Global Washington

How global is Washington?

Changing demographics and economic opportunities show we’re more global than ever.

129% increase in jobs tied to international trade
That’s almost 1 out of every 4 jobs in the state.

#4 ranking among U.S. states in exports
China, Canada, and Japan are the top goods export markets.

18% speak a language other than English at home
Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese are most commonly spoken.

How are we preparing students?

Global education is key to Washington State’s future success—economically, culturally, and socially — and the state must seize this opportunity to lead the nation in preparing the next generation of global citizens and leaders.


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