

Business and Professional Licensing

Point-In-Time Snapshot of Individual & Business Licenses	
Profession	12/31/2021
Architects	9,495
Body Piercing & Tattooing	4,471
Cosmetologists	75,649
Funeral Directors & Embalmers	1,742
Geologists	1,972
Limousine & For Hire	1,438
Notaries Public	76,286
Private Investigators	1,663
Real Estate Appraisers	3,071
Real Estate Professionals	47,730
Security Guards	14,804
Vehicle Dealers & Transport/Disposal	8,027
Other	9,205
Total	255,553
Type	12/31/2021
Total Individual Licenses	222,792
Total Business Licenses	32,761
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License Transactions — CY 2021 Count		
Activity	Originals	Renewals
Polaris	38,523	115,488
BLS Partner (DOR)*	1,972	12,007
Total	40,495	127,495

License Renewals by Channel		
Channel	CY 2021 Count	Percent
Paper	17,455	14%
Internet	98,033	77%
BLS Partner (DOR)*	12,007	9%
Total	127,495	

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

Firearms Program*	
Activity	CY 2021 Count
Law Enforcement Inquiries to Firearms Database	3,332,589
Pistol Sales & Transfers Received	151,494
Concealed Pistol Licenses Issued by Law Enforcement	156,868
Point-In-Time Snapshot as of 12/31/2021	
Active Concealed Pistol Licenses	639,832
Firearms Dealers	727

*DOL updates and maintains the firearms database for use by law enforcement.

Prorate & Fuel Tax Services	
Activity	CY 2021 Count
Fuel Tax Business Audits	322
Prorate & Fuel Tax Licenses	7,877
Annual Fuel Tax Collected	\$1,677,538,667

Uniform Commercial Code* — CY 2021 Count			
Activity	Internet	Paper	Total
Filings Processed	90,907	10,044	100,951
Searches Completed	292,164	1,728	293,892
Point-In-Time Snapshot as of 12/31/2021			
Total Active Filings in Database			663,929

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

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Agency Facts	
Driver Licensing Services Offices	55
Vehicle Agent & Sub-Agent Offices	178
Allotted Full Time Positions (FTEs)	1,466

Biennial Budget 2021-2023	
Transportation	\$ 381 million
Omnibus	\$ 62 million
Total	\$ 443 million

Revenue Collected — by Recipient	
Recipient	Fiscal Year 2021*
WA State	\$ 2,733,372,026
Other States (IRP, IFTA)	\$ 2,369,527
Local (TBD, RTA)	\$ 448,008,615
Other	\$ 2,604,466
Total	\$ 3,186,354,634

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

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Statistics At-A-Glance



Calendar Year 2021

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Driver Licensing

Point-In-Time Snapshot of Card Holders*					
Type	12/31/2017	12/31/2018	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	12/31/2021
Driver License (DL)	5,842,167	5,455,219	5,779,353	5,888,294	5,920,572
<i>18 years old & over</i>	5,761,617	5,375,192	5,697,559	5,813,840	5,841,780
<i>Intermediate (under 18)</i>	80,550	80,027	81,794	74,454	78,792
Identification Card (ID)	634,496	662,817	709,419	673,205	678,146
Instruction Permit	86,655	86,869	85,486	99,844	91,415
Enhanced Documents (Counts are included in Driver License and ID Card counts above)					
Driver License (EDL)	686,799	767,885	983,098	1,109,141	1,217,679
Identification Card (EID)	25,809	28,706	34,869	35,333	38,754
Endorsements & Restricted Licenses (Counts are included in Driver License counts above)					
Motorcycle	446,260	422,717	432,490	433,189	429,715
Commercial (CDL)	183,779	181,315	185,755	188,384	187,898
Ignition Interlock	4,902	4,375	4,776	3,340	3,004

*2018 Point-In-Time Counts reflect data clean up, and more refined report filters in the new DOL driver records system implemented in September 2018. The 2020 counts are impacted by Covid-19 related office closures.

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	CY 2021 Count	Percent
Office	227,163	23%
Internet	665,560	67%
Mail	95,624	10%
Total	988,347	

Driver License Testing — CY 2021 Count		
Type	Licensing Services Office	Driver Training School
Knowledge	11,286	254,724
Drive	3,402	174,430
Total	14,688	429,154

Regulating Activity	
Action	CY21 Count
Hearings & Interviews Processed	21,976
Point-In-Time Snapshot as of 12/31/2021	
Suspended, Revoked, or Canceled*	215,809

*Includes unlicensed and out-of-state people.

Driver Transactions — CY 2021 Count		
Type	Originals	Renewals
Driver License (DL)	317,872	917,265
<i>Motorcycle</i>	16,023	66,073
<i>Commercial</i>	10,710	28,306
Identification Card (ID)	95,654	71,082
Instruction Permit	101,045	9,521

Individual Abstract of Driving Record (ADR) CY 2021 Requests by Channel		
Channel	Count	Percent
Office	16,490	8%
Internet	155,225	78%
Mail	27,227	14%
Total	198,942	

Commercial Data Broker ADR	
Type	CY 2021 Count
Monitored	27,054,160
Purchased	1,842,146

Vehicle/Vessel Licensing

Point-In-Time Snapshot of Currently Registered Vehicles and Vessels*					
Type	12/31/2017	12/31/2018	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	12/31/2021
Vehicles	7,983,593	8,091,714	8,133,262	8,042,128	8,139,392
<i>Motorcycles</i>	233,888	238,297	237,926	242,113	243,911
Vessels	225,732	222,938	223,916	229,117	226,364

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

Email Renewal Notices — CY Counts				
Type Sent	2018	2019	2020	2021
Vehicle Email Renewal Notices	649,530	679,242	534,521	511,533
Vehicle Paper Notice*	6,561,230	6,184,684	6,634,772	6,751,410
New Enrollees				
Vehicle	70,771	60,075	69,434	66,686
Vessel	3,392	2,318	2,325	2,205
Total	74,163	62,393	71,759	68,891

*Vessels do not have a paper renewal notice option.

Vehicle Renewal Transactions by Channel		
Channel	CY 2021 Count	Percent
Office	2,737,296	42%
Internet	3,109,036	48%
Mail	671,169	10%
Total	6,517,501	

Vehicle Title Transactions	
Type	CY 2021 Count
New to WA	743,883
Transfers	1,144,972
Modifications	578,725
Duplicates	48,889
Total	2,516,469

Vehicle Permit Transactions	
Type	CY 2021 Count
Trip	149,518
Dealer	795,653
Transit	10,220
Other*	6,803
Total	962,194

*Farm; Military; Off Road; Snowmobiles.

Original License Plate Issuances CY 2021	
Type	Count
Standard Background	1,604,894
<i>Standard Configuration</i>	1,560,846
<i>Personalized Configuration</i>	7,830
<i>Non-Standard Configuration*</i>	36,218
Special Background	23,388
<i>Standard Configuration</i>	18,517
<i>Personalized Configuration</i>	4,871
Metal Tag/Decal	32,845
Total	1,661,127

*Exempt, Disabled, Veteran, etc.