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Unemployment Rates Seasonally Adjusted

	Dec. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2006
Michigan	7.6	7.4	7.2
Mississippi	6.8	6.3	6.9
South Carolina	6.6	5.9	6.5
Alaska	6.5	6.4	6.7
California	6.1	5.6	4.8
District of Columbia	6.1	5.7	6.2
Ohio	6.0	5.6	5.6
Arkansas	5.9	5.7	5.4
Nevada	5.8	5.4	4.3
Kentucky	5.7	5.0	5.4
Oregon	5.6	5.5	5.4
Illinois	5.5	5.2	4.1
Missouri	5.5	5.2	4.8
Rhode Island	5.5	5.2	5.1
Tennessee	5.3	4.9	4.9
Maine	5.1	4.9	4.6
Connecticut	5.0	5.0	4.1
North Carolina	5.0	4.7	4.9
Wisconsin	5.0	5.1	4.9
Minnesota	4.9	4.4	4.2
New York	4.9	4.6	4.1
West Virginia	4.9	4.6	5.0
Georgia	4.8	4.4	4.6
Washington	4.8	4.7	5.0
Arizona	4.7	4.1	4.1
Florida	4.7	4.3	3.3
Pennsylvania	4.7	4.2	4.7
Indiana	4.6	4.7	4.8
Colorado	4.5	4.1	4.0
Massachusetts	4.5	4.3	5.2
New Jersey	4.5	4.2	4.3
Oklahoma	4.5	4.5	4.0
Texas	4.5	4.2	4.7
Kansas	4.4	3.8	4.5
Louisiana	4.2	3.5	4.2
Alabama	4.0	3.5	3.7
Iowa	4.0	3.9	3.5
Vermont	4.0	3.9	3.8
Delaware	3.8	3.4	3.3
Maryland	3.8	3.7	3.9
New Mexico	3.7	3.4	3.8
Montana	3.6	3.4	2.9
New Hampshire	3.6	3.4	3.5
Virginia	3.5	3.2	2.9
North Dakota	3.3	3.1	3.2
Hawaii	3.2	2.9	2.0
Nebraska	3.2	3.1	2.8
Utah	3.2	2.8	2.5
Wyoming	3.1	2.9	3.0
Idaho	3.0	2.7	3.2
South Dakota	3.0	2.8	3.2

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, D.C. Department of Employment Services, Office of Labor Market Research and Information

National Unemployment Rates

The December 2007 national unemployment rate of 4.8 percent (not seasonally adjusted) was 0.3 percent higher than the rate in November 2007 and 0.5 percent higher than the rate in December 2006.

The seasonally adjusted national unemployment rate in December 2007 was 5.0 percent; up 0.3 percent from the November 2007 rate and 0.6 percent higher than the December 2006, seasonally adjusted, national unemployment rate.

State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In December, the District of Columbia along with California had the fifth highest unemployment rate at 6.1 percent. Michigan recorded the highest jobless rate at 7.6 percent followed by Mississippi, at 6.8 percent, South Carolina, at 6.6 percent, and Alaska, at 6.5 percent. Idaho and South Dakota, at 3.0 percent each, posted the lowest unemployment rates, followed by Wyoming, at 3.1 percent, and Hawaii, Nebraska, and Utah, at 3.2 percent each. Ten additional states recorded rates of 4.0 percent or below including Virginia, at 3.5 percent and Maryland, at 3.8 percent.

Over the month, unemployment rates were higher in the District of Columbia and 46 states, lower in 2 states, and unchanged in 2 states. The largest rate increases were in Kentucky, Louisiana, and South Carolina (up 0.7 percentage point each), and Arizona and Kansas (up 0.6 percentage point each). Indiana and Wisconsin (down 0.1 percentage point each) registered the only rate decreases.

Compared to a year earlier, unemployment rates were lower in the District of Columbia and 12 states, higher in 36 states, and unchanged in 2 states. Massachusetts (down 0.7 percentage point) recorded the largest over-the-year unemployment rate decrease. Nevada (up 1.5 percentage points) recorded the largest over-the-year unemployment rate increase followed by Florida and Illinois (up 1.4 percentage points each), California (up 1.3 percentage points), and Hawaii (up 1.2 percentage points).

Unemployment Rates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Dec. 07	Nov. 07	Dec. 06 a
U.S.A.	4.8	4.5	4.3
Washington, DC MSA	3.0	3.0	2.9
Washington, DC MD	3.2	3.1	3.0
D.C.	5.8	5.8	6.2

D.C. Ward	1	5.0	4.9	5.3
	2	2.8	2.8	3.0
	3	1.5	1.5	1.6
	4	4.7	4.7	5.0
	5	7.9	7.8	8.4
	6	5.7	5.7	6.1
	7	10.1	10.1	10.8
	8	15.5	15.4	16.4

Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

U.S.A.	5.0	4.7	4.4
D.C.	6.1	5.7	6.2

a: Reflecting 2006 benchmark revisions

Note: Estimates for the latest year are subject to revision early the following calendar year. Ward laborforce statistics based on Census 2000 household data.

District of Columbia's Unemployment Rate

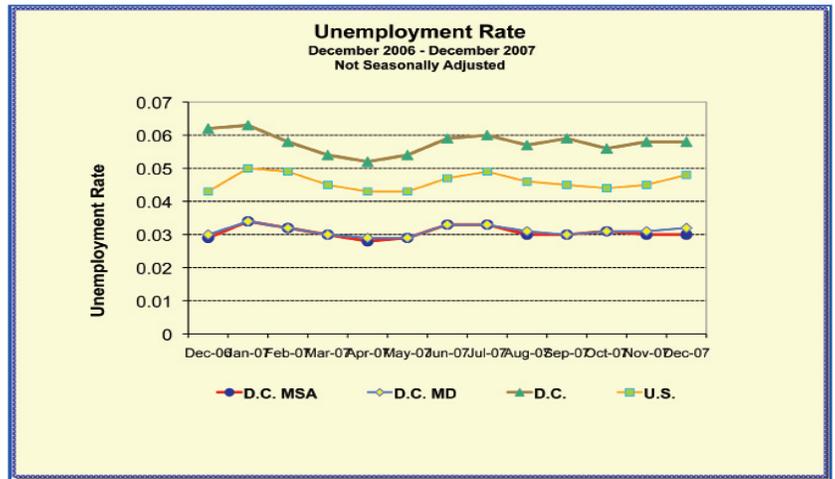
The District of Columbia's seasonally adjusted December 2007 unemployment rate was 6.1 percent, up 0.4 percent from the November 2007 rate. The December 2007 rate was 0.1 percent lower than the rate in December 2006.

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December 2007 was 5.8 percent; unchanged from the rate in November 2007 and 0.4 percent lower than the rate in December 2006.



District of Columbia's Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

Over the month, the District's civilian labor force decreased by 1,700 to 317,900. A total of 299,500 residents were employed and 18,500 were unemployed in December 2007. A 1,600 decrease in the number of employed residents along with no change in the number of unemployed residents resulted in no change in the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate.



From December 2006 to December 2007, the District's civilian labor force increased by 100 as the number of employed residents rose by 1,400 and the number of unemployed residents decreased by 1,200. The District's December 2007 unemployment rate was 0.4 percent lower than the rate in December 2006.

Unemployment Insurance Benefit Statistics

In December 2007, initial claims filed for Unemployment Insurance (UI) in the District of Columbia fell 0.1 percent from the November 2007 level of 1,385 to 1,383. Over the year, UI initial claims were up 5.5 percent from the 1,311 level in December 2006. The December 2007 initial claims for all programs were down from November 2007 by 11 to 1,402 and higher by 59 or 4.4 percent from the December 2006 level of 1,343.

For the all programs total, all other benefit statistics were higher in December 2007 compared to November 2007. Weeks claimed rose 19.7 percent to 20,237, weeks compensated were up 3.1 percent to 28,493, benefits paid increased 3.3 percent to \$8,047,330, and the average weekly benefit amount (A.W.B.A.) rose 0.1 percent to \$282.43. First payments were up 10.8 percent to 1,526 and final payments increased 26.7 percent to 949.



Over the year, all other benefit statistics were higher in December 2007 compared to December 2006. Weeks claimed were up 18.8 percent and weeks compensated rose 8.7 percent. Benefits paid increased by 10.7 percent and the average weekly benefit amount rose 1.9 percent from the \$277.23 December 2006 amount. First payments were up 10.9 percent and final payments were 33.3 percent higher.

Washington Metropolitan Division Civilian Labor Force Employment and Unemployment Rate

The civilian labor force in the Washington Metropolitan Division decreased by 6,600 in December 2007 as employment declined by 8,700 and the number unemployed increased by 2,100. The unemployment rate in the Washington Metropolitan Division, at 3.2 percent in December, was up 0.1 percent from the rate in November 2007.

Over the last twelve months, the number of employed residents in the Washington Metropolitan Division rose by 5,200. With 4,100 more unemployed division residents, the division civilian labor force rose by 9,300. The metropolitan division's December 2007 unemployment rate was up 0.2 percent from the rate in December 2006.

Washington Metropolitan Area Civilian Labor Force Employment and Unemployment Rate

The civilian labor force in the suburban ring of communities surrounding the District of Columbia decreased by 9,100 in December 2007 as employment declined by 10,900 and the number unemployed increased by 1,600. The unemployment rate in the suburban ring, at 2.7 percent in December, was up 0.1 percent from the rate in November 2007.

Over the last twelve months, the number of employed residents in the suburban ring fell by 3,700. With 4,200 more unemployed

Employment Status for the Civilian Population District of Columbia, Washington Metropolitan Division and Statistical Area December 2007/a

	Net Change From					
	Dec. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec./b 2006	Nov./b 2006	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2006
Seasonally Adjusted						
Washington, D.C.						
Civilian Labor Force	321,000	320,800	317,800	317,900	200	3,200
Total Employed	301,300	302,400	298,200	298,400	-1,100	3,100
Total Unemployed	19,700	18,400	19,600	19,400	1,300	100
Unemployment Rate	6.1	5.7	6.2	6.1	0.4	-0.1
Not Seasonally Adjusted						
Washington, D.C.						
Civilian Labor Force	317,900	319,600	317,800	316,200	-1,700	100
Total Employed	299,500	301,100	298,100	298,000	-1,600	1,400
Total Unemployed	18,500	18,500	19,700	18,300	0	-1,200
Unemployment Rate	5.8	5.8	6.2	5.8	0.0	-0.4
Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Division						
Civilian Labor Force	2,352,000	2,358,600	2,342,700	2,339,200	-6,600	9,300
Total Employed	2,277,500	2,286,200	2,272,300	2,267,700	-8,700	5,200
Total Unemployed	74,500	72,400	70,400	71,500	2,100	4,100
Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.1	0.1	0.2
Suburban Ring						
Civilian Labor Force	2,675,700	2,684,800	2,674,900	2,672,400	-9,100	800
Total Employed	2,603,200	2,614,100	2,606,900	2,599,900	-10,900	-3,700
Total Unemployed	72,300	70,700	68,100	72,400	1,600	4,200
Unemployment Rate	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.7	0.1	0.2
Washington, D.C. MSA						
Civilian Labor Force						
Total Employed	2,993,600	3,004,400	2,992,700	2,988,600	-10,800	900
Total Unemployed	2,902,700	2,915,200	2,905,000	2,897,900	-12,500	-2,300
Unemployment Rate	90,800	89,200	87,800	90,700	1,600	3,000
	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.0	0.0	0.1

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

b/ Data reflect 2006 benchmark revisions.

na: Not available. Estimates for 2005 based on the 2006 benchmark revisions will not be available until May 2007.

Note: Estimates for the latest year are subject to revision early the following calendar year. 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.

suburban residents, the suburban civilian labor force rose by 800. The suburban ring's December 2007 unemployment rate was up 0.2 percent from the rate in December 2006.

For the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area, the number of persons in the civilian labor force decreased by 10,800 in December 2007. The number of employed residents in the metropolitan area fell by 12,500 and the number of unemployed residents increased by 1,600. The metropolitan area's unemployment rate at 3.0 percent in December 2007 was unchanged from the rate in November 2007.

Compared to December 2006, the metropolitan area's civilian labor force rose by 900. Employment decreased by 2,300 and unemployment rose by 3,000. The Washington Metropolitan Area's December 2007 unemployment rate was up 0.1 percent from the December 2006 rate of 2.9 percent.



Selected Unemployment Insurance Benefit Statistics (Regular Programs) District of Columbia December 2007

	% Change From				
	Dec. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2006	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2006
State UI Program a/					
Initial Claims	1,383	1,385	1,311	-0.1	5.5
Weeks Claimed	19,623	16,327	16,485	20.2	19.0
Weeks Compensated	27,431	26,424	25,280	3.8	8.5
Benefits Paid	\$7,713,401	\$7,419,273	\$6,975,179	4.0	10.6
A.W.B.A.	\$281.19	\$280.78	\$275.92	0.1	1.9
First Payments	1,493	1,338	1,340	11.6	11.4
Final Payments	894	708	685	26.3	30.5
Beneficiaries	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Program b/					
Initial Claims	17	22	27	-22.7	-37.0
Weeks Claimed	489	468	431	4.5	13.5
Weeks Compensated	950	1,080	816	-12.0	16.4
Benefits Paid	\$295,729	\$333,148	\$250,996	-11.2	17.8
A.W.B.A.	\$311.29	\$308.47	\$307.59	0.9	1.2
First Payments	29	37	31	-21.6	-6.5
Final Payments	51	36	27	41.7	88.9
Beneficiaries	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Ex-Servicemen Program c/					
Initial Claims	2	6	5	-66.7	-60.0
Weeks Claimed	125	113	119	10.6	5.0
Weeks Compensated	112	126	128	-11.1	-12.5
Benefits Paid	\$38,200	\$41,576	\$43,991	-8.1	-13.2
A.W.B.A.	\$341.07	\$329.97	\$343.68	3.4	-0.8
First Payments	4	2	5	100.0	-20.0
Final Payments	4	5	0	-20.0	n/a
Beneficiaries	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total - All Programs					
Initial Claims	1,402	1,413	1,343	-0.8	4.4
Weeks Claimed	20,237	16,908	17,035	19.7	18.8
Weeks Compensated	28,493	27,630	26,224	3.1	8.7
Benefits Paid	\$8,047,330	\$7,793,997	\$7,270,166	3.3	10.7
A.W.B.A.	\$282.43	\$282.08	\$277.23	0.1	1.9
First Payments	1,526	1,377	1,376	10.8	10.9
Final Payments	949	749	712	26.7	33.3
Beneficiaries	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

a/ Includes joint claims with Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) and/or Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Servicemen (UCX).

b/ Includes joint claims with Unemployment Compensation of Ex-Servicemen (UCX).

c/ No joint claims.

District of Columbia Job Growth

The number of District wage and salary jobs increased by 1,700 in December 2007. The private sector gained 800 jobs and the public sector added 900 jobs. In the private sector, trade, transportation and utilities and professional and business services gained 700 jobs each, other services added 500 jobs, and financial activities gained 200 jobs. Meanwhile, educational and health services decreased by 700 jobs, leisure and hospitality lost 400 jobs, and natural resources and construction shed 200 jobs. Manufacturing and information were unchanged over the month. In the public sector, the Federal Government gained 700 jobs; the District Government added 200 jobs; and transportation was unchanged.

In the last twelve months, the District gained a total of 10,300 jobs. The private sector added 8,900 jobs and the public sector gained 1,400 jobs. The private sector growth occurred in professional and business services (up by 5,500 jobs), leisure and hospitality and other services (up by 900 jobs each), financial activities (up by 800 jobs), educational and health services (up by 500 jobs), information (up by 300 jobs), and trade, transportation and utilities (up by 100 jobs). Manufacturing was unchanged while natural resources and construction lost 100 jobs. In the public sector, the Federal Government and the District Government gained 600 jobs each and transportation added 200 jobs.



Wage and Salary Employment by Industry and Place of Work a/ (In Thousands)

INDUSTRY	District of Columbia			Metropolitan Division		
	Dec. b/ 2007	Nov. c/ 2007	Dec. 2006	Dec. b/ 2007	Nov. c/ 2007	Dec. 2006
TOTAL	707.0	705.3	696.7	2,462.1	2,452.8	2,427.2
Total Private Sector	472.9	472.1	464.0	1,904.7	1,897.5	1,872.4
Total Government	234.1	233.2	232.7	557.4	555.3	554.8
Total Goods Producing	14.3	14.5	14.4	193.5	194.4	191.5
Manufacturing	1.6	1.6	1.6	43.2	43.2	43.1
Durable Goods	na	na	na	26.8	26.7	26.3
Non-Durable Goods	na	na	na	16.4	16.5	16.8
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	12.7	12.9	12.8	150.3	151.2	148.4
Construction of Buildings	na	na	na	35.6	35.6	34.7
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	na	na	na	17.7	18.1	17.7
Specialty Trade Contractors	na	na	na	96.0	96.5	95.0
Total Service Providing	692.7	690.8	682.3	2,268.6	2,258.4	2,235.7
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	29.2	28.5	29.1	339.6	333.2	334.3
Wholesale Trade	4.7	4.7	4.8	54.6	54.8	54.2
Retail Trade	19.3	18.7	19.0	227.1	221.0	221.9
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	na	na	na	24.3	24.2	24.7
Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies Dealers	na	na	na	16.7	17.0	17.0
Food & Beverage Stores	na	na	na	40.2	40.0	38.9
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	na	na	na	30.0	28.2	28.3
Department Stores	na	na	na	26.8	25.9	26.9
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	5.2	5.1	5.3	57.9	57.4	58.2
Utilities	na	na	na	7.6	7.5	7.5
Transportation & Warehousing	na	na	na	50.3	49.9	50.7
Air Transportation	na	na	na	11.7	11.5	11.7
Information	23.1	23.1	22.8	81.1	80.6	82.0
Publishing industries (except Internet)	9.0	8.9	8.8	na	na	na
Financial Activities	30.7	30.5	29.9	118.4	118.5	116.4
Finance and insurance	19.2	19.1	18.6	77.1	76.8	75.8
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	9.6	9.5	9.0	45.5	45.3	44.5
Depository Credit Intermediation	na	na	na	19.8	19.8	19.3
Nondepository Credit Intermediation	na	na	na	19.5	19.6	19.6
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	11.5	11.4	11.3	41.3	41.7	40.6
Professional and Business Services	161.5	160.8	156.0	564.4	562.2	548.6
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	106.3	105.6	104.5	376.0	373.4	366.2
Legal Services	37.5	37.0	36.3	49.5	49.0	48.5
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping, & Payroll Services	na	na	na	18.6	18.3	18.9
Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services	na	na	na	48.7	48.8	48.1
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	na	na	na	129.7	129.3	123.9
Management, Scientific, and Technical Consulting Services	na	na	na	68.1	67.8	64.6
Scientific Research and Development Services	15.3	15.2	15.4	na	na	na
Management of Companies and Enterprises	na	na	na	32.5	32.2	31.9
Administrative & Support & Waste Management & Remediation Services	54.0	54.1	50.0	155.9	156.6	150.5

Wage and Salary Employment by Industry and Place of Work a/ (In Thousands) continued

Employment Services	8.3	8.4	8.4	na	na	na
Investigation and Security Services	13.3	13.3	12.7	50.9	51.6	49.8
Services to Buildings and Dwellings						
Educational and Health Services	98.1	98.8	97.6	255.1	255.6	252.8
Educational Services	44.8	45.7	44.7	75.6	76.8	77.5
Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools	33.7	34.7	33.9	44.4	45.3	47.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	53.3	53.1	52.9	179.5	178.8	175.3
Ambulatory Health Care Services	11.1	11.1	10.8	63.6	63.2	61.4
Offices of Physicians	na	na	na	25.7	25.6	25.4
Outpatient Care Centers	na	na	na	7.9	7.9	8.0
Hospitals	25.3	25.2	24.9	56.7	56.5	55.1
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	6.7	6.7	7.0	28.1	27.9	27.6
Social Assistance	na	na	na	31.1	31.2	31.2
Child Day Care Services	na	na	na	14.8	15.0	14.6

Wage and Salary Employment by Industry and Place of Work a/ (In Thousands)

INDUSTRY	District of Columbia			Metropolitan Division		
	Dec. b/ 2007	Nov. c/ 2007	Dec. 2006	Dec. b/ 2007	Nov. c/ 2007	Dec. 2006
Leisure and Hospitality	54.7	55.1	53.8	204.4	205.6	201.2
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	5.8	5.8	5.8	26.2	26.7	25.6
Accommodation and Food Services	48.9	49.3	48.0	178.2	178.9	175.6
Accommodation	15.6	15.7	15.5	34.4	34.9	34.6
Food Services and Drinking Places	33.3	33.6	32.5	143.8	144.0	141.0
Full-Service Restaurants	17.5	17.6	16.9	75.0	74.8	73.0
Limited-Service Eating Places	9.9	10.0	9.7	56.1	56.3	54.7
Special Food Services	4.5	4.7	4.2	11.9	12.1	10.8
Other Services	61.3	60.8	60.4	148.2	147.4	145.6
Personal and Laundry Services	na	na	na	26.5	26.3	26.5
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, & Similar Organizations	54.1	53.7	53.4	105.0	104.5	102.7
Business, Professional, Labor, Political, & Similar Organizations	26.4	26.2	26.5	43.3	43.0	42.9
Government	234.1	233.2	232.7	557.4	555.3	554.8
Federal Government	194.0	193.3	193.4	298.7	297.7	298.8
State Government & Local Government / Public Transportation	40.1	39.9	39.3	na	na	na
State Government	34.9	34.7	34.3	80.2	80.0	79.1
Local Government	na	na	na	178.5	177.6	176.9
Public Transportation	5.2	5.2	5.0	na	na	na

a/ Data may not equal totals due to independent rounding. Data reflect 2006 benchmark revisions.

b/ Preliminary.

c/ Revised.

Data includes all full and part-time employees who worked or received pay for any part of pay period which includes the 12th of the month.

Proprietors, self-employed, unpaid family workers, and private household workers are excluded.

The Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Division includes the District of Columbia; Calvert County, MD; Charles County, MD; Prince George's County, MD; Arlington County, VA; Clarke County, VA; Fairfax County, VA; Fauquier County, VA; Loudoun County, VA; Prince William County, VA; Spotsylvania County, VA; Stafford County, VA; Warren County, VA; Alexandria city, VA; Fairfax city, VA; Falls Church city, VA; Fredericksburg city, VA; Manassas city, VA; Manassas Park city, VA; and Jefferson County, WV

SOURCE: Prepared by the Department of Employment Services Office of Labor Market Research and Information in cooperation with the Virginia Employment Commission, the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, the West Virginia Bureau of Employment Programs and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Washington Metropolitan Division Job Growth

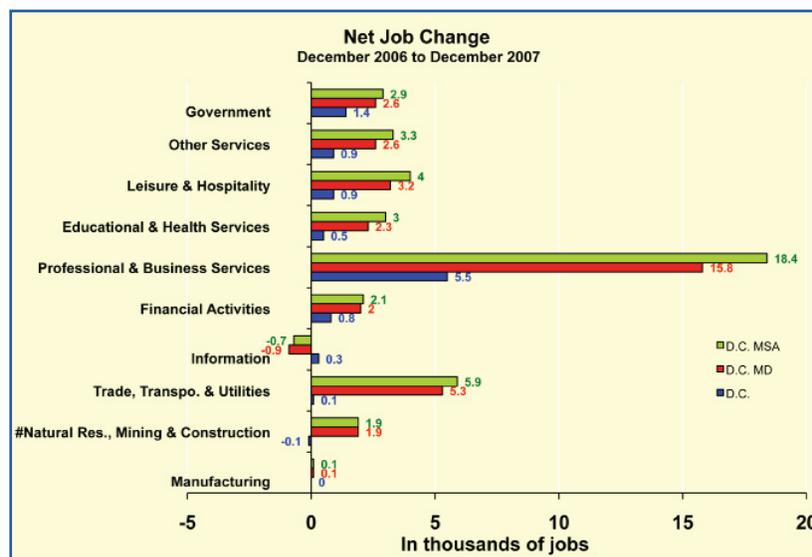
Total wage and salary employment in the Washington Metropolitan Division increased over the month in December 2007 by 9,300. The private sector increased by 7,200 jobs and the public sector gained 2,100 jobs. Within the private sector, gains were registered in trade, transportation, and utilities (up by 6,400 jobs), professional and business services (up by 2,200 jobs), other services (up by 800 jobs), and information (up by 500 jobs). Losses were registered in leisure and hospitality (down by 1,200 jobs), natural resources, mining and construction (down by 900 jobs), educational and health services (down by 500 jobs), and financial activities (down by 100 jobs). Manufacturing was unchanged over the month. In the public sector, the federal government gained 1,000 jobs; local government added 900 jobs; and state government gained 200 jobs.

During the past twelve months, the Washington Metropolitan Division gained 34,900 jobs. The private sector added 32,300 jobs and the public sector gained 2,600 jobs. Private sector gains were registered in professional and business services (up by 15,800 jobs), trade, transportation, and utilities (up by 5,300 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 3,200 jobs), other services (up by 2,600 jobs), educational and health services (up by 2,300 jobs), financial activities (up by 2,000 jobs), natural resources, mining and construction (up by 1,900 jobs), and manufacturing (up by 100 jobs). A loss was registered in information (down by 900 jobs). In the public sector, local government added 1,600 jobs and state government gained 1,100 jobs while the federal government lost 100 jobs.

Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area Job Growth

Total wage and salary employment in the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area increased over the month in December 2007 by 11,400. The private sector increased by 9,200 jobs and the public sector gained 2,200 jobs. Within the private sector, gains were registered in trade, transportation, and utilities (up by 7,700 jobs), professional and business services (up by 2,700 jobs), other services (up by 1,000 jobs), information (up by 500 jobs), and manufacturing (up by 300 jobs). Losses were noted in leisure and hospitality (down by 1,700 jobs), natural resources, mining and construction (down by 1,200 jobs), and educational and health services (down by 100 jobs). Financial activities were unchanged. In the public sector, the federal government gained 1,200 jobs.

During the past twelve months, the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area gained 40,900 jobs. The private sector added 38,000 jobs and the public sector gained 2,900 jobs. Private sector gains were registered in professional and business services (up by 18,400 jobs), trade, transportation, and utilities (up by 5,900 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 4,000 jobs), other services (up by 3,300 jobs), educational and health services (up by 3,000 jobs), financial activities (up by 2,100 jobs), natural resources, mining and construction (up by 1,900 jobs), and manufacturing (up by 100 jobs). The only loss occurred in information (down by 700 jobs). In government, the federal government lost 300 jobs over the year.



Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Statistical Area

Wage and Salary Employment by Industry and Place of Work a/ (In Thousands)

INDUSTRY	CHANGE FROM				
	Dec. b/ 2007	Nov. c/ 2007	Dec. 2006	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2006
TOTAL	3053.6	3042.2	3012.7	11.4	40.9
Total Private Sector	2400.0	2390.8	2362.0	9.2	38.0
Total Government	653.6	651.4	650.7	2.2	2.9
Total Goods Producing	257.1	258.0	255.1	-0.9	2.0
Manufacturing	63.2	62.9	63.1	0.3	0.1
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	193.9	195.1	192.0	-1.2	1.9
Specialty Trade Contractors	121.4	122.0	120.9	-0.6	0.5
Total Service Providing	2796.5	2784.2	2757.6	12.3	38.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	427.4	419.7	421.5	7.7	5.9
Wholesale Trade	70.1	70.3	69.9	-0.2	0.2
Retail Trade	291.8	284.4	285.9	7.4	5.9
Food & Beverage Stores	53.1	52.8	52.0	0.3	1.1
Department Stores	34.9	33.8	35.0	1.1	-0.1
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	65.5	65.0	65.7	0.5	-0.2
Information	98.4	97.9	99.1	0.5	-0.7
Financial Activities	163.7	163.7	161.6	0.0	2.1
Finance and insurance	107.4	107.2	106.4	0.2	1.0
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	60.4	60.1	59.3	0.3	1.1
Professional and Business Services	694.2	691.5	675.8	2.7	18.4
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	454.2	451.3	443.5	2.9	10.7
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	150.9	150.4	145.1	0.5	5.8
Administrative & Support & Waste Management & Remediation Services	199.0	200.1	192.7	-1.1	6.3
Employment Services	44.8	45.3	45.1	-0.5	-0.3
Educational and Health Services	327.5	327.6	324.5	-0.1	3.0
Health Care and Social Assistance	240.9	240.1	235.8	0.8	5.1
Ambulatory Health Care Services	89.4	88.9	86.5	0.5	2.9
Offices of Physicians	36.5	36.3	35.8	0.2	0.7
Hospitals	69.4	69.2	67.6	0.2	1.8
Leisure and Hospitality	251.8	253.5	247.8	-1.7	4.0
Accommodation and Food Services	217.9	218.9	214.7	-1.0	3.2
Food Services and Drinking Places	179.2	179.7	175.9	-0.5	3.3
Other Services	179.9	178.9	176.6	1.0	3.3
Government	653.6	651.4	650.7	2.2	2.9
Federal Government	342.2	341.0	342.5	1.2	-0.3

a/ Data may not equal totals due to independent rounding. Data reflect 2006 benchmark revisions. • b/ Preliminary. • c/ Revised.

Data includes all full and part-time employees who worked or received pay for any part of pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Proprietors, self-employed, unpaid family workers, and private household workers are excluded. The Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Statistical Area includes The Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Division and the Bethesda-Frederick-Gaithersburg, MD Metropolitan Division. The Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Division includes the District of Columbia; Calvert County, MD; Charles County, MD; Prince George's County, MD; Arlington County, VA; Clarke County, VA; Fairfax County, VA; Fauquier County, VA; The Bethesda-Frederick-Gaithersburg, MD Metropolitan Division includes the counties of Frederick and Montgomery in Maryland.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Table prepared by the Department of Employment Services Office of Labor Market Research and Information.

D.C. Metro Division Average Hours and Earnings (of production workers in manufacturing)

In December 2007, average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in the Washington metropolitan division increased \$3.71 to \$686.35. Gains in both average weekly hours and average hourly earnings were responsible for the increase. Average weekly hours were up 0.1 hour to 39.4 and average hourly earnings were up by five cents to \$17.42.

From December 2006 to December 2007, average weekly earnings increased by \$5.23. This increase was due to a rise in average weekly hours. Average weekly hours rose 0.7 hour while average hourly earnings were down eighteen cents.

D.C. Metro Division Average Hours & Earnings (of Production Workers in Manufacturing)

	Dec. '07 p	Nov. '07 r	Dec. '06 a
Weekly Earnings	\$686.35	\$682.64	\$681.12
Weekly Hours	39.4	39.3	38.7
Hourly Earnings	\$17.42	\$17.37	\$17.60

p: Preliminary

r: Revised

a: Reflecting 2006 benchmark revisions

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