



CITY AUDITOR

Office of the City Auditor

Annual Salary:
\$118,180 - \$320,925 DOE/DOQ

Seattle, Washington



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Are you an experienced public sector auditing professional who can lead complex performance audits, drive accountability, and strengthen government transparency? If so, apply to be the City of Seattle's next City Auditor!

We're looking for an exceptional, independent, and strategic leader who is:

- Experienced in governmental auditing and oversight
- Skilled at leading high-performing, professional teams
- Adept at communicating complex findings to diverse stakeholders

Seattle is committed to transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement—read on to learn more about this impactful leadership opportunity!

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY

Seattle is a vibrant, world-class city in the Pacific Northwest known for its innovation-driven economy, natural beauty, and diverse communities. Home to major employers like Amazon, Microsoft, and Boeing, Seattle blends a strong economic base with a deep commitment to sustainability and equity.

Located between Puget Sound and Lake Washington, and surrounded by mountains, Seattle offers unparalleled access to outdoor recreation including hiking, skiing, and boating. The city is also known for its thriving arts scene, diverse culinary offerings, and iconic landmarks such as the Space Needle and Pike Place Market.

Historically rooted in maritime and trade industries, Seattle has evolved into a global hub for technology and innovation while maintaining its unique neighborhoods and cultural identity. Residents enjoy a high quality of life supported by strong public services and community engagement.



POPULATION
~780,000



MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
~\$123,000



MEDIAN HOME VALUE
~\$938,600
AVERAGE MONTHLY RENT
~\$2,030

Tourism



History



GOVERNANCE & ORGANIZATION

Seattle operates under a Mayor-Council form of government. The Mayor is elected to a four-year term, and the City Council consists of nine members serving four-year terms.

The City provides a full range of municipal services including:

- Public Safety (Police & Fire)
- Transportation & Infrastructure
- Housing & Human Services



ABOUT THE JOB

The Office of the City Auditor provides independent, objective audits and evaluations of City programs and operations to promote accountability, transparency, and equity. The office conducts audits of city programs, agencies, and contracts, as well as providing objective analysis and recommendations to improve public resources.

Reporting to the City Council, the new City Auditor will:

- Lead and manage the City Auditor's Office
- Oversee performance audits and investigative functions
- Ensure independence and integrity of audit processes
- Communicate findings to elected officials and the public
- Advance equity-focused auditing practices

[Full Job Description](#)



DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE

Divisions within the department:

- Performance Audit Division
- Administrative Support

ORGANIZATION QUICKFACTS



EMPLOYEES

9



BUDGET

\$2.8
MILLION

KEY PROJECTS FOR 2026

- Advancing equity-focused audit methodologies
- Strengthening data analytics and performance auditing tools

IDEAL CANDIDATE

The ideal candidate will have extensive experience in governmental auditing, performance evaluation, or public administration. They will bring a strong commitment to transparency, accountability, and equity in public service.

This leader will demonstrate exceptional communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to present complex audit findings clearly to elected officials, stakeholders, and the public. They will be a collaborative yet independent thinker, capable of building trust while maintaining objectivity.

Technically, the candidate will have deep knowledge of audit standards, data analysis, and organizational performance improvement. They will also have proven experience leading professional staff and managing complex projects in a public sector environment.



EXPERIENCE & QUALIFICATIONS

Required:

- Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Finance, Public Administration, or a closely related field
- Minimum of five (5) years of progressively responsible auditing or related experience
- At least five (5) years of executive or senior-level management experience within a government auditing or oversight environment, or an equivalent combination of education and leadership experience demonstrating executive capability in a complex political setting

Preferred:

- Master's degree in a related field
- Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), CPA, or similar credential
- Experience with performance auditing in a large municipal organization

SALARY & BENEFITS

- **Compensation:** The position classification is Executive-Manager-Legislative. Full Annual Salary Range for this position classification is \$118,180.80 - \$ 320,925.60, based on 2088 hours (\$56.60 - \$153.70 per hour). The selected candidate may be offered a salary rate of \$210,000 - \$225,000, based on 2088 hours (\$100.57 - \$107.75 per hour), DOE/DOQ
- **Health Benefits:** Medical; dental and vision coverage is free for employees and dependents
- **Paid Leave:** Vacation, sick leave, and holidays; executive leave options available
- **Retirement:** Participation in Seattle City Employees' Retirement System (SCERS) with pension benefits
- **Additional Perks:** Hybrid work options, professional development opportunities, and public service loan forgiveness eligibility



HOW TO APPLY

Apply Here



For more information on this position, contact:

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