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Cochise job losses continue into 2016

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According to figures from Arizona's Office of Employment and Population Statistics, the number of nonfarm jobs in Cochise County fell by 1,000 from December to January—in line with seasonal norms. The countywide private sector shed 700 jobs, while government jobs declined by 300. Within the government sector, state and local government dropped 200 jobs while federal government jobs were cut by 100.

Within Cochise County's private sector, the number of goods-producing jobs countywide fell by 100 from December to January. All of the goods-producing job losses were in construction and mining. Manufacturing job numbers held steady from December to January.

The number of private-sector, service-providing jobs in Cochise County fell by 600 from December to January. Within private-sector services, the trade, transportation, and utilities industry grouping dropped 300 jobs, professional and business services cut 200 jobs, and educational and health services lost 100 jobs. (Note: The educational and health services industry grouping does not include public education jobs such as those at public school districts, University of Arizona South, and Cochise College, which are classified as state and local government jobs.) All other private-sector service industries (information, financial activities, leisure and hospitality, and other services) saw job numbers stabilize from December to January.

In the 12 months ended in January, Cochise County lost 500 nonfarm jobs for a job growth rate of -1.5 percent. Government employment fell by 100 jobs for 12-month job growth of -0.9

percent. Within the government sector, state and local government gained 100 jobs countywide (1.5 percent), overshadowed by the loss of 200 federal government jobs (-3.9 percent).

Cochise County's private sector lost 400 jobs in the 12 months ended in January for job growth of -1.8 percent. All of the private-sector job losses were service jobs (-1.9 percent). Goods-producing jobs stabilized in the 12 months ended in January (with construction, mining, and manufacturing jobs holding steady).

Within countywide private-sector services, educational and health services added 200 jobs (4.4 percent), financial activities gained 100 jobs (11.1 percent), and leisure and hospitality grew by 100 jobs (2.7 percent) in the 12 months ended in January. Those gains were overshadowed by the loss of 500 professional and business services jobs (-11.9 percent), 200 jobs in the information industry (-33.3 percent), and 100 trade, transportation, and utilities jobs (-1.7 percent). Job numbers in other services stabilized in the 12 months ended in January.

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COCHISE COUNTY NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

	January 2016	December 2015	1-Month Change	January 2015	12-Month Change	12-Month Job Growth Rate
Total Nonfarm Jobs	33,400	34,400	-1,000	33,900	-500	-1.5%
Total Private Sector Jobs	21,900	22,600	-700	22,300	-400	-1.8%
Goods Producing Jobs	1,700	1,800	-100	1,700	0	0.0%
Construction and Mining	1,200	1,300	-100	1,200	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	500	500	0	500	0	0.0%
Service Providing Jobs	31,700	32,600	-900	32,200	-500	-1.6%
Private Service Providing Jobs	20,200	20,800	-600	20,600	-400	-1.9%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	5,900	6,200	-300	6,000	-100	-1.7%
Information	400	400	0	600	-200	-33.3%
Financial Activities	1,000	1,000	0	900	100	11.1%
Professional and Business Services	3,700	3,900	-200	4,200	-500	-11.9%
Educational and Health Services	4,700	4,800	-100	4,500	200	4.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	3,800	3,800	0	3,700	100	2.7%
Other Services	700	700	0	700	0	0.0%
Government Jobs	11,500	11,800	-300	11,600	-100	-0.9%
Federal Government	4,900	5,000	-100	5,100	-200	-3.9%
State and Local Government	6,600	6,800	-200	6,500	100	1.5%

Note. Numbers rounded to nearest 100. Sources: Arizona Office of Employment and Population Statistics and Cochise College Center for Economic Research

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