

**Employment Status for the Civilian Population  
District of Columbia,  
Washington Metropolitan Division and Statistical Area  
October 2012/a**

**Net Change From**

	<b>Oct/b 2012</b>	<b>Sept/c 2012</b>	<b>Oct/d 2011</b>	<b>Sept/c 2012</b>	<b>Oct/d 2011</b>
<b>Seasonally Unadjusted</b>					
<b>Washington, D.C.</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	361,800	361,500	343,100	300	18,700
Total Employed	331,600	330,000	308,400	1,600	23,200
Total Unemployed	30,100	31,600	34,600	-1,500	-4,500
Unemployment Rate	8.3	8.7	10.1	-0.4	-1.8
<b>Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Division</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	2,578,900	2,565,900	2,533,100	13,000	45,800
Total Employed	2,445,900	2,427,800	2,387,800	18,100	58,100
Total Unemployed	132,900	138,100	145,300	-5,200	-12,400
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.4	5.7	-0.2	-0.5
<b>Suburban Ring</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	2,884,700	2,867,000	2,843,900	17,700	40,800
Total Employed	2,749,700	2,727,600	2,699,300	22,100	50,400
Total Unemployed	135,100	139,300	144,700	-4,200	-9,600
Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.9	5.1	-0.2	-0.4
<b>Washington, D.C. MSA</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	3,246,500	3,228,500	3,187,000	18,000	59,500
Total Employed	3,081,300	3,057,600	3,007,700	23,700	73,600
Total Unemployed	165,200	170,900	179,300	-5,700	-14,100
Unemployment Rate	5.1	5.3	5.6	-0.2	-0.5

a/ Data may not add to the totals due to independent rounding.

b/ Preliminary.

c/ Revised.

d/ Data reflect benchmark revisions.

Estimated Labor Force and Employment for the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Division includes The District of Columbia, Virginia Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Fredericksburg, Manassas, and Manassas Park; the Virginia Counties of Arlington, Clarke, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudon, Prince William, Spotsylvania, Stafford, and Warren; the Maryland Counties of Calvert, Charles, and Prince Georges; and the West Virginia County of Jefferson.

Estimated Labor Force and Employment for the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Statistical Area includes the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria Metropolitan Division and the Bethesda-Frederick-Gaithersburg Metropolitan Division which includes the Counties of Frederick and Montgomery in Maryland.

Estimated Labor Force and Employment for the Suburban Ring includes the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Statistical Area excluding the District of Columbia

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