	\$ 625,236
Local (TBD, RTA)	\$ 394,992,035
Other	\$ 2,147,926
Total	\$ 3,067,651,560

*Due to budget cycles, revenue collected by fiscal year is only updated in calendar year-end publications.

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Fiscal Year 2023

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Driver Licensing

Point-In-Time Snapshot of Card Holders*					
Type	6/30/2019	6/30/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2023
Driver License (DL)	5,704,650	5,805,789	5,863,764	5,950,968	6,004,489
<i>18 years old & over</i>	5,624,747	5,730,382	5,786,830	5,871,902	5,922,281
<i>Intermediate (under 18)</i>	79,903	75,407	76,934	79,066	82,208
Identification Card (ID)	690,947	662,843	672,644	691,787	722,806
Instruction Permit	87,483	80,575	91,116	94,015	96,405
Enhanced Documents (Counts are included in Driver License and ID Card counts above)					
Driver License (EDL)	843,986	1,072,550	1,156,311	1,277,667	1,452,767
Identification Card (EID)	31,573	36,188	36,664	41,598	49,118
Endorsements & Restricted Licenses (Counts are included in Driver License counts above)					
Motorcycle	427,276	431,882	429,226	427,409	422,811
Commercial (CDL)	182,613	187,360	188,065	188,342	188,959
Ignition Interlock	4,533	3,895	3,343	2,935	2,746

Transactions/Count: Count of card holders or registrations issued, renewed, or replaced during the reporting year.

Point-In-Time Snapshot: Counts of all current card holders, vehicle/vessel registrations, or licenses on the date specified.

NOTE: Customer transactions can be counted in multiple places. For example, when they have both motorcycle and commercial endorsements, or combination plates (such as personalized on a special background).

DL & ID Renewal Transactions by Channel		
Channel	FY 2023 Count	Percent
Office	405,355	46%
Internet	430,534	48%
Mail	53,693	6%
Total	889,582	

Driver License Testing — FY 2023 Count		
Type	Licensing Services Office	Driver Training School
Knowledge	20,640	300,249
Drive	7,772	201,073
Total	28,412	501,322

Regulating Activity	
Action	FY23 Count
Hearings & Interviews Processed	21,880
Point-In-Time Snapshot as of 6/30/2023	
Suspended, Revoked, or Canceled*	218,875

*Includes unlicensed and out-of-state people.

Driver Transactions — FY 2023 Count		
Type	Originals	Renewals
Driver License (DL)	268,109	809,808
<i>Motorcycle</i>	13,821	59,967
<i>Commercial</i>	11,238	33,396
Identification Card (ID)	127,666	82,246
Instruction Permit	101,393	16,658

Individual Abstract of Driving Record (ADR) FY 2023 Requests by Channel		
Channel	Count	Percent
Office	25,131	13%
Internet	143,087	74%
Mail	24,543	13%
Total	192,761	

Commercial Data Broker ADR	
Type	FY 2023 Count
Monitored	29,271,548
Purchased	1,888,273

Vehicle/Vessel Licensing

Point-In-Time Snapshot of Currently Registered Vehicles and Vessels*					
Type	6/30/2019	6/30/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2023
Vehicles	8,163,774	7,937,666	8,200,332	8,080,884	8,019,967
<i>Motorcycles</i>	240,824	236,085	247,955	237,353	232,500
Vessels	247,964	240,400	251,376	243,803	238,376

*2020 counts are impacted by Covid-19 related office closures and renewal notices going out late.

Email Renewal Notices — FY Counts				
Type Sent	2020	2021	2022	2023
Vehicle Email Renewal Notices	528,710	566,235	506,342	462,659
Vehicle Paper Notice*	6,436,688	6,915,600	6,728,476	6,640,826
New Enrollees				
Vehicle	59,371	75,421	63,263	61,361
Vessel	2,160	2,446	1,798	1,594
Total	61,531	77,867	65,061	62,955

*Vessels do not have a paper renewal notice option.

Vehicle Renewal Transactions by Channel		
Channel	FY 2023 Count	Percent
Office	3,677,667	50%
Internet	3,040,430	42%
Mail	586,163	8%
Total	7,304,260	

Vehicle Title Transactions	
Type	FY 2023 Count
New to WA	674,651
Transfers	1,003,219
Modifications	454,429
Duplicates	54,454
Total	2,186,753

Vehicle Permit Transactions	
Type	FY 2023 Count
Trip	125,602
Dealer	323,301
Transit	11,838
Other*	5,084
Total	465,825

*Farm; Military; Off Road; Snowmobiles.

Original License Plate Issuances FY 2023	
Type	Count
Standard Background	1,377,705
<i>Standard Configuration</i>	1,339,112
<i>Personalized Configuration</i>	3,532
<i>Non-Standard Configuration*</i>	35,061
Special Background	15,178
<i>Standard Configuration</i>	12,736
<i>Personalized Configuration</i>	2,442
Metal Tag/Decal	28,379
Total	1,421,262

*Exempt, Disabled, Veteran, etc.