



Tribal governments are investing in Washington for everyone.



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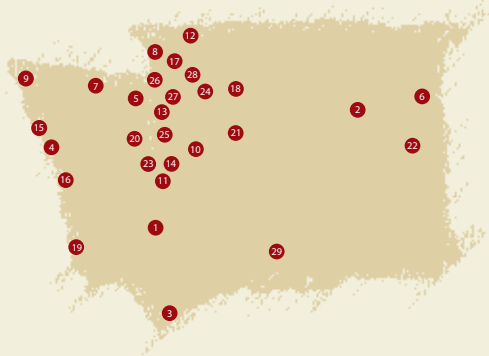
Washington's tribal governments are investing in communities throughout the state – they are investing in health care, housing, education, youth programs, public safety, environmental improvements, cultural programs and natural resources. Tribes are also investing in new job-creating economic initiatives, especially in rural areas, and they generating new revenues for local and state governments.

Individually, tribes produce reports on their community and economic investments. This is a report about the community investments and contributions being made across the state – from the Makah Nation in the west to the Kalispel Tribe to the east. The images and information presented here are just a sampling of the overall investment in people and communities that are being made by Washington's tribes.

The Washington Indian Gaming Association is proud to produce this report in recognition of our member tribes.

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Tribal government community investments benefit us all.

Washington's tribal governments are building communities – investing in people, the environment, natural resources, and economic initiatives – to improve peoples' lives. Tribes are also generating tens of millions of dollars in new local and state taxes.

NEW REVENUES

Tribes employ thousands of Washingtonians – mostly non-Indian – in casinos, non-gaming enterprises and governments. They buy millions of dollars worth of goods and services from hundreds of private businesses in communities near them and around the state. Those purchases and wages – in turn – produce millions of dollars in new business for local companies, and taxes for state and local governments.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITIES

Revenues from tribal government enterprises remain with those governments, instead of going to private investors, and are re-invested on the reservation and in nearby communities. Tribal governments use the money to pay for critical services such as health care, education, housing, public safety, transportation improvements, natural resources improvements, environmental protection, and economic development.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Tribal governments are a major factor in Washington's economy, especially in rural areas.

Employees:	Approximately 25,000 full-time
Wages:	More than \$700 million
Benefits:	More than \$185 million
Goods purchased:	More than \$1.5 billion





Mike Jefferson is a Lummi Nation Transit driver. In cooperation with the Whatcom Transit Authority and others, Lummi Transit established bus service on the reservation. Service was initiated after a study demonstrated that the lack of reliable transportation was the single greatest barrier to regular employment for people living on the reservation. The Lummi Nation is one of the top 10 employers in Whatcom County.



Ninety-year-old Lula Aubertin stops by the Colville Trading Post for a fill-up.

The Hoh Tribe provides fire protection and emergency services in western Jefferson County. Volunteers are being recruited and trained to provide services.



Investing in COMMUNITIES

Everyone benefits as tribes provide communities with new services, increased police and fire protection, enhanced culture and history programs, and new revenue for charitable endeavors.

Washington tribes invest more than \$140 million in health and education programs, contribute approximately \$9 million to charitable organizations in their communities, and give millions of dollars to local governments and agencies to offset the cost of providing services.



The Suquamish Tribe is constructing a Community House in traditional Salish Longhouse style near the waterfront on the Port Madison Indian Reservation. The Community House is part of a larger revitalization campaign that includes a new museum and arts center, a new dock in the downtown district, increased community housing, a ball field, refurbishing Chief Seattle's Grave and a trail system. A new early learning center is also part of the campaign and was completed last year.



The Quileute Tribe is active in the Forks Chamber and hosts its meetings.

Elders visit the Swinomish Senior Center for activities, story-telling and lunch.



Squaxin Island's Museum, Library and Research Center in Kamilche features exhibits and rare artifacts.



The Swinomish Tribe Fitness Center is housed in a multi-purpose facility that includes a senior center and a medical facility.



Lower Elwha Police coordinate with their counterparts in local, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

Investing in COMMUNITIES



One of the newest members of the Swinomish Tribe visits the tribal health center.

Washington tribes made donations to 992 charitable organizations in 2006, according to latest Washington State government data. The money helped fund sports, educational, church, youth and community programs.



Cecil Cheeka is a Vietnam War veteran and a leader behind the effort to build a Squaxin Island tribal memorial to honor veterans.

The local senior center received a \$20,000 donation from the Stillaguamish Tribe to purchase a new truck to deliver food to people in the area.



Joseph Kalama is the Nisqually Tribe's archives director.

Kevin Paul, a member of the Swinomish Senate, is an artist who teaches wood-carving at La Conner High School.



Neah Bay area veterans are honored on a memorial at Fort Nunez Gaona-Diah Veterans Park.



The Makah Tribe operates a number of businesses, including the Warm House Restaurant at Neah Bay, to serve local residents and tourists visiting the Olympic Peninsula.



The Samish Nation's administration building in Anacortes has been completely renovated and provides space for tribal government offices. The Samish Nation spends more than \$4.6 million on goods and services, primarily at businesses in Anacortes and elsewhere in Skagit County.



Shellfish are more than food to the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe—they have been an important part of the tribe's culture for thousands of years.



Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe purchased the Dungeness Golf Course for \$3 million and has substantial investments to upgrade the clubhouse and plant native species of trees on the course. Employment has grown to 62 since the tribe’s acquisition.

Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe is opening a new \$12 million retail facility — the Longhouse Market — this year. Thirty people will be employed at the market.

On the drawing board is a \$100-plus million hotel/conference center which the tribe hopes to open in 2010.

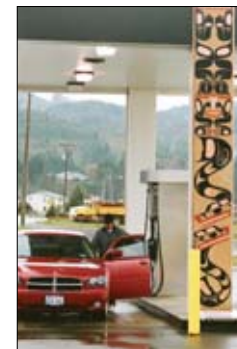
The tribe is also contributing \$1.5 million toward construction of a new station for Clallam County Fire District #3.



Stillaguamish Tribe recently purchased 56 acres of pasture near Arlington and will preserve it as farmland to raise buffalo. The first eight bison arrived from the Yakama Nation which manages a thriving herd.



The Puyallup Tribe and its partner, SSA Marine, are developing a \$350 million container shipping terminal on approximately 180 acres of land on the Tacoma tidelands. The tribe and the Port of Tacoma also entered into a cooperative land agreement which helped make the project possible. The project will provide hundreds of jobs during the four-year construction period, and hundreds of permanent jobs when the terminal is operational. Tribal member Chad Wright (center) is the Chief Executive Officer of Marine View Ventures, Inc.



Makah Mini-Mart is an economic initiative by the Makah Tribe.

Investing in NEW ENTERPRISES

Tribal governments are investing hundreds of millions of dollars across the board in Washington’s economy—in forest products, hotels, restaurants, agriculture, ranching, retail, transportation, real estate development, manufacturing, aquaculture, and more.

Quinalt Nation’s resort hotel is located near the beach in Ocean Shores. Tribal operating departments include natural resources, community services, and health and social services. Economic enterprises include Quinalt Pride Seafood, Quinalt Land and Timber, Quinalt Beach Resort, Quinalt Maritime Resort, and the Mercantile.



More than 100 upscale shops are occupying the newest addition to Quil Ceda Village—Seattle Premium Outlets.



Quil Ceda Village is growing – creating more than 3,000 jobs for people and generating tens of millions in taxes for state and local governments.



Fidalgo Bay Resort was acquired by the Samish Tribe and is operated as a 177-site RV park on the waterfront near downtown Anacortes.



Investing in NEW ENTERPRISES



Great Wolf Lodge is the Chehalis Confederated Tribes' new economic investment – a \$100 million plus indoor water park that is attracting visitors from throughout western Washington and Oregon. The joint venture project with Great Wolf Resorts includes a 399-room hotel and a 30,000 square foot conference center.



The Yakama Nation Resort RV Park and the Cultural Heritage Center are located on ancestral grounds that is now a 1.4 million acre reservation. Resort amenities include exercise room, saunas, TV room, meeting rooms, playgrounds, picnic shelter, and jogging track. RV and tent sites, plus teepees, are available for rent.

The Yakama Nation owns and operates a large convenience store and gasoline station.



Combined tribal government enterprises in Washington are a billion-plus dollar industry.

The Colville Confederated Tribes' reservation encompasses 1.4 million acres in north-central Washington. The Colville Tribal Enterprise Corporation employs more than 1,000 people in 14 business enterprises ranging from forest products to construction.



The Quileute Tribe is investing in tourism accommodations, including cabins, townhouses and motel rooms for visitors who come for the breathtaking scenery.



Skokomish Indian Tribal Enterprises is the economic development arm of the Skokomish Tribe. This convenience store is one of the initiatives aimed at creating jobs and generating new revenues for the tribal government.



Tulalip Tribes' new \$100 million hotel includes 30,000 square feet of meeting space for convention and special events.



The Muckleshoot Tribe's White River Amphitheater is a major regional venue that attracts big-name concerts and performances.



The Suquamish Tribe's resort hotel offers guests a beautiful view of the water.



Kenny Grasser is an engineer at the Yakama Nation water treatment plant.



Investing in the ENVIRONMENT and NATURAL RESOURCES

Biologists and other scientists employed by the tribes are leaders in the effort to restore salmon habitat, and to protect Puget Sound and rivers and lakes in eastern Washington.



Tribal biologist Kip Killebrew shows young Coho salmon that are being reared at a Stillaguamish Tribe hatchery as part of a project to restore wild Chinook and Coho salmon runs.



Native plants — called “bank savers” — grown at the Stillaguamish Tribe’s nursery are used to restore and protect habitat along rivers and streams. The nursery is an initiative both to create jobs and to improve the environment.

Washington tribes are investing tens of millions of dollars in environmental and natural resource programs.



John McCarty is a tribal elder and long-time commercial fisherman. The Makah Tribe invests a significant portion of its tribal government budget for fisheries and natural resource enhancement projects.



Harry Pickernell and Glen Connelly work for the Chehalis Confederated Tribe’s Water Resource Department. The tribe’s staff has played an important role in protecting and improving the Chehalis watershed, the second largest in the state covering 2,600 square miles.

Investing in PEOPLE

Tribes place the highest priority on taking care of the young and elderly. They are building early learning centers, schools, senior centers, health clinics, homes, libraries and youth activity facilities throughout Washington.



Puyallup Tribe's Leschi School is a modern 200,000 square foot facility intended to be a model for Native American programs around the country and show a glimpse into the future of educational technology for all educators. Students from 92 different tribes are among the approximately 700 enrollees in grades from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.



Walter Jackson drops by the Quileute Tribe Head Start program to visit his grandson.



Marion Jackson is a Quileute Tribe counselor.



Muckleshoot Tribe is getting ready to begin construction of a new school and an early learning center.



Road construction opens up land for a new Skokomish Tribe housing project.

With the support of the federal government and other tribes – including the Muckleshoot Tribe – the Hoh Tribe provides extensive youth activity programs.



The Lummi Nation K-12 school is a modern educational facility located on a 90 acre campus within the reservation. Built in 2004 at a cost of \$21 million, the school serves 750 students.



Suquamish Tribe's Port Madison Enterprises is one of the largest employers in Kitsap County with more than 780 employees. The new Training and Resource Center is being housed in an existing building that was acquired and is being remodeled and improved.



The Nooksack Tribe's health clinic is a new, 5,000-square foot primary care facility that also provides counseling and nutrition services, and dental care.



Nisqually Tribe's library.

Investing in PEOPLE



The Lummi Nation Senior Center provides meals, transportation and social activities.



Children to seniors enjoy the Kalispel Tribe's new Camas Center for Community Wellness. Residents throughout Pend Oreille County and beyond, tribal and non-tribal alike, benefit from this new \$20 million facility.



Students share a group lesson on skill building. The Muckleshoot Tribe is dedicated to excellence in education which includes emphasis on culture, history and language.



Dr. Joe Wiley is a pediatrician at the Chehalis Confederated Tribe's medical clinic.



Many of Washington's tribes, including the Swinomish Tribe, place a high priority on early learning programs for children. The Swinomish Tribe invests more than \$3.5 million in educational programs, including those to prepare children for kindergarten.



Health clinic administrator Cindy Lowe shows off one of Jamestown S'Klallam's new dental suites. The clinic, open to all citizens, is affiliated with the University of Washington Family Medicine Residency Program.

Takopid Health Center is a state-of-the-art Puyallup Tribe medical and dental care facility within the boundaries of the reservation in the City of Tacoma.



Kwawatchee Counseling Center provides a safe haven during times of crisis, and counseling and treatment services.



The Nooksack Tribe's Housing Authority is working to help tribal members become homeowners. New single family homes are currently under construction at the Rutsatz site.



Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe provides an array of child care and early learning services to support working families.



Forty-three new single family residences are being constructed in the Swinomish Tribe's Tallawhilt development.

Investing in PEOPLE



The Quileute Tribe operates a senior center in LaPush.



Skokomish Tribe Head Start buddies.



The Keller Head Start program is one of four early childhood education programs provided by the Colville Confederated Tribes.

When Sequim's primary health clinic closed in 2002, the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe teamed with a group of physicians to open a new clinic under tribal ownership, providing about half of the primary care in the community.



The Little Boston Library is one of the House of Knowledge projects. The library serves more than 25,000 patrons, tribal and non-tribal, each year.



Dr. Lora Jasman is the Director of Medical Services for the Kalispel Tribe's Camas Center. This new state-of-the-art wellness center, with 80 staff members out of the Tribe's overall 1400 employees, aims to meet the health and wellness needs of the community. Currently, the Center regularly serves approximately 2,000 community members – over 10 times the local Kalispel tribal population.



Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe provides licensed child care to eligible tribal member parents so they can attend school or work.

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