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**King County Public Sector
Industry Agencies**

+5.5%

% jobs change (2014-2024)

41,251

**Estimated replacement
demand openings*
(2014-2024)**

\$89,157

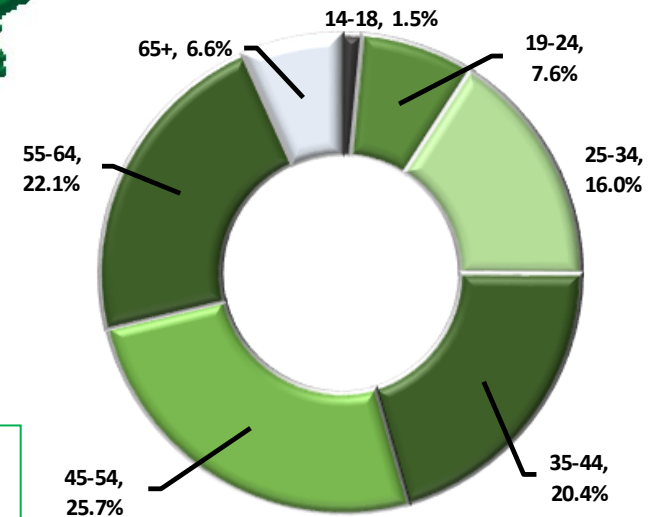
Average Annual Earnings
(2014)**



The public sector must be considered in any conversation around industry sectors that have considerable impact on King County's workforce and economic health. In 2014, there were 160,733 government in King County. These jobs include city, county, state and federal government offices and agencies and cover a wide variety of necessary functions required to make the region a great place to live and work. Occupations include a wide range of careers including accountants, fire fighters, teachers, and environmental scientists. Some occupations are specific to the public sector, such as police officers but many that are represented in the private sector have a public sector presence as well.

Nearly 54% of public employees are nearing retirement age, causing projections for needing new workers to increase. The sector is projected to add over 7,600 new jobs and to see over 40,000 replacement openings through 2024. One major challenge this sector has faced has been attracting and hiring younger workers. There are many long-term incentives to public service including outstanding health and retirement benefits, paid holidays, vacation benefits and career progression opportunities.

Industry Workers by Age



Industry Workers by Education Level

