

OCTOBER SNAPSHOT:

PIERCE COUNTY WORKFORCE DATA

The WorkForce Central Monthly Employment Report for Pierce County (September 2016 to October 2016) shows unemployment holding steady amid increases in the civilian labor force.



UNEMPLOYMENT
Unchanged



UNEMPLOYMENT
decreased by 604



LARGEST GAIN
Government by 1,400



LABOR FORCE
increased by 5,284

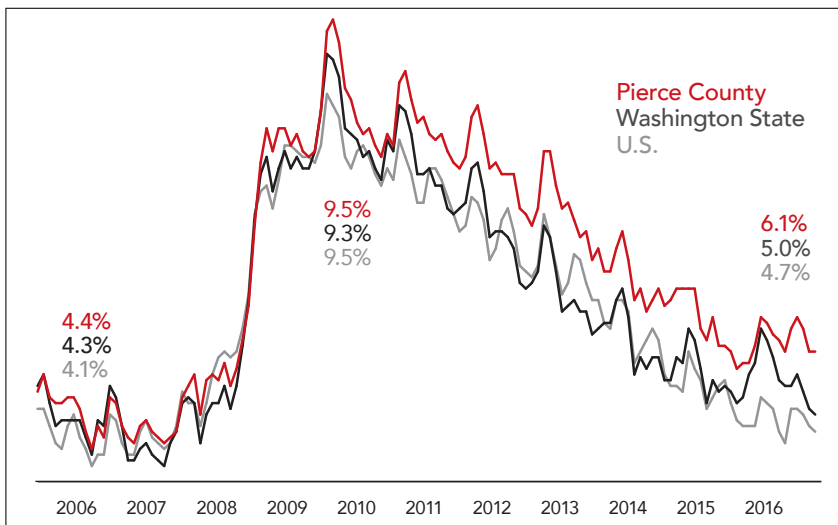


EMPLOYMENT
increased by 4,680



LARGEST DECLINE
Leisure & Hospitality by 1,700

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



Pierce County's unemployment rate remained the same in October 2016, matching the revised September 2016 rate of 6.1 percent, above the year-ago estimate of 5.9 percent. The unemployment rate is below the highest October unemployment rate (9.5 percent in 2009) but remains higher than the lowest October unemployment rate (4.4 percent in 2006) experienced in the region over the last 10 years.

	Oct 2015	Sept 2016	Oct 2016	Change	
		Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	393,451	402,002	407,286	5,284	13,835
Civilian Employment	370,423	377,680	382,360	4,680	11,937
Civilian Unemployment	23,028	24,322	24,926	604	1,898

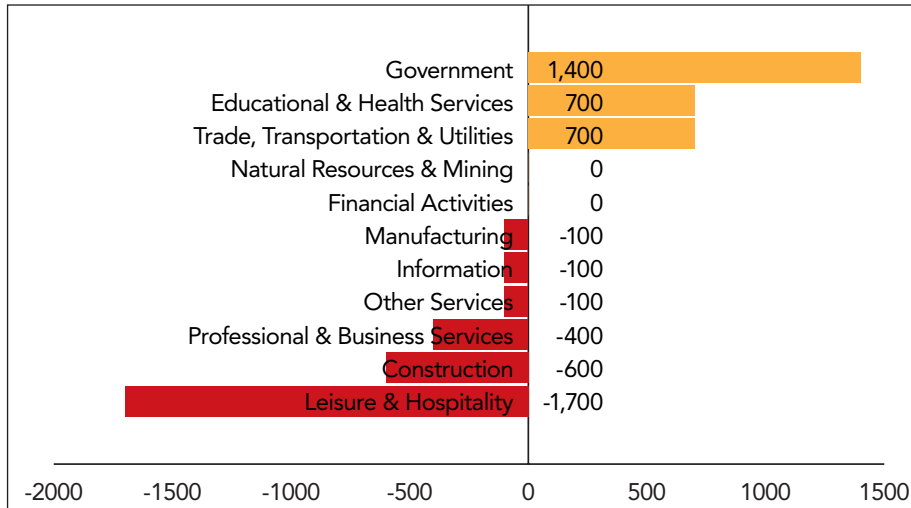
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Pierce County Month-Over Job Gains and Losses

September 2016–October 2016

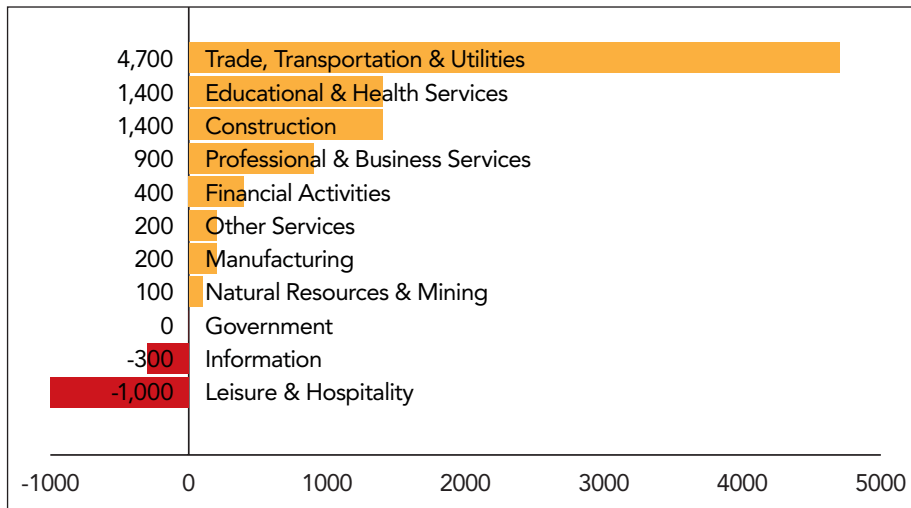


Government recorded the largest month-over employment gain of 1,400 jobs, 900 of which came from Local Government, while Educational & Health Services and Trade, Transportation & Utilities each added 700 jobs. Two industries (Natural Resources & Mining and Financial Activities) experienced no change, while six industries experienced month-over job losses. Leisure & Hospitality recorded the largest loss of 1,700 jobs, while Construction lost 600 jobs and Professional & Business Services lost 400 jobs. Other Services, Information and Manufacturing lost 100 jobs each.

From October 2015 to October 2016, eight industries experienced job growth. Trade, Transportation & Utilities had the greatest year-over gain, adding 4,700 jobs to the region. Educational & Health Services added 1,400 jobs and Construction contributed another 1,400. Government, Financial Activities, Professional & Business Services, Manufacturing and Other Services added a total of 1,800 jobs to the region. Two industries experienced year-over job losses: Leisure & Hospitality (down 1,000 jobs) and Information (down 300 jobs). Natural Resources & Mining was the only industry to remain unchanged.

Pierce County Year-Over Job Gains and Losses

October 2015–2016



Four industries that experienced month-over job losses still reported positive year-over gains: Manufacturing (200 jobs), Other Services (100 jobs), Professional & Business Services (200 jobs) and Construction (1,400 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 3.2 percent in civilian employment, below Washington State's growth rate of 3.8 percent for the second time in 2016.

¹ A list of industries and industry sub-sectors is accessible through the Bureau of Labor Statistics: http://www.bls.gov/iag/tgs/iag_index_naics.htm

² <https://fortress.wa.gov/esd/employmentdata/reports-publications/regional-reports/labor-area-summaries/#Unemployment-rates>

