

Regulatory Fairness Act Data and Business Information Sources



This resource list is meant to supplement agency data collection in compliance with the [Regulatory Fairness Act \(RFA\)](#).

This list may be helpful with references to (and descriptions of) data sources for the calculation of a minor cost threshold, or the identification of impacted businesses and industries as defined in [RCW 19.85 Definitions](#).

Each rulemaking is unique, so we recommend that agency staff consult with their assigned Assistant Attorney General and internal regulatory experts throughout the rulemaking process.

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1 Combined List of All Sources

Link to Data Source	Data type	Data use
DOR: GBI Report Tool	Revenue, firm counts, employee counts etc. by NAICS	Calculating Minor Cost
ESD: Report Library	Wages, firm counts, employee counts etc. by NAICS	Calculating Minor Cost
USBLS: QCEW Data Files	Wages, firm counts, employee counts etc. by NAICS	Calculating Minor Cost
U.S. Census: Economic Census	Wages, revenue, firm counts, employee counts etc. by NAICS (2017 data link)	Calculating Minor Cost
US Census: CBP Reports	Wages, firm counts, employee counts etc. by NAICS	Calculating Minor Cost
DOR: Business Lookup Service	Businesses by name, ubi etc	Finding Impacted Businesses
ESD: Employer Lookup Service	Employers by name, sector, industry etc	Finding Impacted Businesses
MRSC: County Contact Listing	Contact information for all WA counties	Finding Impacted Businesses
MRSC: City/Town Contact Listing	Contact information for all WA cities/towns	Finding Impacted Businesses
LNI: Verification Tool	Licensed contractors, tradesmen or businesses by name	Finding Impacted Businesses
SOS: Corporations Database	WA registered corporations by name, UBI etc.	Finding Impacted Businesses
DOL: Business & Professional Licenses	WA licensed businesses by licenses type and UBI or business name, last name, first etc..	Finding Impacted Businesses

Table 1: Combined Data Table

For a more detailed look at these data sources see the following pages.

Note: Data on revenue and wages at the business level is generally considered proprietary information, and therefore, is not publicly available. What is publicly accessible is usually aggregated by [NAICS code](#), County, City, Zip, or other general property. Even aggregated data can be further redacted if aggregated fields do not contain a large enough number of businesses. This may cause an agency relying solely on publicly available data to use a more general aggregation level (e.g., revenue by four-digit NAICS versus three-digit NAICS), or to find an alternative way to identify the revenue and wages information about the businesses impacted by a proposed rule.

If an agency still requires data at the business level, they might consider an inter-agency agreement, or specified reports requested directly from either [DOR](#) or [ESD](#).

2 Sources for Revenue and Wages Data

Data Table

Link to Data Source	Data Description	Notes
DOR: GBI Report Tool	Annual & Quarterly Gross Business Income and Business Count by 2,3,4,5, & 6 digit NAICS aggregated at the state level	Gross Business Income is defined to be Revenue minus Cost. Using GBI in place of Revenue is a conservative, safe approach. It is unclear whether the provided Business Count/GBI averages include sole proprietorships
ESD: Report Library	The Covered employment (QCEW) reports provide annual, quarterly, and monthly averages of wages, employment count, and firm count by 2,3 & 6 digit NAICS codes aggregated to the state and county levels	These reports are limited to providing only 2,3 & 6 digit NAICS codes and do not contain sole proprietorships as part of it's calculations
USBLS: QCEW Data Files	Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) reports provide annual, quarterly, and monthly averages of wages, employment count, and firm count by 2,3,4,5 & 6 digit NAICS codes aggregated to the state and county levels	It is unclear whether the provided Business Count averages include sole proprietorships. Note that ESD's dataset sometimes differs drastically with this dataset
U.S. Census: Economic Census	Annual Revenue and Wages by 2,3,4,5, & 6 digit NAICS aggregated at to state,count, & ZIP levels (2017 data link)	Report is conducted every five years and subsequently published approximately three years thereafter (e.g. 2017 report is projected to be released by Aug. 2020).
US Census: CBP Reports	County Business Patterns (CBP) reports provide annual, quarterly, and monthly averages of wages, employment count, and firm count by 2,3,4,5 & 6 digit NAICS codes aggregated to the state and county levels	Although conducted annually the report is subsequently published approximately two-three years thereafter

Table 2: Revenue and Wages Data

3 Sources for Business Information

Data Table

Link to Data Source	Data Description	Notes
DOR: Business Lookup Service	Provides customized searches by Business Name, UBI, Street Address, City, County etc. Results per business include Entity Name, Business Name, Entity Type, UBI #, Active Status, Location Address, NAICS, Tax ID, etc.	Search results are limited to 10,000 results at 50 listings per page. Database includes sole proprietors. Cannot export results in any way.
ESD: Employer Lookup Service	Provides customized searches by Employer Name, or Sector with option Industry, County and City refinement. Results are listed per employer include sort-able columns Business Name, Address, City, Industry, Size(Number of Employees). Additional linked contact information is also provided.	There does not seem to be a limit to overall search results, but results show only 80 listings per page. There is no export options for search results.
MRSC: County Contacts	Municipal Research and Services Center provides up to date contact information (website, phone numbers, emails, etc..) for all WA counties	A one stop shop for county contact information, but accessing local data may require contacting county departments whose information is linked to here.
MRSC: City/Town Contacts	Municipal Research and Services Center provides up to date contact information (website, phone numbers, emails, etc..) for all WA cities/towns	A one stop shop for city/town contact information, but accessing local data may require contacting departments whose information is linked to here.
LNI: Verification Tool	Provides customized searches by business name, owner last name, ubi # etc. Results can be filtered by construction, electrical, plumbing, location (city or zip), active license status, etc.	Provides a wealth of information concerning insurance history, bonds, license history, location, business type, ubi, certifications & endorsements etc.
SOS: Corporations Database	Secretary of State downloadable dataset of all registered corporations. Detailed information including registration dates, active status, UBI #, owner/board names, addresses, etc.	Dataset does not contain NAICS codes, and does not provide sole proprietor information. Search tool located provided sos.wa.gov/corps .
DOL: Business & Professional Licenses	Lookup tool, business database by license type and UBI or business name, last name, first etc..	Dataset gives owner name, address, license status

Table 3: Business Information Data