

## JUNE SNAPSHOT:

### PIERCE COUNTY WORKFORCE DATA

The WorkForce Central Monthly Employment Report for Pierce County (May 2018 to June 2018) shows another modest decrease in the unemployment rate while both the statewide and national rates increased. A significant drop in the labor force—probably due to June retirements—is likely linked to the lower unemployment rate.<sup>1</sup>



**UNEMPLOYMENT**  
Down 0.1%, to 5.1%



**PAYROLL JOBS**  
Increased by 1,700



**LARGEST GAIN**  
Professional & Business Services, up 1,400



**LABOR FORCE**  
Decreased by 1,915

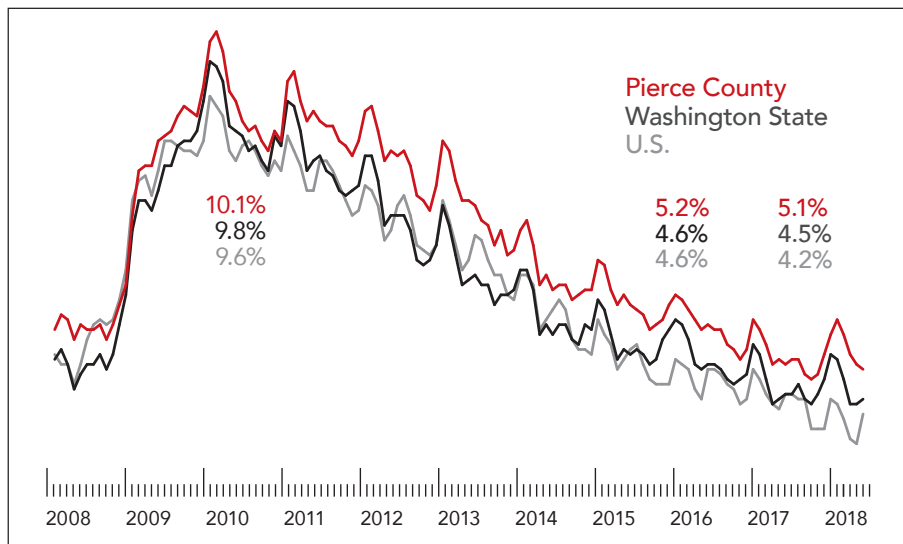


**EMPLOYMENT**  
Decreased by 1,454



**LARGEST DECLINE**  
Educational & Health Services, down 1,200

Pierce County, Washington State and U.S. Unemployment Rates  
January 2008 – June 2018



#### UNEMPLOYMENT

WorkForce Central<sup>2</sup> reported a decrease in Pierce County's unemployment rate, from the revised May 2018 rate of 5.2 percent to 5.1 percent in June 2018. This is 0.1 percent lower than the year-ago estimate of 5.2 percent.

The unemployment rate is below the lowest June unemployment rate experienced in the region over the last 10 years (5.2 percent in June 2017). The highest in this time frame was 10.1 percent in June 2010 and June 2011.

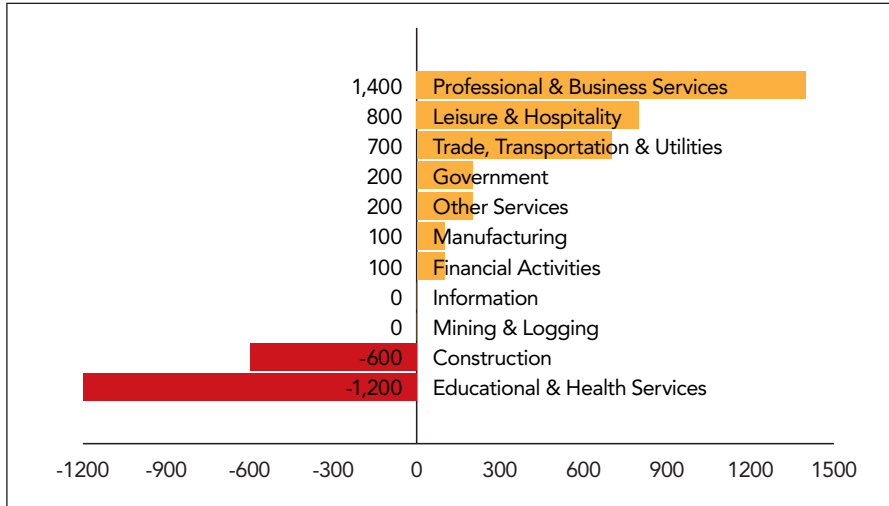
	June 2017	May 2018	June 2018	Change	
	Revised	Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
<b>Civilian Labor Force</b>	413,562	421,802	419,887	-1,915	6,325
<b>Civilian Employment</b>	391,944	400,039	398,585	-1,454	6,641
<b>Civilian Unemployment</b>	21,618	21,763	21,302	-461	-316

Data  
Not  
Seasonally  
Adjusted

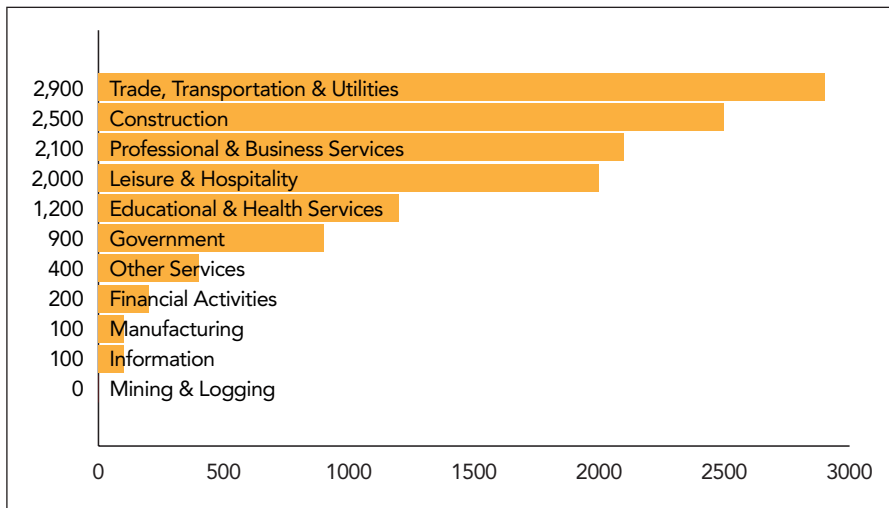


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### Pierce County Month-Over Job Gains and Losses May 2018 – June 2018



### Pierce County Year-Over Job Gains and Losses June 2017 – June 2018



### MONTH-OVER JOB CHANGES<sup>3</sup>

Seven industries experienced month-over employment gains. Professional & Business Services experienced the largest month-over job gain with 1,400 jobs. Leisure & Hospitality added 800 jobs, followed by Trade, Transportation & Utilities with 600 jobs. Government (up 200), Other Services (up 200), Manufacturing (up 100) and Financial Activities (up 100) also experienced job gains.

Two industries experienced month-over job losses, while two industries<sup>4</sup> (Information and Mining & Logging) remained unchanged. Overall, nonfarm employers in Pierce County gained 1,700 net jobs in the past month.

### YEAR-OVER JOB CHANGES

From June 2017 to June 2018, ten industries experienced job growth. Professional & Business Services experienced the greatest year-over gains, adding 3,700 jobs to the region. This was followed by Trade, Transportation & Utilities (up 2,800), Leisure & Hospitality (up 2,000) and Educational & Health Services and Government (up 1,200 jobs each). Increases were also seen in Construction, Other Services, Financial Activities, Manufacturing and Information.

Mining & Logging continues to experience no year-over changes and no industry experience year-over losses. Overall, nonfarm employers in Pierce County have added 12,900 net jobs in the past year.

### SUMMARY

June marks the second consecutive month without year-over job losses in any industry in Pierce County. The month-over job losses in Education & Health Services are typical this time of year; however, the loss of Construction jobs from May to June is unusual. Pierce County's unemployment rate is now just 0.6 percent higher than Washington's rate of 4.5 percent.<sup>5</sup>

1. Labor force, employment and unemployment are reported by place of residence, including self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers & workers on strike.
2. <https://www.esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo/labor-area-summaries>
3. Jobs data is gathered from employers through the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey, administered monthly by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The CES excludes self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers & workers on strike.
4. 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)
5. <https://fortress.wa.gov/esd/employmentdata/reports-publications/regional-reports/labor-area-summaries#Unemployment-rates>

