

## DECEMBER SNAPSHOT:

### PIERCE COUNTY WORKFORCE DATA

The WorkForce Central Monthly Employment Report for Pierce County (Nov. 2016 to Dec. 2016) shows a 0.2% increase in the unemployment rate reflecting seasonal fluctuations in the construction industry.



**UNEMPLOYMENT**  
Up 0.2% to 6.0%



**UNEMPLOYMENT**  
Increased by 850



**LARGEST GAIN**  
Educational & Health Svcs and  
Leisure & Hospitality by 100



**LABOR FORCE**  
Increased by 1,255

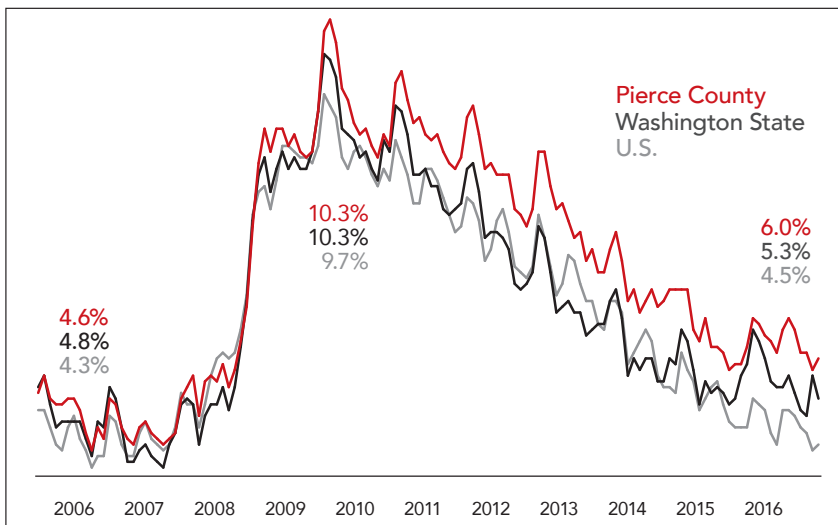


**EMPLOYMENT**  
Increased by 405



**LARGEST DECLINE**  
Construction by 1,000

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



WorkForce Central reported an increase in Pierce County's unemployment rate in December 2016, 0.2 percent higher than the November 2016 rate (5.8 percent) and 0.2 percent lower than the year-ago estimate (6.2 percent). The unemployment rate is below the highest December unemployment rate (10.3 percent in 2009) but remains higher than the lowest December unemployment rate experienced in the region over the last 10 years (4.6 percent in 2006).

	Dec 2015	Nov 2016	Dec 2016	Change	
				Month	Year
<b>Civilian Labor Force</b>	404,119	412,662	413,917	1,255	9,789
<b>Civilian Employment</b>	379,057	388,604	389,009	405	9,952
<b>Civilian Unemployment</b>	25,062	24,058	24,908	850	-154

Data  
Not  
Seasonally  
Adjusted

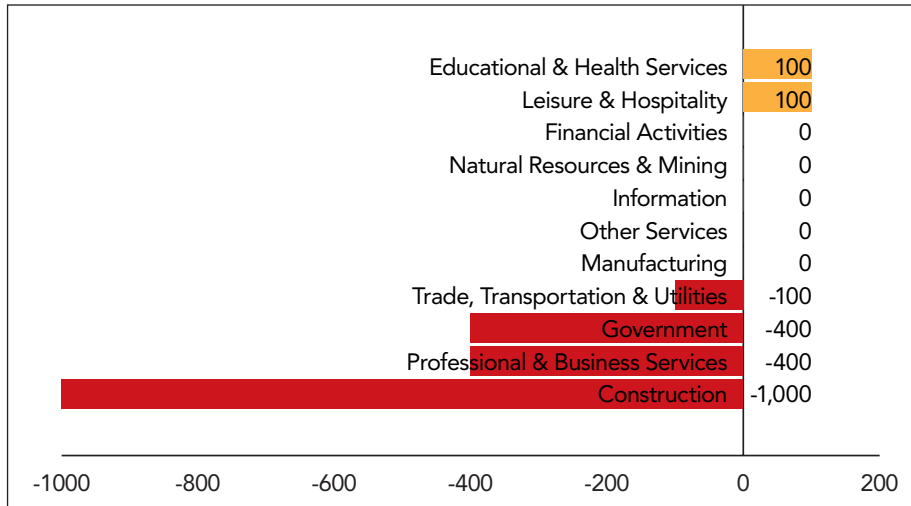
<sup>1</sup> <https://fortress.wa.gov/esd/employmentdata/reports-publications/regional-reports/labor-area-summaries>



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### Pierce County Month-Over Job Gains and Losses

November 2016–December 2016

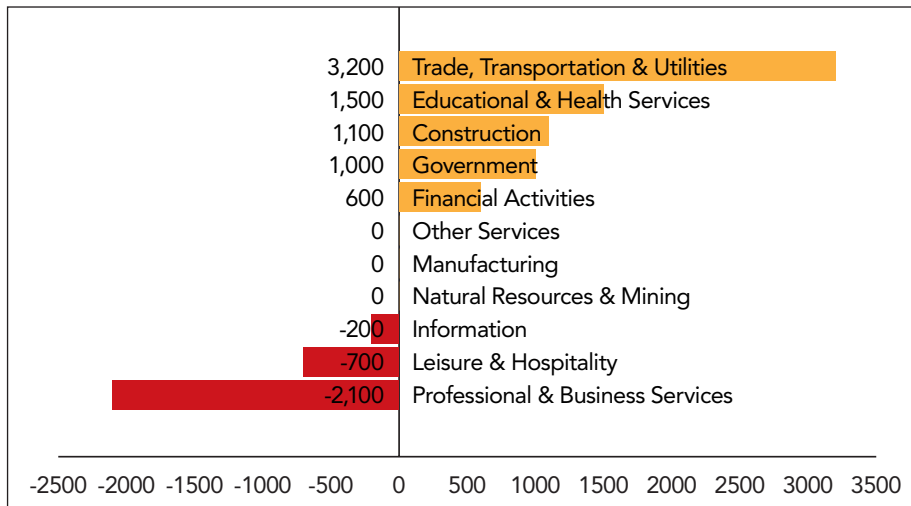


Educational & Health Services and Leisure & Hospitality were the only two industries to show month-over employment gains, each adding 100 jobs. Five industries (Financial Activities, Natural Resources & Mining, Information, Other Services and Manufacturing)<sup>1</sup> experienced no change, while four industries experienced month-over job losses. Construction recorded the largest loss of 1,000 jobs.

From December 2015 to December 2016, five industries experienced job growth. Trade, Transportation & Utilities had the greatest year-over gain, adding 3,200 jobs to the region. Education & Health Services added 1,500 jobs, Construction contributed 1,100 jobs, Government added 1,000 jobs and Financial Activities added 600 jobs to the region.

### Pierce County Year-Over Job Gains and Losses

December 2015–2016



Three industries experienced no change (Other Services, Manufacturing and Natural Resources & Mining), and three industries experienced year-over job losses: Professional & Business Services (down 2,100 jobs), Leisure & Hospitality (down 700 jobs) and Information (down 200 jobs).

Pierce County recorded a year-over growth rate of 2.6 percent in civilian employment, below Washington State's growth rate of 3.3 percent for the fourth time in 2016<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> 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](http://www.bls.gov/iag/tgs/iag_index_naics.htm)

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