Geoscience in Your State: Washington
By the numbers: Washington

- 12,118 geoscience employees (excludes self-employed)
- 1.53 billion gallons/day: total groundwater withdrawal
- $901 million: value of nonfuel mineral production in 2017
- 132 total disaster declarations, including 78 fire, 28 flood, and 16 severe storm disasters (1953-2017)?
- $34.4 million: NSF GEO grants awarded in 2017

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Agencies Working on Geoscience Issues in Washington

**Washington Department of Ecology**
https://ecology.wa.gov/
Ecology is Washington’s environmental protection agency. The mission is to protect, preserve, and enhance Washington’s land, air, and water for current and future generations.

**Washington Division of Geology and Earth Resources**
https://www.dnr.wa.gov/geology
The Washington DNR, of which DGER is a division, informs the public, government, and industry about the consequences of geologic events and about the nature of the land. DNR monitors, assesses, and researches the causes of earthquakes, landslides, and volcanoes--critical information for both government and private sector planners working to reduce the human and financial effects of natural disasters.

**Washington Emergency Management Division**
https://mil.wa.gov/emergency-management-division
During state emergencies, EMD manages the State Emergency Operations Center located on Camp Murray, near Tacoma, and coordinates the response to ensure help is provided to those who need it quickly and effectively.

**Maps & Visualizations**

Interactive database for geologic maps of the United States
U.S. Geological Survey
The U.S. Geological Survey hosts the National Geologic Map Database (NGMDB). This interactive tool serves as a national archive for high-quality, standardized geologic maps created by the U.S. Geological Survey and state geological surveys. The MapView section of the NGMDB displays geologic maps...

**Case Studies & Factsheets**
Geologic Mapping and Public Health
Using Geologic Maps to Protect Public Health
Geologic maps can be used to understand and mitigate public health risks across the US, in addition to their more traditional use in resource and infrastructure decisions. Geologic maps can show the location of naturally occurring hazardous materials and...

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Webinars & Forums

Ocean Acidification Impacts on Fisheries
This webinar addresses how geoscience helps us to understand ocean acidification, ocean acidification's impacts on marine life, and what states and municipalities can do to reduce the fishery-related economic impacts of ocean acidification.

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GOLI Online Courses

Communicating Cascadia's Earthquake Risk
Course Type: GOLI Online Course
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Geoscience research is at the forefront of characterizing the earthquake risks associated with the Cascadia subduction zone in the Pacific Northwest. This course covers the science and its implications for policy decisions and resiliency efforts.

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