



Washington State Department of
Labor & Industries

Contractor Compliance Activity

2013 Annual Report to the Legislature

As required by law,¹ the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) submits an annual report to the Legislature on contractor compliance activity. The report provides information on the following topics for the previous three fiscal years including the:

- Number of contractors found to have committed an infraction for failure to register.
- Number of contractors identified who were assessed a monetary penalty and the amount of the penalties assessed.
- Amount of the penalties reported that was collected.
- Amount of the penalties reported that were waived.

Construction Compliance Activity

Failure to Register as Construction Contractor	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Number of contractors found to have committed an infraction for failure to register	1,232	1,735	1,743
Penalty amount issued for failure to register	\$1,516,850	\$2,098,250	\$2,059,000
Penalties collected	\$271,530	\$499,069	\$512,394
Penalties waived*	\$142,000	\$210,900	\$217,550

Source: Department of Labor & Industries, October 2013

* The department has the authority to reduce penalties at the program’s discretion, including when contractors come into compliance within 10 days.

L&I remains committed to helping level the playing field for legitimate contractors by providing timely and customer-focused services such as renewing contractor registration online and active enforcement of the law. The department also works to inform and educate consumers about their rights and how they can protect themselves from unregistered contractors.

In Fiscal Year 2013, L&I continued to meet with business and labor representatives, focusing on underground economy activities. Inspectors visited over 14,200 jobsites (a 39% increase from the previous year), looking for underground activity. This expanded focus on underground economy activity has resulted in a 98% increase in referrals to audit.

For more information on the Contractor Compliance Program, please review L&I’s Annual Fraud Report.

¹ RCW 18.27.342