

Atlantic City Employment Continues to Decline Says Stockton's South Jersey Economic Review

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Galloway, N.J. The South Jersey Economic Review, a biannual [report](#) released today in conjunction with the [William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy](#) at Stockton University, reports that total employment in the Atlantic City metropolitan area is declining with additional job losses coming this fall with the closure of the fifth Atlantic City casino, the Taj Mahal.

which saw the closure of Atlantic Club in January, the first of the four casino closings that year employment in the casino hotels industry has declined by metropolitan area declined 0.3 percent (350 jobs) year-over-year through the first half of 2016.

Oliver Cooke, associate professor of Economics at Stockton, is the founder and editor of the South Jersey Economic Review, which has provided in-depth analyses of the regional

taking place in its gaming industry and the related spillover effects on the local economy have benefited (in

In the first six months of 2016, 2,400 jobs were lost in construction, accommodations and local (+600), education and health services (+600), and restaurants and bars (+900) sectors.

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labor force continues to decline, a fact that has kept its official headline unemployment rate relatively low. Since the second quarter of 2013, the local labor force has declined by 13,000, a 9.4 percent contraction.

The future of Atlantic City

Approval could cost the local gaming industry another two or three casino closures according to some analysts the report said.

family home prices fell 3.6 percent year-over-year during the first six months of this year, dex.

year-over-year and Vineland-Bridgeton added 300 during the first half of 2016.

View the South Jersey Economic Review [here](#).

Note to media/not for publication: To arrange an interview with the report's author, Oliver Cooke, please contact Susan Allen at 609-652-4790 or susan.allen@stockton.edu.

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