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Northwest Income Indicators Project Provides a Framework for Measuring Economic Progress



The [Northwest Income Indicators Project](http://niip.wsu.edu) (<http://niip.wsu.edu>) created by Gary Smith, WSU Puyallup Extension Economist, is a web-based economic program with graphics and analyses for all 192 counties in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Nevada. It is an analytical research tool for academics, researchers and residents who

want to view and examine regional and local economic trends. Last fall, Smith, who also serves as President of the [Pacific Northwest Regional Economic Conference](#) and the Seattle Economists Club, joined with the US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis to present two economic workshops in Washington State. Recently, he added two new modules to the web program: "[Comparative Trends Analysis, State-to-State, 1969-2003](#)" and "[Major Components of Personal Income, 1969-2003.](#)"

A viable livable and sustainable community depends on the balance of environmental, social and economic factors. Creating environmentally sound and socially responsible programs can only succeed within an economic framework that is viable for the community. A sound base of economic information with good, current data is essential for analyzing the present and planning for future challenges posed by economic transitions facing communities.



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