

**AUGUST
SNAPSHOT:**
**PIERCE COUNTY
WORKFORCE DATA**

The WorkForce Central Monthly Employment Report (July 2018 to August 2018) shows a slight uptick in Pierce County's unemployment rate even as the state and national rates dipped.¹


UNEMPLOYMENT
 Up 0.1%, to 4.9%

PAYROLL JOBS
 Decreased by 3,600

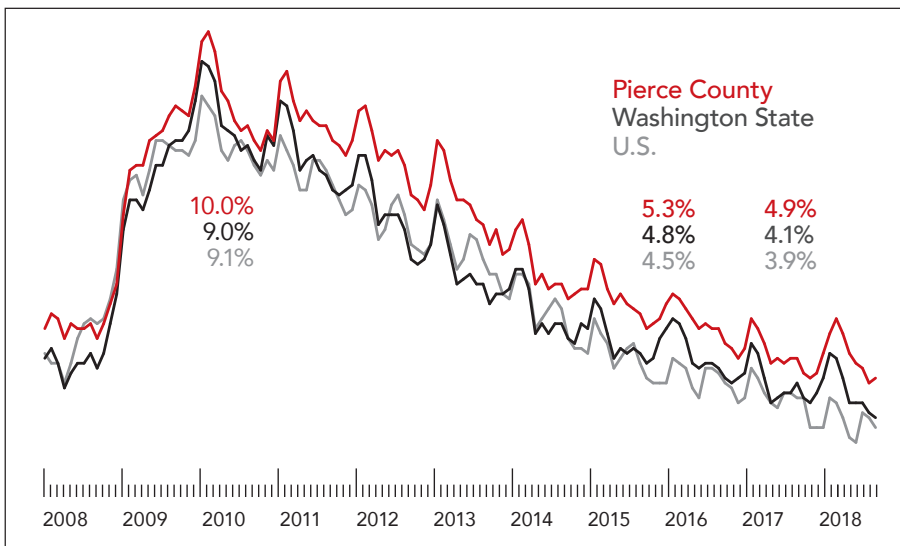
LARGEST GAIN
 Construction, up 200

LABOR FORCE
 Decreased by 1,129

EMPLOYMENT
 Decreased by 1,547

LARGEST DECLINE
 Government, down 3,300

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


UNEMPLOYMENT

WorkForce Central reported an increase in Pierce County's unemployment rate, from the July 2018 rate of 4.8 percent to 4.9 percent in August 2018. This is 0.4 percent lower than the year-ago estimate of 5.3 percent.

The unemployment rate is below the lowest August unemployment rate experienced in the region over the last 10 years (5.3 percent in August 2017). The highest in this time frame was 10.2 percent in August 2009.

	Aug 2017	July 2018	Aug 2018	Change	
	Revised	Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	415,182	420,218	419,089	-1,129	3,907
Civilian Employment	392,976	400,248	398,701	-1,547	5,725
Civilian Unemployment	22,206	19,970	20,388	418	-1,818

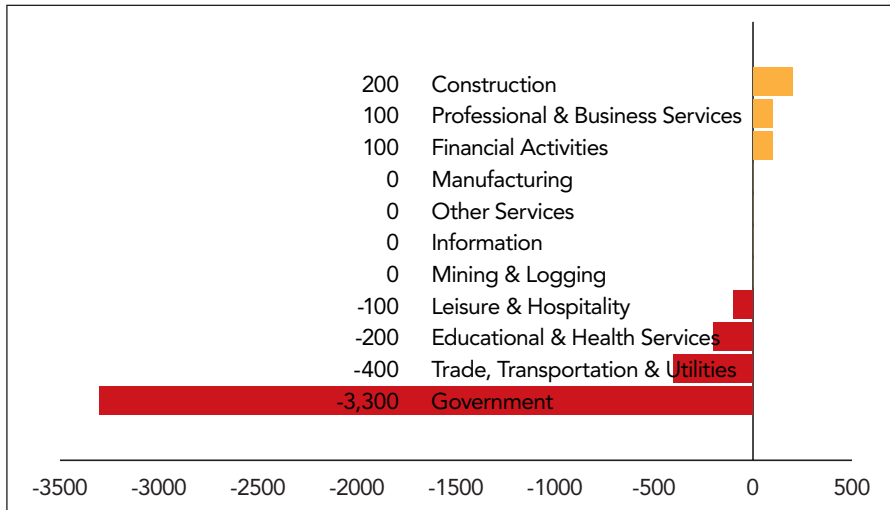
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PIERCE COUNTY WORKFORCE DATA

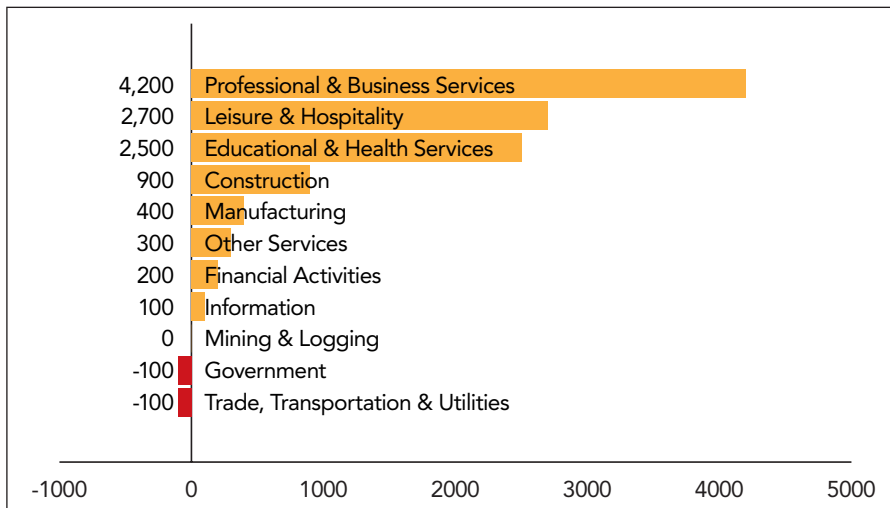
Pierce County Month-Over Job Gains and Losses

July 2018 – August 2018



Pierce County Year-Over Job Gains and Losses

August 2017 – August 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.
- 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 CHANGES²

Three industries experienced month-over employment gains. Construction experienced the largest month-over job gain with 200 jobs. Professional & Business Services added 100 jobs, followed by Financial Activities with 100 jobs.

Four industries experienced month-over job losses, while four industries³ (Manufacturing, Other Services, Information, and Mining & Logging) remained unchanged. Government experienced the largest month-over job loss with 3,300 jobs, while Trade, Transportation & Utilities lost 400 jobs, Education & Health Services lost 200 jobs, and Leisure & Hospitality lost 100 jobs. Overall, nonfarm employers in Pierce County lost 3,600 net jobs in the past month.

YEAR-OVER JOB CHANGES

From August 2017 to August 2018, eight industries experienced job growth. Professional & Business Services experienced the greatest year-over gains, adding 4,200 jobs to the region. Leisure & Hospitality added 2,700 jobs, while Educational & Health Services added 2,500 jobs, Construction added 900 jobs, Manufacturing added 400 jobs. There was also growth in Other Services (300 jobs), Financial Activities (200 jobs), and Information (100 jobs).

Year-over losses of 100 jobs each were seen in Government and Trade, Transportation & Utilities, while Mining & Logging remained unchanged. Overall, nonfarm employers in Pierce County have added 11,100 net jobs in the past year.

SUMMARY

Three industries experienced month-over job gains and eight industries experienced year-over job gains in Pierce County. Although Pierce County lost a net of 3,600 nonfarm payroll jobs from July 2018, it is still up 11,100 jobs since August 2017. Pierce County's unemployment rate of 4.9 percent is now 0.8 percent higher than Washington's rate of 4.1 percent.⁴

