

## **Governor**

The State Constitution assigns the **Governor** the supreme executive power of this state. This role is continuously redefined through constitutional and statutory changes and through accepted practice. The Governor is head of the executive branch of government, but also has legislative responsibilities, as well as serving as an agent of communications with other states and the federal government.

The Governor's executive branch responsibilities include appointing the heads of departments, agencies, and institutions. Also, mid-term vacancies in certain positions outside the executive branch, such as judges, are filled initially by gubernatorial appointment.

By holding cabinet meetings, communicating with other state officers and overseeing budget expenditures, the Governor fulfills the responsibility to see that the laws are faithfully executed. The Governor further fulfills this responsibility by serving as an ex-officio member on a number of boards and commissions.

The Governor's legislative responsibilities include reporting to the Legislature annually on affairs of the state (the State of the State Address) and submitting a budget recommendation. Other legislative recommendations may also be issued by the Governor. Further, the Governor may veto legislation passed by the Legislature and may convene the Legislature in extraordinary session.

Other duties assigned to the Governor include serving as commander-in-chief of the state's military establishment (the - National Guard), except when it has been called into federal service. Pardoning power also is vested in the Governor, subject to regulations and restrictions prescribed by law.

In addition, the Governor makes countless personal appearances at public and private events, and issues proclamations relating to matters of interest to the people of Washington.

**Name:** Jay Inslee  
**Position Title:** Governor of the State of Washington

### 1. Position Objective

The Governor is responsible for administering the state's budget and is chief executive of state government. He serves approximately 7.7 million residents of the state of Washington and has responsibility for meeting a wide range of public needs within available resources. He is directly responsible to the citizens for the performance of 123,317 government and higher education employees (FTEs). The Governor's administration includes 99 state agencies that provide services in the area of education and higher education, transportation, social services, health care, public safety, economic development, environment and natural resources. The Governor also selects, subject to Senate confirmation, the members of the 321 boards and commissions that oversee non-cabinet agencies.

### 2. Financial Dimensions

- a. Number of employees in your organization: 123,317 FTEs (includes higher education)
- b. Your biennial budget\*: \$155.3 billion, total budget funds, including federal funding.

Other biennial dollar amount your job controls or influences:

Item: Operating (Omnibus) Budget - Total Funds (Biennial)

Amount: \$130.9 billion

Item: Transportation Budget

Amount: \$12.3 billion

Item: Capital Construction Budget

Amount: \$12.1 billion (including new projects and re-appropriations from existing projects.)

\* Direct control of budget - salaries, benefits, etc. of organization staff plus other items under direct control. Most funding for the budget must first be appropriated by the Legislature.

### 3. Principal Responsibilities

1. The Governor is constitutionally vested with the supreme executive power of state.
2. The Governor must carry out all state laws, executive orders and policies, the purposes of which are to provide Washington's citizens with a broad array of services including transportation, health care and social services, public safety, economic development, education and environmental protection.
3. The Governor must maintain a constitutionally required balanced state budget.
4. The Governor must decide whether to enact, partially veto, or veto, several hundred laws passed by the Legislature each year.
5. The Governor must appoint and supervise cabinet agency heads (24) and the executive team (8) to carry out all laws and policies.
6. The Governor is the Commander-in-Chief of the Washington State National Guard except when they are into the service of the United States and must deploy military resources to protect citizens when required.
7. The Governor has the power to proclaim a state of emergency in Washington State or portions of the state when conditions warrant and take appropriate actions in response to those emergencies.
8. The Governor has the power to pardon and/or commute criminal sentences as prescribed by regulation and restriction
9. The Governor may appoint state judicial officers to fill judicial vacancies until elections can be held.

#### 4. Knowledge and Skills

##### Education

- 1972: University of Washington, Bachelor of Arts, Economics  
1976: Willamette University College of Law

##### Experience, including management experience

- 2013-Present: Washington State Governor  
1999-2012: U.S. Congressman, 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District  
1997-1998: Regional Director, United States Department of Health and Human Services  
1995-1997: Attorney at Gordon Thomas Honeywell  
1993-1995: U.S. Congressman, 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
1988-1992: Washington State Representative, 14<sup>th</sup> District, Yakima  
1976-1984: Selah City Prosecutor  
1976-1984: Attorney at Peters, Fowler, Inslee Legal Office

##### Specialized (job content) knowledge and skills

Broad understanding of the economy, nationally and in Washington. Exceptional understanding of the interplay of revenue and spending policies and their impacts on an array of state services. Keen political and negotiation skills needed to succeed and serve citizens.

#### 5. Nature and Scope

##### A. Organization

See attached organizational chart. The Governor is the chief executive of Washington State Government and has final responsibility for the performance of the government's executive branch and the 99 state agencies, boards and commissions included in the Administration.

##### B. Management environment

The Governor must balance competing requirements, interests and political values of the entire state in order to provide the citizens of Washington with the services they need; and must do so amid shifting resources and demands.

##### C. Problem solving/decision making requirements

The Washington State Constitution gives the Governor considerable latitude to carry out the will of the people as manifested through the Legislature and the Initiative and Referendum process. The Governor has at his disposal an array of management and legal tools to assist him to be true to the people's will. His challenge is to appropriately employ those tools in a shifting, dynamic environment to ensure the safety and well-being of all Washington citizens. On a daily basis, he learns of new issues and challenges, and he must make decisions to employ appropriate tools and resources to address them. At the same time, he must maintain the delicate balance between his myriad responsibilities and the limited resources available to carry them out.

##### D. Accountability

The Governor's actions affect the entire state government and he is ultimately responsible for all activities of the executive branch.

The Governor works closely with the Washington State Legislature to carry out his role of approving or not approving measures sent to his desk by the Legislature. He works with the

state's congressional delegation and others at the federal level and local government levels to secure actions that benefit Washington State.

E. Planning

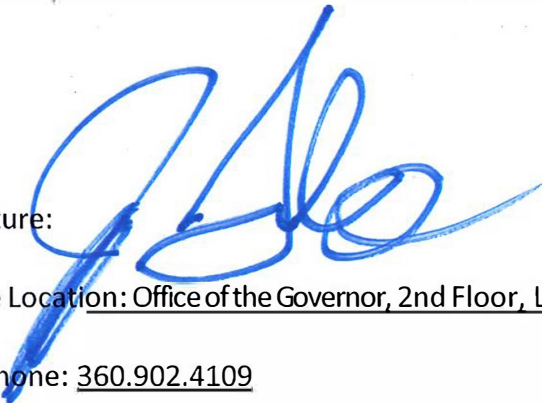
The Governor engages in continuous policy and budget planning with the aim of ensuring that citizen needs are balanced with available resources and ensuring that state government is accountable to citizens.

6. Recent Change(s) in this Position

N/A

7. General Comments

Signature:



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# 2021 Organization Chart Washington State Government

## Legislative Branch

## Executive Branch

## Judicial Branch

### Senate and House of Representatives

Joint Legislative Audit & Review Committee	Legislative Evaluation & Accountability Program (LEAP) Committee
Joint Legislative Systems Committee	Office of the State Actuary
Joint Transportation Committee	Redistricting Commission ( <i>activated decennially</i> )
Legislative Ethics Board	Statute Law Committee ( <i>Code Reviser's Office</i> )
Office of Legislative Support Services	

### Supreme Court

Administrative Office of the Courts	Law Library
Office of Civil Legal Aid	Municipal Courts
Court of Appeals	Office of Public Defense
Commission on Judicial Conduct	District and Superior Courts

<b>Commissioner of Public Lands</b>	<b>Insurance Commissioner</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Lieutenant Governor</b>	<b>Governor</b>	<b>Attorney General</b>	<b>Superintendent of Public Instruction</b>	<b>Auditor</b>	<b>Secretary of State</b>
<i>Dept. of Natural Resources - Board of Natural Resources</i>		<i>Public Deposit Protection Commission State Finance Committee</i>		<i>See offices below</i>	<i>Executive Ethics Board</i>			<i>State Library</i>

<b>Environment and Natural Resources</b>	<b>General Government</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Health and Human Services</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Community and Economic Development</b>
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### Agencies led by Governor-appointed executives

Department of Agriculture <i>(commodity commissions)</i> Department of Ecology Pollution Liability Insurance Agency Puget Sound Partnership Recreation and Conservation Office	Board of Accountancy Office of Administrative Hearings Dept. of Archaeology and Historic Preservation Consolidated Technology Services (WaTech) <i>- Chief Information Officer, Office of the Technology Services Board - Cybersecurity, Office of</i> Department of Enterprise Services <i>- Building Code Council</i> Department of Financial Institutions Office of Financial Management <i>- Personnel Resources Board - Sentencing Guidelines Commission - Serve Washington</i> Office of the Governor <i>- Corrections Ombuds, Office of - Education Ombuds, Office of - Equity Office - Family &amp; Children's Ombuds, Office of - Independent Investigations, Office of - LGBTQ Commission - Regulatory Innovation &amp; Assistance, Ofc. for - Results Washington - Women's Commission</i> Governor's Office of Indian Affairs State Lottery Military Department Department of Retirement Systems Department of Revenue	Dept. of Licensing <i>(occupational regulatory boards)</i> Washington State Patrol Traffic Safety Commission Dept. of Transportation	Dept. of Children, Youth and Families Department of Corrections <i>- Indeterminate Sentence Review Board</i> Employment Security Dept. <i>- Governor's Committee on Disability Issues &amp; Employment</i> Department of Health <i>(occupational regulatory boards)</i> <i>- Board of Health</i> Health Care Authority <i>- Public Employees Benefits Bd. - School Employees Benefits Bd.</i> Dept. of Labor and Industries Dept. of Services for the Blind Dept. of Social and Health Services Dept. of Veterans Affairs	Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth School for the Blind Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board	Commission on African-American Affairs Arts Commission Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs Department of Commerce <i>- Community Economic Revitalization Board - Developmental Disabilities Council - Public Works Board - Broadband Office</i> Commission on Hispanic Affairs Office of Minority & Women's Business Enterprises
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### Agencies under authority of a board, council, or commission

Columbia River Gorge Commission Conservation Commission Environmental and Land Use Hearings Office <i>- Growth Management Hearings Board - Pollution Control Hearings Board - Shorelines Hearings Board</i> Dept. of Fish and Wildlife <i>- Fish and Wildlife Commission</i> Parks and Recreation Commission Washington Materials Management and Financing Authority	Caseload Forecast Council Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials Economic & Revenue Forecast Council Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council Forensic Investigations Council Gambling Commission Horse Racing Commission Investment Board Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' Plan 2 Retirement Board Liquor and Cannabis Board Public Disclosure Commission Public Employment Relations Commission Board of Registration for Professional Engineers & Land Surveyors Tax Appeals, Board of Utilities and Transportation Commission Board for Volunteer Firefighters and Reserve Officers	County Road Administration Board Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board Board of Pilotage Commissioners Transportation Improvement Board Transportation Commission	Criminal Justice Training Commission Health Care Facilities Authority Human Rights Commission Board of Industrial Insurance Appeals Tobacco Settlement Authority	Charter School Commission Board of Education Professional Educator Standards Board State Board for Community and Technical Colleges <i>- Boards of trustees for 34 community/technical colleges</i> Governing boards of higher education institutions: <i>- Central Washington University - Eastern Washington University - The Evergreen State College - University of Washington - Washington State University - Western Washington University</i> Washington Student Achievement Council Higher Education Facilities Authority Eastern Washington State Historical Society Wash. State Historical Society	Economic Development Finance Authority Housing Finance Commission
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