

Datacenter investments drive economic growth in Central Washington

At Microsoft, we believe that technology should empower people—and that begins with the communities where we live and work.

Our commitment to Central Washington is about more than building and operating datacenters; it's about building trust, opportunity, and lasting partnerships with local leaders and organizations.

We're investing in Chelan, Douglas, and Grant counties to ensure our datacenters deliver enduring benefits.

From 2019 to 2024, construction activity generated **\$1.2 billion** in economic impact, and in 2024 alone, operations added another **\$269 million** to the region.

But the impact goes beyond numbers.

Our presence helps create jobs, support local businesses, and strengthen essential services—from healthcare and retail to security and maintenance. It's a reminder that when we invest in technology, we must also invest in the people and places that make progress possible.

[Learn about our datacenter community pledge in Central Washington \(https://local.microsoft.com/blog/understanding-microsoft-datacenters-in-central-washington/\)](https://local.microsoft.com/blog/understanding-microsoft-datacenters-in-central-washington/)

Snapshot: Economic contributions of Microsoft's datacenters in the Central Washington region



\$1.2B

total regional economic activity² supported

Microsoft construction contributed to regional economic activity from FY19 to FY24.



\$269M

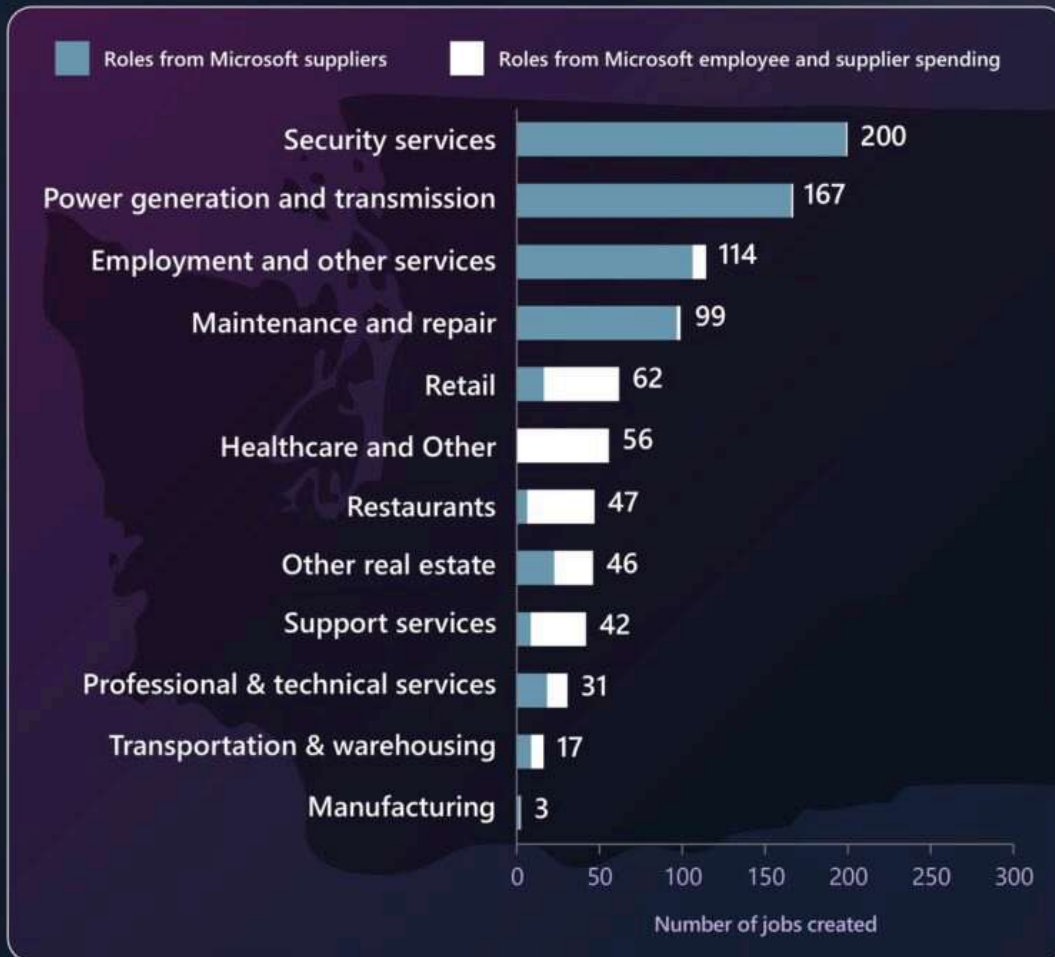
In Regional GDP

In fiscal year 2024 (FY24), Microsoft operations contributed to regional economic activity in a single year.

²Regional economic activity refers to 2023 county gross domestic product (GDP) in Chelan, Douglas, Grant counties, which totaled \$17.8b per the US BEA.

More than datacenters

For every Microsoft datacenter job in Central Washington, two additional jobs¹ are created in the local economy and supported by suppliers and employee spending—including roles in restaurants, banks, auto shops, and other community businesses.



¹Microsoft and EY economic impact study, December 2024

See the full economic impact report for Central Washington (<https://local.microsoft.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Central-Washington-Infographic-FINAL-2.pdf>)

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