

SEPTEMBER SNAPSHOT:

PIERCE COUNTY WORKFORCE DATA

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



UNEMPLOYMENT
down to 6%



UNEMPLOYMENT
decreased by 1,712



LARGEST GAIN
Government by 1,600



LABOR FORCE
increased by 852

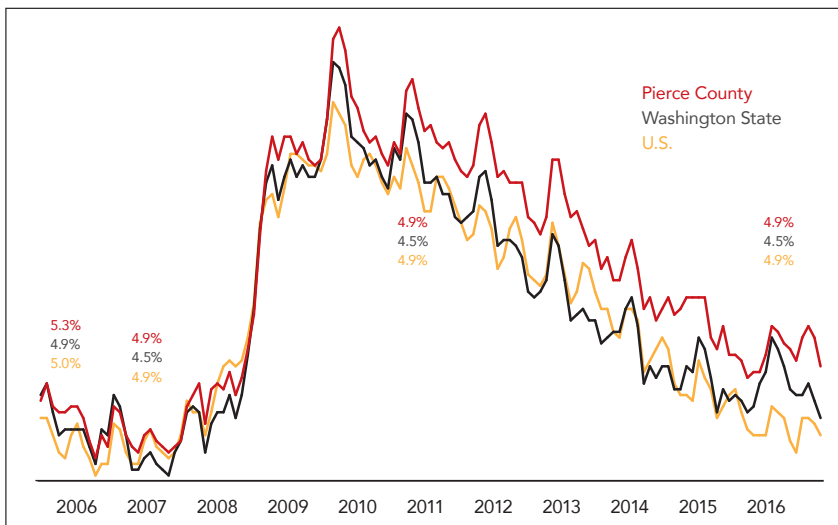


EMPLOYMENT
increased by 2,564



LARGEST DECLINE
Other Services by 200

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



Pierce County¹ reported a 0.5 percent decrease in its unemployment rate, from a revised 6.5 percent in August 2016 to 6.0 percent in September 2016, above last year's estimate of 5.8 percent. The unemployment rate is below the highest September unemployment rate (9.7 percent in 2010) but remains higher than the lowest September unemployment rate (4.6 percent in 2007) experienced in the region over the last 10 years.

	Sept 2015	Aug 2016	Sept 2016	Change	
		Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	388,606	402,006	402,858	852	14,252
Civilian Employment	366,110	375,998	378,562	2,564	12,452
Civilian Unemployment	22,496	26,008	24,296	-1,712	1,800

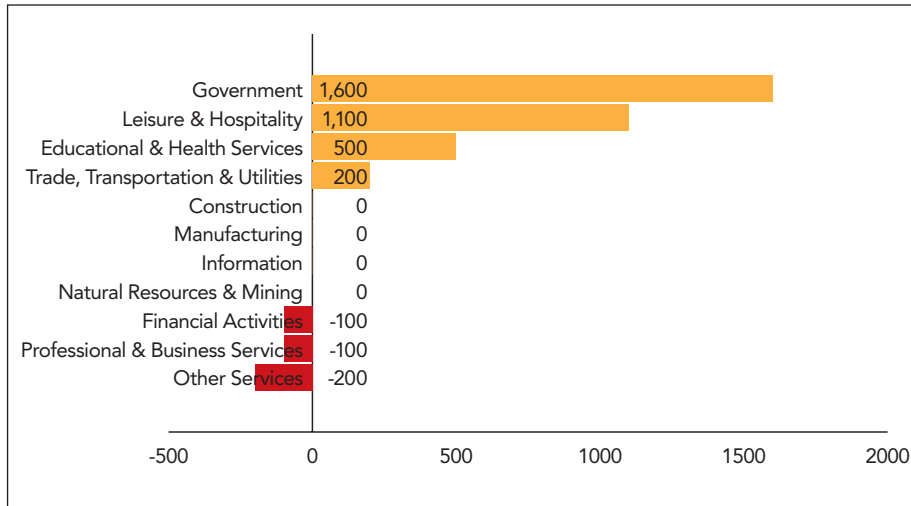
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Pierce County Month-Over Job Gains and Losses

August 2016–September 2016

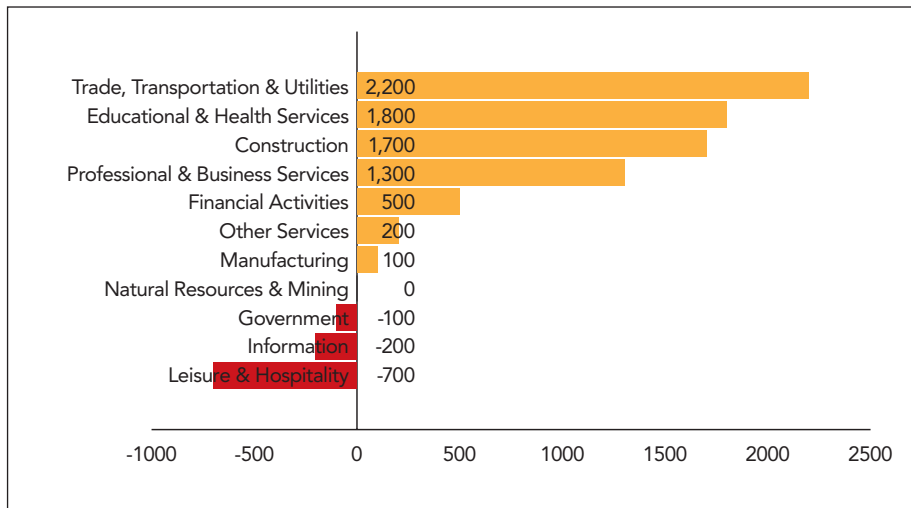


Government recorded the largest month-over employment gain of 1,600 jobs, 1,000 of which came from Local Government, and Leisure & Hospitality added 1,100 jobs. Four industries² experienced no change, while three industries experienced month-over job losses. Other Services recorded the largest loss of 200 jobs, while Professional & Business Services and Financial Activities lost 100 jobs each.

From September 2015 to September 2016, seven industries experienced job growth. Trade, Transportation & Utilities had the greatest year-over gain, adding 2,200 jobs to the region. Educational & Health Services added 1,800 jobs and Construction contributed 1,700 jobs to the region. Three industries experienced year-over job losses: Government (down 100 jobs), Information (down 200 jobs) and Leisure & Hospitality (down 700 jobs). Natural Resources & Mining was the only industry to remain unchanged.

Pierce County Year-Over Job Gains and Losses

September 2015–2016



The three industries that experienced month-over job losses still reported positive year-over gains: Other Services (200 jobs), Financial Activities (500 jobs) and Professional & Business Services (1,300 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 3.4 percent in civilian employment, below Washington State's growth rate of 3.6 percent for the first time in 2016.³

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

² 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

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