

NOVEMBER SNAPSHOT: PIERCE COUNTY WORKFORCE DATA

The WorkForce Central Monthly Employment Report for Pierce County (October 2018 to November 2018) shows increases in the civilian labor force, employment and unemployment, resulting in an increased unemployment rate.¹



UNEMPLOYMENT
Up 0.3 percentage points, to 4.9%



PAYROLL JOBS
Decreased by 1,400



LARGEST GAIN
Trade, Transportation & Utilities, up 1,200



LABOR FORCE
Increased by 3,972

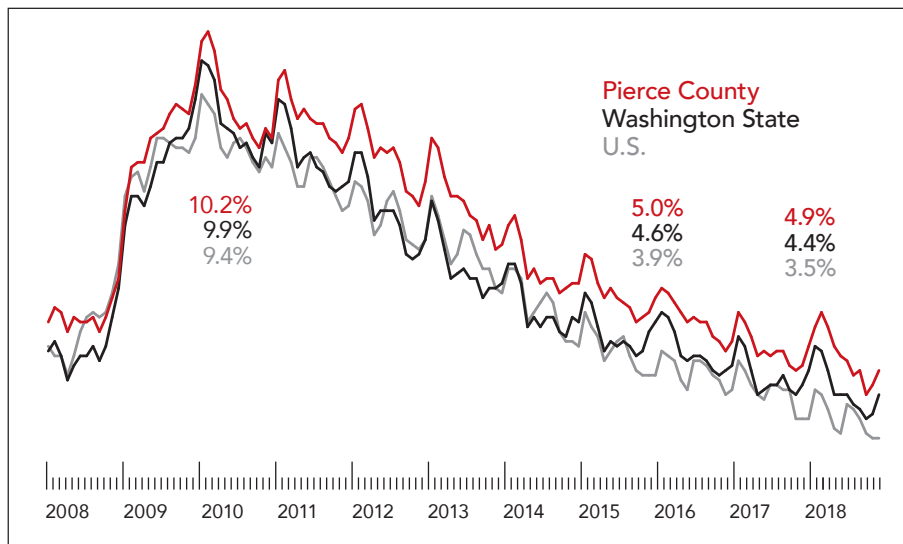


EMPLOYMENT
Increased by 2,211



LARGEST DECLINE
Construction, down 1,000

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



UNEMPLOYMENT

WorkForce Central reported an increase in Pierce County's unemployment rate, from the October 2018 rate of 4.6 percent to 4.9 percent in November 2018.² This is 0.1 percentage points lower than the year-ago estimate of 5.0 percent.

This is the lowest November unemployment rate experienced in the region over the last 10 years, while the highest in this time frame was 10.2 percent in November 2009.

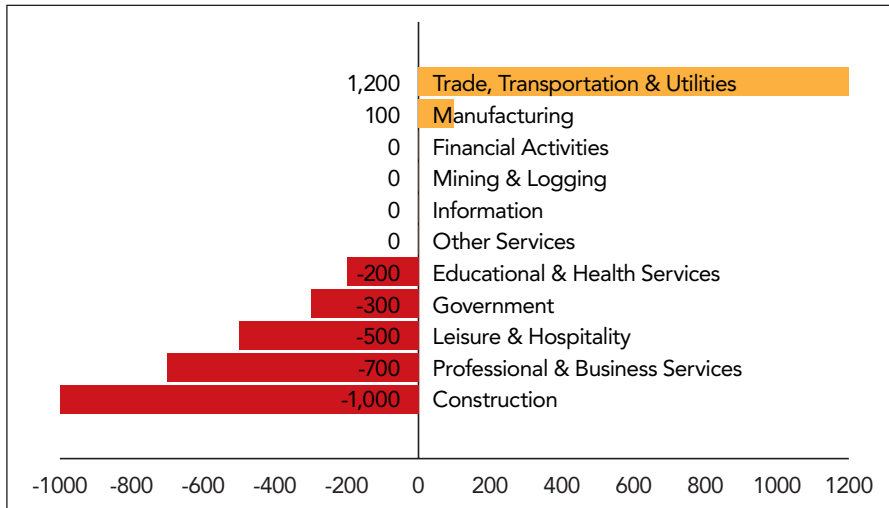
	Nov 2017	Oct 2018	Nov 2018	Change	
	Revised	Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	425,246	431,506	435,478	3,972	10,232
Civilian Employment	403,910	411,852	414,063	2,211	10,153
Civilian Unemployment	21,336	19,654	21,415	1,761	79

Data
Not
Seasonally
Adjusted

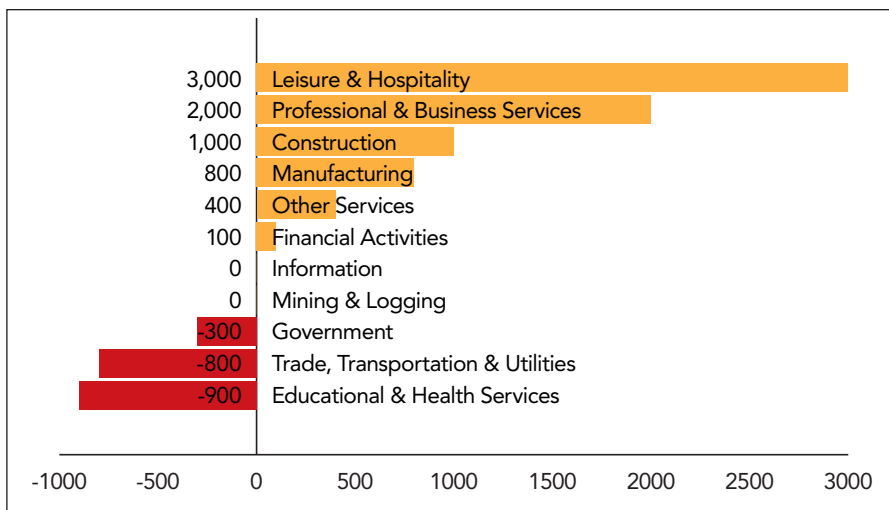


PIERCE COUNTY WORKFORCE DATA

Pierce County Month-Over Job Gains and Losses October 2018 – November 2018



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



- Labor force, employment and unemployment are reported by place of residence, including self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers & workers on strike.
- <https://www.esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo/labor-area-summaries>
- 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.
- 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
- <https://fortress.wa.gov/esd/employmentdata/reports-publications/regional-reports/labor-area-summaries#Unemployment-rates>

MONTH-OVER JOB CHANGES³

Two industries⁴ experienced month-over employment gains, led by a 1,200-job gain in Trade, Transportation & Utilities, home to the many seasonal retail jobs that are added in November. The Manufacturing sector also added 100 jobs.

Five industries experienced month-over job losses, led by a loss of 1,000 jobs in Construction. Decreases were also seen in Professional & Business Services (down 700 jobs), while three additional sectors lost 500 jobs or fewer and four industries experienced no month-over job changes. Overall, nonfarm employers in Pierce County removed 1,400 net jobs from the economy in the past month.

YEAR-OVER JOB CHANGES

From November 2017 to November 2018, six industries experienced job growth. Increases were led by Leisure & Hospitality (up 3,000 jobs), Professional & Business Services (up 2,000 jobs) and Construction (up 1,000 jobs). Manufacturing, Other Services and Financial Activities also saw job growth.

Three industries saw year-over losses, led by Education & Health Services (down 900 jobs) and followed by Trade, Transportation & Utilities (down 800 jobs) and Government (down 300 jobs). Neither Mining & Logging nor Information experienced any year-over changes. Overall, nonfarm employers in Pierce County have added 5,300 net jobs to the economy in the past year.

SUMMARY

Two industries experienced month-over job gains and six industries experienced year-over job gains in November. While Pierce County lost a net of 1,400 nonfarm payroll jobs from October to November, the county is up 5,300 net jobs over the year. Pierce County's November unemployment rate of 4.9 percent is 0.5 percentage points higher than Washington's rate of 4.4 percent.⁵

