



AAR Task Force Presentation

Experience And Impacts Of Covid-19 On Business

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Association Overview



- State Chamber of Commerce
- State Manufacturing & Technology Association
- All Industry Sectors
- 7,000 members representing 700,000 employees

27% Services * 16% Construction * 14% Manufacturing * 10% Retail

10% Banking/Insurance/Real Estate * 9% Wholesale * 7% Ag/Forestry/Mining

4% Trans/Utilities/Communications

3% Chambers & Assoc

Members by Size



as of Sept. 30, 2021

Mission Statement

AWB is the catalytic leader and unifying voice for economic prosperity throughout Washington state.



Vision Statement

Washington will excel as a globally competitive state built on a solid foundation of innovation, a world-class workforce, and a quality of place second to none.

Grassroots Alliance Mission & Members

Mission: The Grassroots Alliance, now 102 strong, with the goal to solidify and grow this local grassroots network to support the legislative and economic development goals of AWB and the chambers. *(12 new members in 2020-2021)*

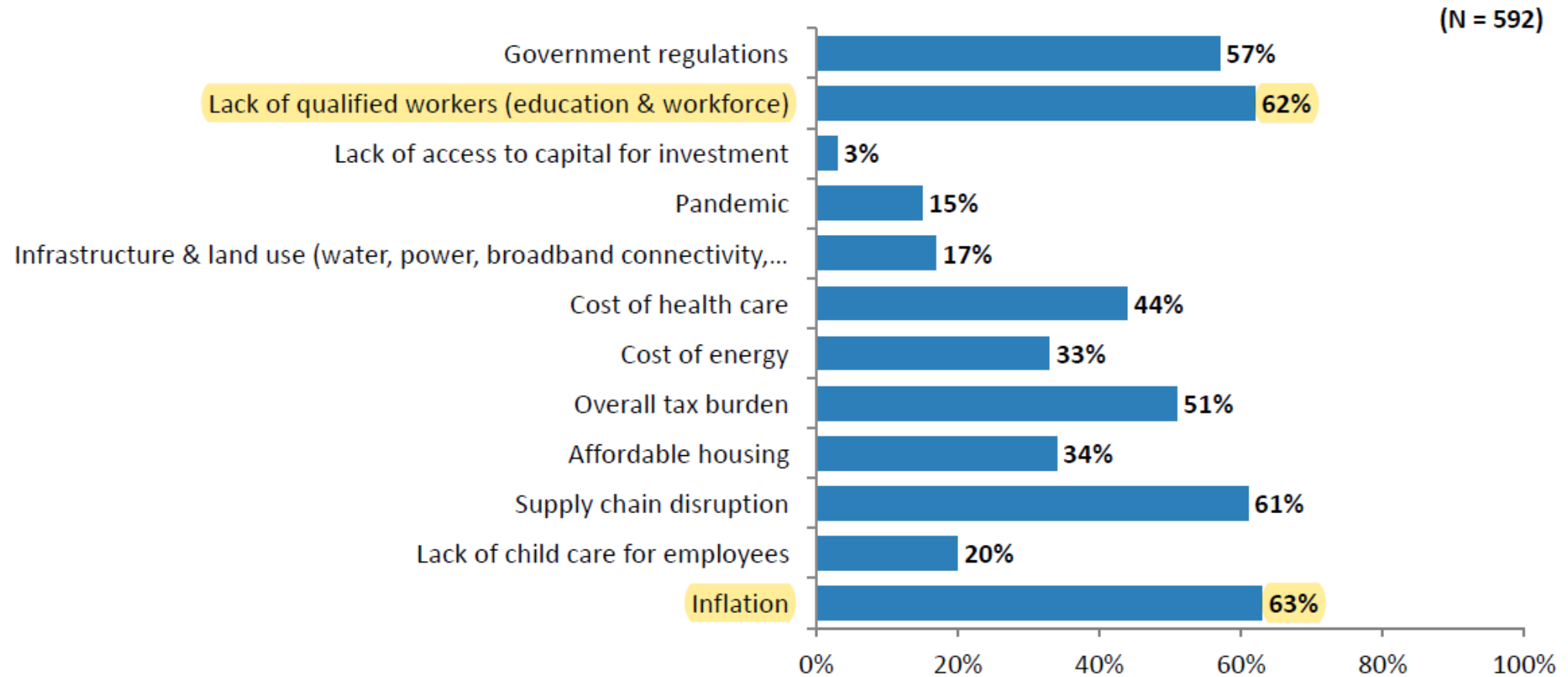
Association of Washington Business
Anacortes Chamber
Auburn Area Chamber
Bainbridge Island Chamber
Ballard Chamber
Battle Ground Chamber
Bellevue Chamber
Bellingham/Whatcom Chamber
Blaine Chamber
Bonney Lake Chamber
Bothell Kenmore Chamber
Burlington Chamber
Camano Island Chamber
Camas-Washougal Chamber
Cashmere Chamber
Central WA Hispanic Chamber
Centralia-Chehalis Chamber
Colfax Chamber
Coupeville Chamber
Covington Chamber
Davenport Chamber
Dayton Chamber
Economic Alliance Snohomish County
Edmonds Chamber
Enumclaw Chamber

Ephrata Chamber
Greater Federal Way Chamber
Ferndale Chamber
Fife Milton Edgewood Chamber
Freeland Chamber
Gig Harbor Chamber
Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber
Greater Grays Harbor, Inc.
Greater Issaquah Chamber
Japan America Society of Washington
Japan Business Association of Seattle
Kelso Longview Chamber
Greater Kirkland Chamber
Kittitas County Chamber
Lacey Chamber
La Conner Chamber
LaCrosse Community Pride
Lake Chelan Chamber
Lakewood Chamber
Leavenworth Chamber
Lewis Clark Valley Chamber
Lynden Chamber
Lynnwood Chamber

Maple Valley-Black Diamond Chamber
Greater Marysville Tulalip Chamber
Magnolia Chamber
Moses Lake Area Chamber
Mount Vernon Chamber
Mukilteo Chamber
Newcastle Chamber
Greater Newport Area Chamber
Oak Harbor Chamber
Pasco Chamber
Port Angeles Chamber
Port Orchard Chamber
Poulsbo Chamber
Pullman Chamber
Puyallup Sumner Chamber
Quincy Valley Chamber
Renton Chamber
Ritzville Chamber
Seattle Metropolitan Chamber
Seattle Southside Chamber
Sedro-Woolley Chamber
Sequim-Dungeness Valley Chamber
Shelton-Mason County Chamber

Silverdale Chamber
Skagit Business Alliance
Sky Valley Chamber
Skamania County Chamber
South Lake Union Chamber
Stilly Valley Chamber
Greater Spokane Inc
Greater Spokane Valley Chamber
Tacoma-Pierce Chamber
Thurston County Chamber
Tri-Cities Hispanic Chamber
Tri-City Regional Chamber
Ukrainian Chamber
Greater Vancouver Chamber
Walla Walla Valley Chamber
WA Chamber of Commerce Executives
Wenatchee Valley Chamber
West Plains Chamber
Westport-Grayland Chamber
West Seattle Chamber
Woodland Chamber
Greater Yakima Chamber
Yelm Area Chamber

In your opinion, what are the most important challenges facing Washington employers today?



2022 Spring Employer Survey

Results and Analysis



AWB's Rebound and Recovery Timeline

- **March 2020** – Governor Inslee announces the state's first stay-home order in order to curb the spread of COVID-19.
- Several rounds of restrictions implemented.
- Governor Inslee called for a World War II style effort to stop the spread of COVID-19, asking Washington's businesses and manufacturers to begin making PPE
- **April 2020** – AWB forms the Rebound & Recovery Task Force
- **May 2020** – AWB launches Rebound & Recovery





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Impact
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Washington
State Hospital
Association



Association of
Washington
Business



Governor Calls Manufacturers to Action Partnership



Rebound and Recovery

Rebound

Here to help Washington employers reopen their doors. Find the guidance and resources you need to prepare your workplace and safely welcome back employees and customers.

Recovery

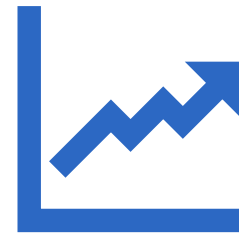
Here to help Washington's economy recover. By working with state and federal officials, industry leaders, and local chamber leaders, AWB is will serve as a unifying voice for rebuilding Washington's economy and bringing economic prosperity to every part of the state.

Challenges



Opportunities

Return to US Manufacturing of critical Medical Supplies
Reduce Shortages of critical supplies in WA State



Challenges

Clarity on Department of Commerce Criteria for state procurement
Liability Issues for our Manufactures
Regulatory Compliance Burdens put on the small business to enforce
Conflicting message from the governor's office on the call to action.



AWB encouraged lawmakers to fuel economic recovery across all sectors in every part of Washington.

- Employment Law – Address Unemployment Insurance Crisis
- Capital Budget – Infrastructure - Focus on Job Creation
- Transportation – Work Toward Passing a Fiscally Responsible Package
- Tax & Fiscal Policy – Tax Increment Financing, Incentivize PPE, B&O Pause
- Education & Workforce – Prioritize Reopening of Schools and Workforce Training
- Child Care – Suspend Certain Regulations That Don't Address Safety and Quality
- Health Care – Allow Professional Licenses From Other States
- **Building Economic Strength Through Manufacturing.**

*Informing
responses to
future
pandemics or
other
disasters*

- Always be prepared for the unexpected
- Recovery is often uneven
- Many Businesses will not survive without assistance
- The magnitude of the impacts to business varied dependent upon government responses.
- Employers need reliable information about how an event is affecting their community
- Employers need to know how to communicate information
- Employers need to know how to get information tailored to their industry



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