

Protect America's Heartbeat Campaign national and Washington State "Factoids"

- Nearly 1 in 100 Americans is a federal employee.
- There are about 3.5 million full- and part-time federal employees working every day, in every state, to support their communities. An additional 1.2 million retired federal employees live across America.
- 55% of federal employees are between the ages of 45-64 – compared with 36% in the private sector.
- 44.3% of federal employees have a college degree or higher education – compared with 29% in private sector.
- 62% of federal employees earn between \$25,000 – \$75,000 annually.
- On average, today's federal employees have 14.6 years of service.
- Over time, the federal workforce has significantly shrunk compared to the overall U.S. population. In 1969, there were 3 million federal employees serving 203 million Americans. In 2009, there were 2.8 million federal employees serving 307 million Americans.
- 84.3% of federal employees work outside the D.C. metropolitan area – that's 2,392,742 jobs across the country. Only 12.6% of federal employees, 356,545, serve inside the D.C. metropolitan area.

Now, here is some state demographic data you might find useful as you reach out to these key audiences:

- Washington State has a population of 6,664,195.
- There are 57,894 federal employees and 64,965 retirees and annuitants in the state. (A breakout by congressional district will be posted on www.narfewa.net.)
- Federal agencies have offices with 30 or more employees in 35 cities and towns in Washington. (A listing of those towns and agencies will be posted on www.narfewa.net.)
- Who are these federal employees? They are your friends and neighbors. They live next door, raise their kids and support their education, feed their families, buy local goods and services in your community, volunteer and pay their taxes. They are pledged to provide their service to the public.