Washington’s economy remained strong, supported by population growth and tech sector expansion. Job growth ranked sixth best in the nation but slowed in recent quarters as labor availability tightened. Home price growth increased further, ranking first in the nation while both existing and new single family markets were supply constrained. Multifamily permits have increased significantly since the recession but single family housing permits remained relatively steady on a per capita basis.

Washington’s banks performed well. The state’s average annual loan growth was solid and relatively steady and the nonperforming assets ratio was among the best in the nation, at its lowest level since 2007. Risk-based capital ratios remained low on average, reflecting elevated loan-to-asset ratios supported by high levels of commercial real estate loans. Heavy loan investments contributed to relatively low investments in securities and liquid investments.
Key Banking Metrics (averages across banks; ranking #1 = highest in the nation)

**Year-to-Date Return on Average Assets: 0.89%**
Rank: #18

**Year-over-Year Net Loan Growth: 8.7%**
Rank: #16

**Nonperforming Assets / Total Assets: 0.47%**
Rank: #41

**Total Risk-Based Capital: 14.9%**
Rank: #37

**CRE Concentration: 227%**
Rank: #7

**Securities and Liquid Invest. / Total Assets: 23.8%**
Rank: #40

Net income / average assets, adjusted for S-Corps, annualized

Source: Call Report data for commercial banks based upon headquarters location. Averages are calculated on a “trimmed” basis by removing the highest 10% and lowest 10% of ratio values prior to averaging to prevent distortion from outliers. All charts display quarterly data, except for return on average assets which displays the same quarter in each year. Growth rates are not adjusted for mergers. Graphics and data exclude “De Novo” banks (banks less than five years old). As of the latest period, the count of banks included in these statistics were 38 for the state and 4,978 for the nation.

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