Washington Space Economics: PSRC 2022 ($4.6B / $1.6B) vs. Preliminary Space Northwest / BERK 2026 ($8.1B / 34,200 Jobs)

Pillar: WA Council & Record | **Basis:** PSRC 2022 vs. Preliminary BERK 2026 | **Primary Source:** PSRC / Space Northwest & BERK | **As Of:** 2022 Study vs. Sept 2026 Preliminary

The Governor's $4.6B economic impact and $1.6B labor income figures trace to PSRC's 2022 study of 2021 data, whereas Space Northwest and BERK Consulting's September 2026 release reports preliminary figures of $8.1B direct output ($12.4B total), 34,200 total jobs, and >68% of active satellites—which remain labeled preliminary.

Documented Policy & Site-Selection Record

• PSRC 2022 Benchmark (2021 Data): The $4.6 billion economic impact and $1.6 billion labor income figures cited in state releases trace to the Puget Sound Regional Council's 2022 study analyzing 2021 data (up from $1.8 billion in 2018).

• Space Northwest / BERK 2026 (PRELIMINARY): Unveiled in September 2026 at the Space Northwest Symposium, BERK Consulting and Alliance Velocity's study reports preliminary estimates of $8.1 billion in annual direct output ($12.4 billion total statewide impact).

• Employment & Satellite Share (PRELIMINARY): The same preliminary Sept 2026 release cites 34,200 total supported jobs (~12,300 direct) and >68% of active satellites in Earth orbit built in Washington (led by Starlink in Redmond).

• Labeling Standard: Because Space Northwest / BERK 2026 figures are labeled preliminary in their own source document, BC ESG preserves the 'preliminary' qualifier everywhere they appear.

Economic Impact Studies Compared (Attributed & Labeled)

Study / Release	Data Year / Status	Output & Income	Jobs / Share
PSRC 2022 Study	2021 data (Final)	$4.6B economic impact; $1.6B labor income	Doubled from $1.8B in 2018
Space NW / BERK (Sept 2026)	2026 release (PRELIMINARY)	$8.1B direct output; $12.4B total (preliminary)	34,200 total / ~12,300 direct (preliminary)
Orbital Share (BERK 2026)	2026 release (PRELIMINARY)	Driven by Redmond constellation manufacturing	>68% of active satellites in orbit (preliminary)

Founder, Staffer & Site-Selector Takeaways

• Staffer Takeaway: Never blend PSRC 2022 ($4.6B) and preliminary BERK 2026 ($8.1B direct) into one unattributed trendline without citing the methodology change and 2021 vs. 2026 base years.

• Reader Takeaway: Satellite share (>68%, preliminary) reflects high-volume constellation manufacturing in Redmond alongside 67 publicly enumerable core operators.

Cross-Cluster Links & Primary Sources

• **WA Space Cluster Hub (#1382):** https://bcesg.org/washington-space-cluster-census/

• **The 90-vs-67 Gap Analysis (#1385):** https://bcesg.org/washington-space-cluster-90-vs-67-gap/

• **SpaceX (Redmond) WA Profile:** https://bcesg.org/spacex-redmond-washington-space-cluster-profile/

• **Amazon Leo WA Profile:** https://bcesg.org/amazon-leo-washington-space-cluster-profile/

• **Blue Origin WA Profile:** https://bcesg.org/blue-origin-washington-space-cluster-profile/

• **Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC):** https://www.psrc.org/

• **BERK Consulting:** https://www.berkconsulting.com/

• **Space Northwest:** https://www.spacenorthwest.org/

• **GeekWire Aerospace Coverage:** https://www.geekwire.com/

Provenance Note: Strict attribution separating PSRC 2022 (2021 data) from Space Northwest / BERK Sept 2026 PRELIMINARY figures.