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...

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Case Studies & Factsheets
Investigating Volcanic Landslide Hazards

More than just volcanic eruptions. Volcanic eruptions are a serious hazard. But at many stratovolcanoes in Washington, Oregon, Northern California, and Alaska, landslides and debris flows can be just as dangerous. Some of these - especially volcanic mudflows (lahars) - are directly triggered by...

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.

GOLI Online Courses

Ocean Acidification Impacts on Fisheries

Course Type: GOLI Online Course

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As the amount of atmospheric carbon dioxide has increased over recent history, so has the acidity of oceans worldwide. The changing acidity of the ocean has many ecological and economic impacts, one of the most serious being its effects on marine life and fisheries. The impact of ocean...