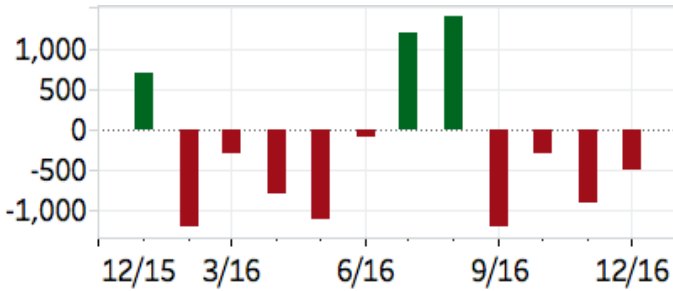




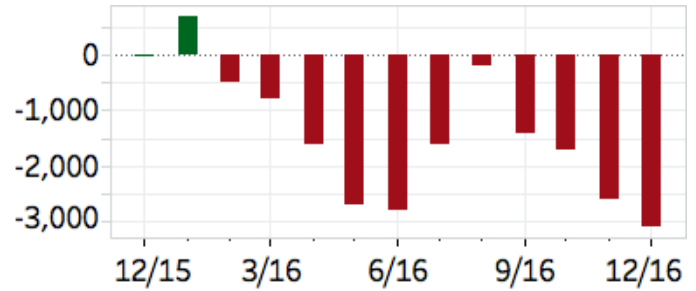
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## The Job Numbers-Current Employment Statistics (CES)

LV METRO TOTAL NONFARM JOB CHANGE MONTH TO MONTH PROFILE (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

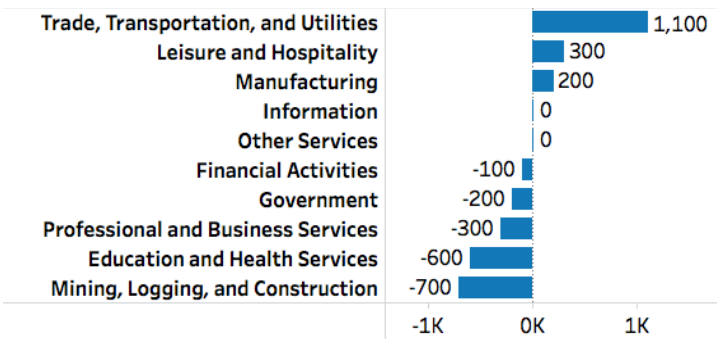


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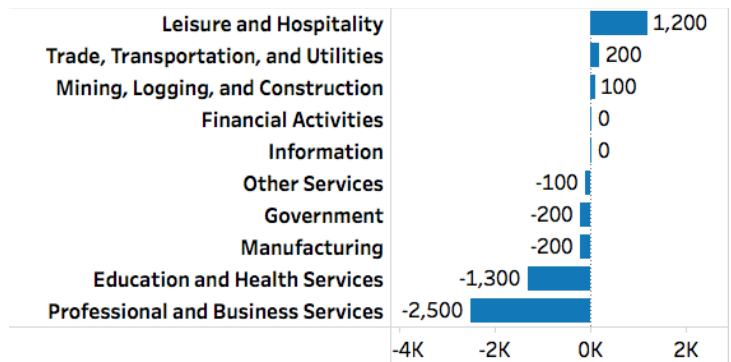


The Lehigh Valley Metro MSA's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs in December decreased 500 to 356,000. Over the year, jobs in the MSA decreased 0.9 percent (-3,100), while jobs in the state overall were up 0.5 percent. Nationally jobs were up 1.5 percent.

LV METRO OVER THE MONTH NET JOB CHANGE (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



LV METRO OVER THE YEAR NET JOB CHANGE (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



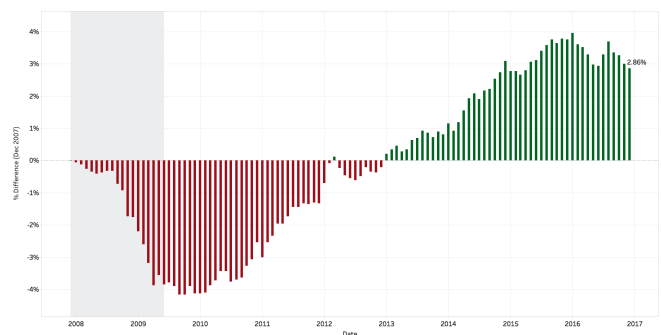
Several industries experienced changes in line with typical seasonal and historical trends.

- Educational services and local government educational services were both down due to winter break
- Mining, logging, & construction, while down seasonally over the month, increased marginally over the year
- Leisure and hospitality, while up over both timeframes, increased significantly over the year

Transportation & warehousing continued to show growth both over the month and over the year. The sector set a new record high of 26,100 jobs. Over the year, the sector's employment grew by 10.1 percent in the MSA, while statewide the sector was up by 2.0 percent.

Post-Recession Job Growth registered at 2.9 percent since Dec 2007

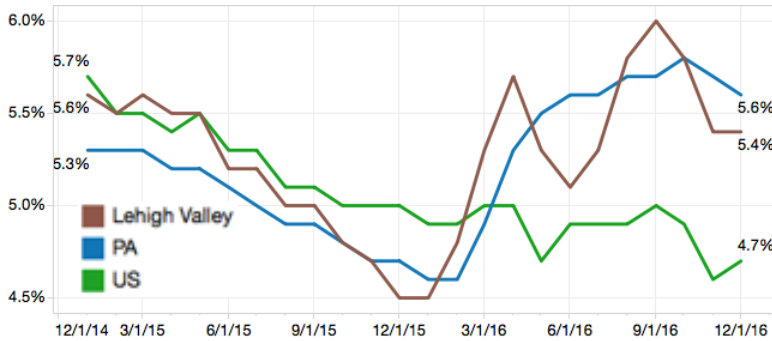
LV METRO POST-RECESSION JOB GROWTH





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## The Lehigh Valley Labor Force Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)



### LV UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Lehigh Valley's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged in December at 5.4%. This was the second consecutive month that LV has been below the PA rate, which declined 0.1% to 5.6 percent. Over the year, the rate went up nine-tenths of a point, the state rate rose nine-tenths of a point, and the national rate was down by three-tenths.

### LV LABOR FORCE 12 MONTH PROFILE

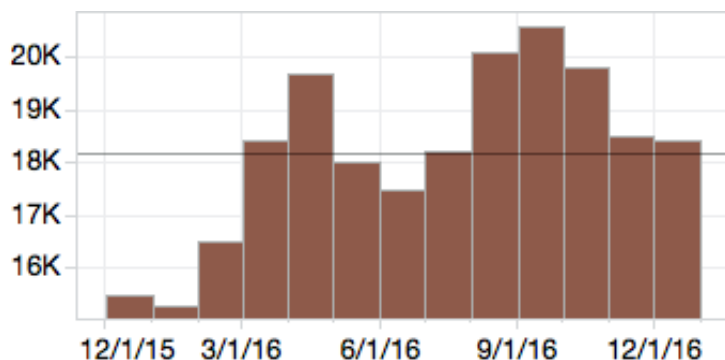
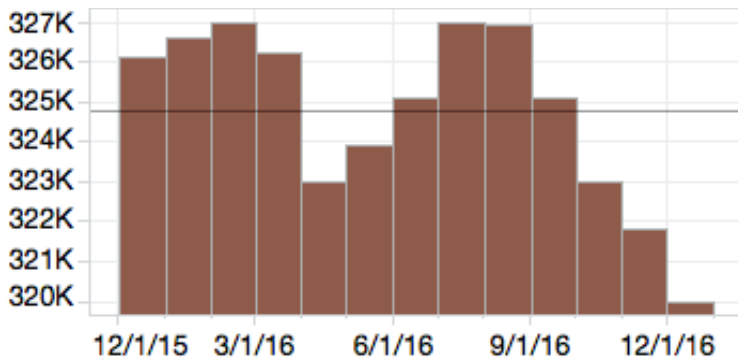
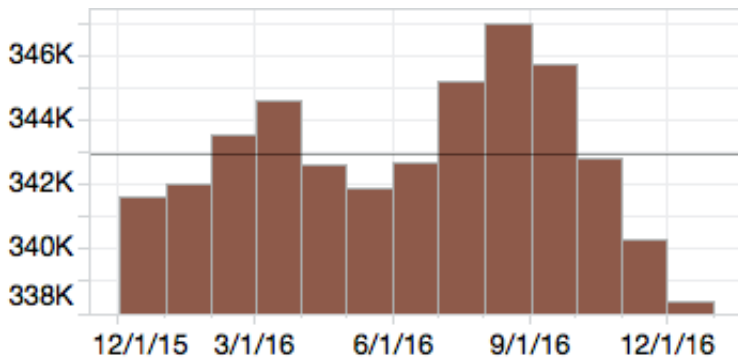
- Seasonally adjusted labor force was down -1,900 (0.6%) to 338,400 from 340,300 last month
- Over the year, the labor force has decreased by -3,200 (0.9%) from 341,600

### LV EMPLOYMENT 12 MONTH PROFILE

- Seasonally adjusted employment was down -1,800 (0.1%) to 320,00 from 321,800 last month
- Over the year, employment has decreased by -6,100 (1.8%) from 326,100

### LV UNEMPLOYMENT 12 MONTH PROFILE

- Seasonally adjusted unemployment was down -100 (0.5%) to 18,400 from 18,500 last month
- Over the year, unemployment has increased by 2,900 (15.7%) from 15,500



Source: BLS & PA Center for Workforce Information & Analysis (CWIA)