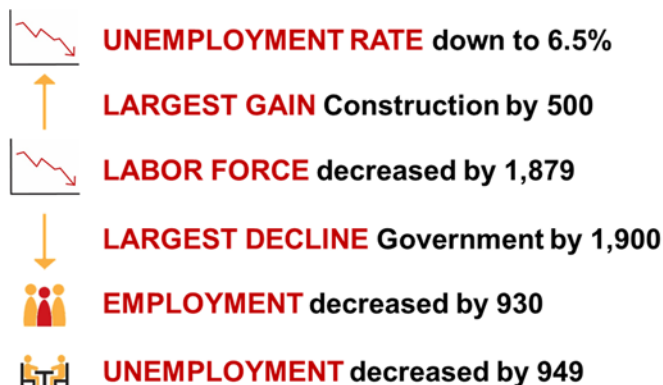


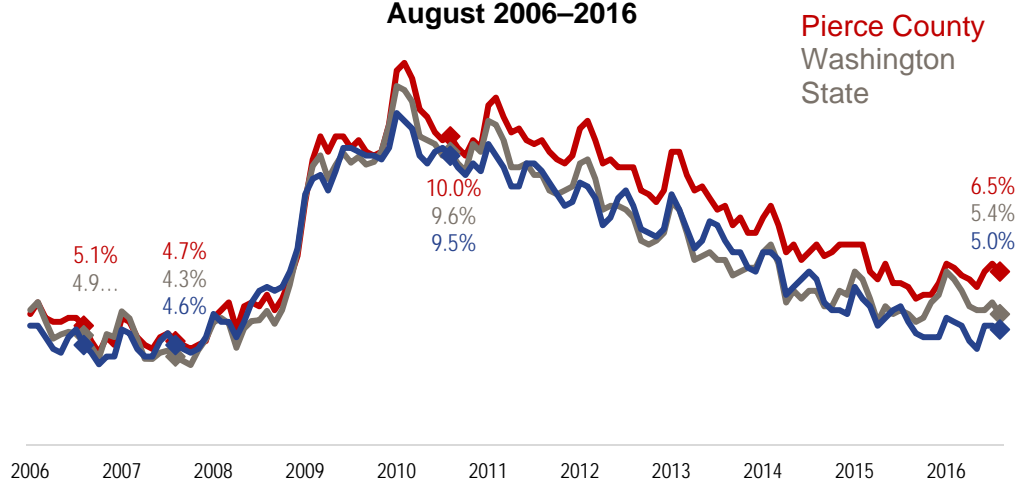
## AUGUST SNAPSHOT: PIERCE COUNTY WORKFORCE DATA

The WorkForce Central Monthly Employment Report for Pierce County (July 2016 to August 2016) shows decreases in the civilian labor force, employment and unemployment.



The Employment Security Department<sup>1</sup> reported a 0.2 percent decrease in Pierce County's unemployment rate, from a revised 6.7 percent in July 2016 to 6.5 percent in August 2016, above the year-ago estimate of 6.1 percent. The unemployment rate is below the highest August unemployment rate (10.0 percent in 2010) but remains higher than the lowest August unemployment rate (4.7 percent in 2007) experienced in the region over the last 10 years.

**Pierce County, Washington State and U.S. Unemployment Rates**  
August 2006–2016



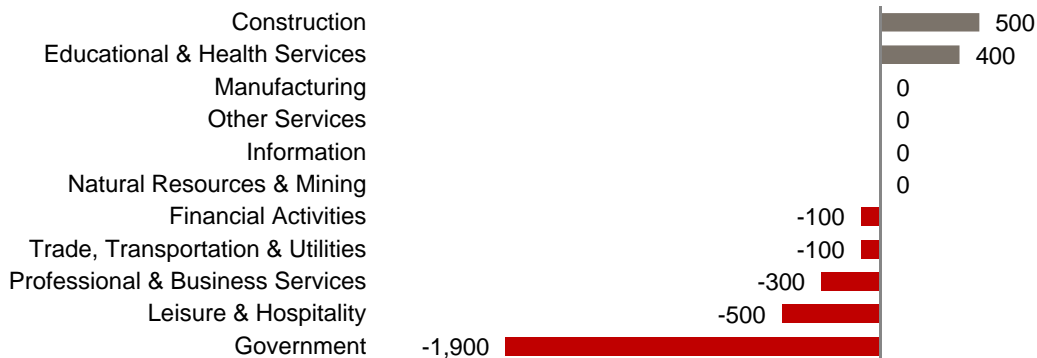
	August 2015	July 2016 Revised	August 2016 Prelim	Change Month	Change Year
<b>Civilian Labor Force</b>	387,932	404,039	402,160	-1,879	14,228
<b>Civilian Employment</b>	364,148	377,006	376,076	-930	11,928
<b>Civilian Unemployment</b>	23,784	27,033	26,084	-949	2,300

(Data Not Seasonally Adjusted)

<sup>1</sup> <https://fortress.wa.gov/esd/employmentdata/reports-publications/regional-reports/labor-area-summaries>

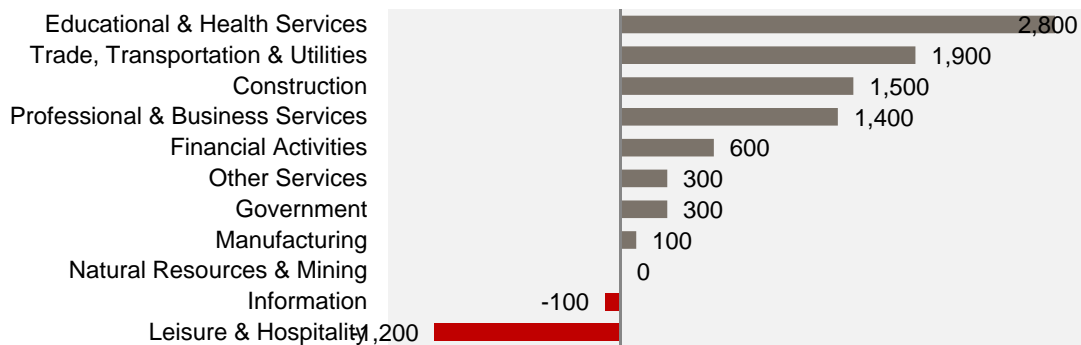
Construction recorded the largest month-over employment gain of 500 jobs, 300 of which came from Specialty Trade Contractors, while Educational & Health Services added 400 jobs. Four industries<sup>2</sup> experienced no change, while five industries experienced month-over job losses. Government recorded the largest loss of 1,900 jobs primarily as a result of decreases in Local Government (-1,500 jobs).

### Pierce County Month-Over Job Gains and Losses July 2016–August 2016



From August 2015 to August 2016, eight industries experienced increased job growth. Educational & Health Services had the greatest year-over gain, adding 2,800 jobs to the region. Trade, Transportation & Utilities added 1,900 jobs and Construction contributed 1,500. Two industries experienced year-over job losses: Information (down 100 jobs) and Leisure & Hospitality (down 1,200 jobs). Natural Resources & Mining was the only industry to remain unchanged.

### Pierce County Year-Over Job Gains and Losses August 2015–August 2016



Five industries experienced month-over job losses, yet four of these industries still reported positive year-over gains: Government (300 jobs), Professional & Business Services (1,400 jobs), Trade, Transportation & Utilities (1,900 jobs) and Financial Activities (600 jobs). In addition, most industries in Pierce County continue to experience year-over employment gains. The county also recorded a year-over growth rate of 3.3 percent in civilian employment, surpassing Washington State's growth rate of 2.9 percent.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> A list of industries and industry sub-sectors are accessible through the Bureau of Labor Statistics:  
[http://www.bls.gov/iag/tgs/iag\\_index\\_naics.htm](http://www.bls.gov/iag/tgs/iag_index_naics.htm)

<sup>3</sup> <https://fortress.wa.gov/esd/employmentdata/reports-publications/regional-reports/labor-area-summaries#Unemployment-rates>