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## Unemployment Rates Seasonally Adjusted

	Apr. 2007	Mar. 2007	Apr. 2006
Michigan	7.1	6.5	6.8
Mississippi	6.8	6.9	6.5
Alaska	5.8	5.9	6.8
Ohio	5.8	5.9	6.4
<b>District of Columbia</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.9</b>
Kentucky	5.7	5.2	5.4
South Carolina	5.3	5.4	5.8
Arkansas	5.1	4.8	5.0
California	5.1	5.2	5.4
Massachusetts	5.1	4.8	4.6
Oregon	5.0	4.9	5.2
Wisconsin	4.8	4.2	4.7
Illinois	4.8	4.6	4.9
Louisiana	4.8	4.5	4.6
North Carolina	4.6	4.4	4.9
Rhode Island	4.5	4.2	4.0
Tennessee	4.5	4.7	4.7
Kansas	4.5	4.2	5.2
Minnesota	4.5	4.3	4.7
Missouri	4.4	4.1	4.6
Nevada	4.4	4.3	4.1
Washington	4.4	4.7	5.2
Connecticut	4.4	4.6	4.9
Indiana	4.3	4.1	4.5
Maine	4.3	4.1	3.8
Oklahoma	4.3	4.3	4.3
West Virginia	4.3	4.3	4.8
New York	4.2	4.1	4.0
Georgia	4.2	4.1	4.0
New Jersey	4.2	4.3	5.0
Pennsylvania	4.1	4.0	4.7
Texas	4.1	3.8	4.7
New Hampshire	4.0	3.9	4.2
Vermont	4.0	3.8	3.4
New Mexico	3.9	3.8	3.3
Arizona	3.7	3.4	3.6
Colorado	3.6	3.6	3.8
Iowa	3.6	3.7	4.5
Maryland	3.5	3.6	4.4
Alabama	3.4	3.3	3.3
Florida	3.4	3.2	3.8
Delaware	3.4	3.1	3.2
North Dakota	3.3	3.4	3.5
Wyoming	3.3	3.1	3.2
South Dakota	3.1	3.0	3.0
Nebraska	2.9	2.6	2.9
Virginia	2.8	2.8	3.5
Hawaii	2.8	2.6	3.0
Utah	2.5	2.4	3.1
Idaho	2.4	2.5	2.6
Montana	2.2	2.0	3.3

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

## National Unemployment Rates

The April 2007 national unemployment rate of 4.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted) was down 0.2 percent from the rates in March 2007 and April 2006.

The seasonally adjusted national unemployment rate in April 2007 was 4.5 percent; up 0.1 percent from the March 2007 rate, and 0.2 percent lower than the April 2006, seasonally adjusted, national unemployment rate.

## State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In April, the District of Columbia had the fifth highest unemployment rate at 5.8 percent. Michigan recorded the highest jobless rate at 7.1 percent followed by Mississippi, at 6.8 percent, and Alaska and South Carolina, at 5.8 percent each. Montana, at 2.2 percent, posted the lowest unemployment rate, followed by Hawaii, at 2.4 percent, Utah, at 2.5 percent, and Idaho and Nebraska, at 2.8 percent each. Fourteen additional states recorded rates of 4.0 percent or below including Virginia at 3.1 percent and Maryland at 3.6 percent.

Over the month, unemployment rates were higher in the District of Columbia and 33 states, lower in 13 states, and unchanged in 4 states. The largest rate increases were in Illinois and Michigan (up 0.6 percentage point each) and Ohio (up 0.5 percentage point). Tennessee registered the largest rate decrease (down 0.3 percentage point).

Compared to a year earlier, unemployment rates were lower in the District of Columbia and 29 states, higher in 19 states and unchanged in 2 states. Montana (down 1.1 percentage points) recorded the largest over-the-year unemployment rate decrease followed by Alaska (down 1.0 percentage point) and Colorado and New Mexico (down 0.9 percentage point each). The largest over-the-year unemployment rate increases were in New Hampshire and Vermont (up 0.6 percentage point each) and Minnesota and Wisconsin (up 0.5 percentage point each).

## Unemployment Rates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Apr. 07	Mar. 07	Apr. 06 a
<b>U.S.A.</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.5</b>
<b>Washington, DC MSA</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2.9</b>
<b>Washington, DC MD</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>D.C.</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>5.6</b>

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D.C. Ward	1	4.4	4.6	4.8
	2	2.5	2.6	2.7
	3	1.3	1.4	1.4
	4	4.2	4.4	4.5
	5	7.0	7.4	7.5
	6	5.1	5.3	5.5
	7	9.1	9.5	9.7
	8	14.0	14.6	14.9

## Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

<b>U.S.A.</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>4.7</b>
<b>D.C.</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.9</b>

*a: Reflecting 2006 benchmark revisions*

*Note: Estimates number 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

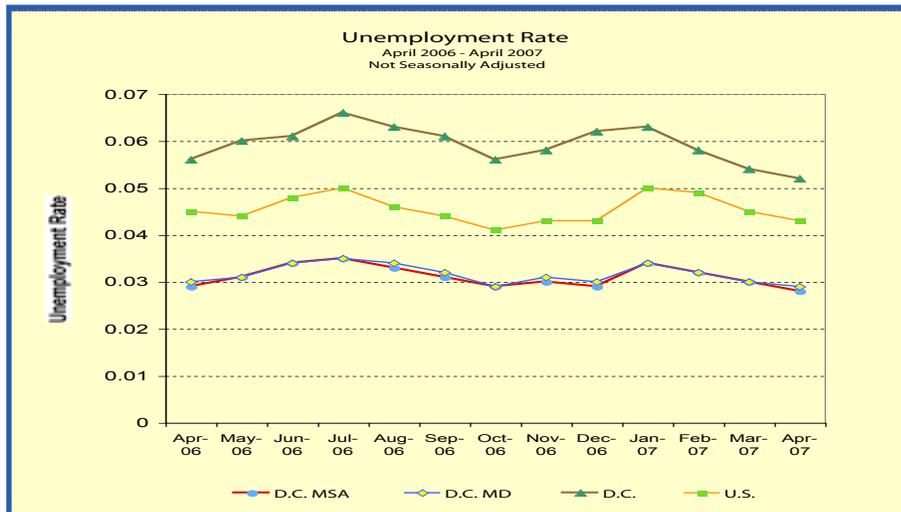
The District of Columbia's seasonally adjusted April 2007 unemployment rate was 5.7 percent, up 0.2 percent from the March 2007 rate. The April 2007 rate was 0.2 percent lower than the rate in April 2006.

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April 2007 was 5.2 percent; down 0.2 percent from the rate in March 2007 and 0.4 percent lower than the April 2006 rate.



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

Over the month, the District's civilian labor force increased by 400 to 319,500. A total of 302,900 residents were employed and 16,600 were unemployed in April 2007. A 1,100 increase in the number of employed residents along with a 700 decrease in the number of unemployed residents resulted in the 0.2 percent decrease in the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate.



From April 2006 to April 2007, the District's civilian labor force increased by 8,900 as the number of employed residents increased by 9,600 and the number of unemployed residents decreased by 700. The District's April 2007 unemployment rate was 0.4 percent lower than the rate in April 2006.

## Unemployment Insurance Benefit Statistics

In April 2007, initial claims filed for Unemployment Insurance (UI) in the District of Columbia rose 4.5 percent from the March 2007 level of 1,076 to 1,124. Over the year, UI initial claims were up 2.3 percent from the 1,099 level in April 2006. The April 2007 initial claims for all programs were up from March 2007 by 9% to 1,219 and higher by 84 or 7.4 percent from the April 2006 level of 1,135.

For the all programs total, other benefit statistics were mixed in April 2007 compared to March 2007. Weeks claimed rose 12.3 percent to 18,163, weeks compensated were down 6.6 percent to 24,561, benefits paid decreased 6.5 percent to \$6,894,501, while the average weekly benefit amount (A.W.B.A.) rose 0.1 percent to \$280.71. First payments were down 11.1 percent to 1,213, while final payments increased 8.6 percent to 856.

Over the year, all other benefit statistics were higher in April 2007 compared to April 2006. Weeks claimed were up 21.5 percent and weeks compensated rose 4.5 percent. Benefits paid increased by 4.9 percent and the average weekly benefit amount rose 0.4 percent from the \$279.66 April 2006 amount. First payments were up 8.5 percent and final payments were 14.1 percent higher.



## Washington Metropolitan Division Civilian Labor Force Employment and Unemployment Rates

The civilian labor force in the Washington Metropolitan Division decreased by 7,700 in April 2007 as employment declined by 4,200 and the number unemployed decreased by 3,500. The unemployment rate in the Washington Metropolitan Division, at 2.9 percent in April, was down 0.1 percent from the rate in March 2007.

Over the last twelve months, the number of employed residents in the Washington Metropolitan Division rose by 43,600. With 600 fewer unemployed division residents, the division civilian labor force rose by 43,000. The metropolitan division's April 2007 unemployment rate was down 0.1 percent from the rate in April 2006.

## Washington Metropolitan Area Civilian Labor Force Employment and Unemployment Rates

The civilian labor force in the suburban ring of communities surrounding the District of Columbia decreased by 14,000 in April 2007 as employment fell by 10,000 and the number unemployed decreased by 4,000. The unemployment rate in the suburban ring, at 2.5 percent in April, was down 0.2 percent from the rate in March 2007.

Over the last twelve months, the number of employed residents in the suburban ring rose by 39,600. With 800 fewer unemployed suburban residents, the suburban civilian labor force rose by 38,800. The

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

	Apr. 2007	Mar 2007	Apr./b 2006	Mar./b 2006	Net Change From	
					Mar. 2007	Apr. 2006
<b>Seasonally Adjusted</b>						
Washington, D.C.						
Civilian Labor Force	322,000	322,000	312,900	314,100	700	9,100
Total Employed	303,600	303,600	294,300	295,500	0	9,300
Total Unemployed	18,300	18,300	18,600	18,600	500	-300
Unemployment Rate	5.7	5.7	5.9	5.9	0.2	-0.2
<b>Not Seasonally Adjusted</b>						
Washington, D.C.						
Civilian Labor Force	319,500	319,100	310,600	311,500	400	8,900
Total Employed	302,900	301,800	293,300	293,300	1,100	9,600
Total Unemployed	16,600	17,300	17,300	18,200	-700	-700
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.4	5.6	5.8	-0.2	-0.4
<b>Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Division</b>						
Civilian Labor Force	2,336,000	2,343,700	2,293,000	2,293,700	-7,700	43,000
Total Employed	2,268,300	2,272,500	2,224,700	2,223,400	-4,200	43,600
Total Unemployed	67,700	71,200	68,300	70,300	-3,500	-600
Unemployment Rate	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.1	-0.1	-0.1
<b>Suburban Ring</b>						
Civilian Labor Force	2,656,600	2,670,600	2,617,800	2,618,700	-14,000	38,800
Total Employed	2,589,300	2,599,300	2,549,700	2,549,200	--10,000	39,600
Total Unemployed	67,300	71,300	68,100	69,500	-4,000	-800
Unemployment Rate	2.5	2.7	2.6	2.7	-0.2	-0.1
<b>Washington, D.C. MSA</b>						
Civilian Labor Force	2,976,100	2,989,700	2,928,400	2,930,200	-13,600	47,700
Total Employed	2,892,200	2,901,100	2,843,000	2,842,500	-8,900	49,200
Total Unemployed	83,900	88,600	85,400	87,700	-4,700	-1,500
Unemployment Rate	2.8	3.0	2.9	3.0	-0.2	-0.1

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

b/ Data reflect 2006 benchmark revisions.

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.

## Unemployment Insurance Benefit Statistics (cont'd)

suburban ring's April 2007 unemployment rate was down 0.1 percent from the rate in April 2006.

For the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area, the number of persons in the civilian labor force decreased by 13,600 in April 2007. The number of employed residents in the metropolitan area fell by 8,900 and the number of unemployed residents decreased by 4,700. The metropolitan area's unemployment rate at 2.8 percent in April 2007 was down 0.2 percent from the rate in March 2007.

Compared to April 2006, the metropolitan area's civilian labor force rose by 47,700. Employment increased by 49,200 and unemployment fell by 1,500. The Washington Metropolitan Area's April 2007 unemployment rate was down 0.1 percent from the April 2006 rate of 2.9 percent.



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

	Apr. 2007	Mar. 2007	% Change From		
			Apr. 2006	Mar. 2007	Apr. 2006
<b>State UI Program a/</b>					
Initial Claims	1,124	1,076	1,099	4.5	2.3
Weeks Claimed	16,619	15,001	14,277	10.8	16.4
Weeks Compensated	22,594	24,517	22,338	-7.8	1.1
Benefits Paid	\$6,267,012	\$6,808,306	\$6,192,434	-8.0	1.2
A.W.B.A.	\$277.38	\$277.70	\$277.22	-0.1	0.1
First Payments	1,054	1,232	1,057	-14.4	-0.3
Final Payments	828	753	716	10.0	15.6
Beneficiaries	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Federal Program b/</b>					
Initial Claims	89	126	32	-29.4	178.1
Weeks Claimed	1,395	1,050	530	32.9	163.2
Weeks Compensated	1,854	1,664	1,014	11.4	82.8
Benefits Paid	\$588,578	\$523,232	\$327,757	12.5	79.6
A.W.B.A.	\$317.46	\$314.44	\$323.23	1.0	-1.8
First Payments	151	128	52	18.0	190.4
Final Payments	26	31	30	-16.1	-13.3
Beneficiaries	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Ex-Servicemen Program c/</b>					
Initial Claims	6	8	4	-25.0	50.0
Weeks Claimed	149	129	140	15.5	6.4
Weeks Compensated	113	125	147	-9.6	-23.1
Benefits Paid	\$38,911	\$43,388	\$51,544	-10.3	-24.5
A.W.B.A.	\$344.35	\$347.10	\$350.64	-0.8	-1.8
First Payments	8	5	9	60.0	-11.1
Final Payments	2	4	4	-50.0	-50.0
Beneficiaries	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Total - All Programs</b>					
Initial Claims	1,219	1,210	1,135	0.7	7.4
Weeks Claimed	18,163	16,180	14,947	12.3	21.5
Weeks Compensated	24,561	26,306	23,499	-6.6	4.5
Benefits Paid	\$6,894,501	\$7,374,926	\$6,571,735	-6.5	4.9
A.W.B.A.	\$280.71	\$280.35	\$279.66	0.1	0.4
First Payments	1,213	1,365	1,118	-11.1	8.5
Final Payments	856	788	750	8.6	14.1
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).

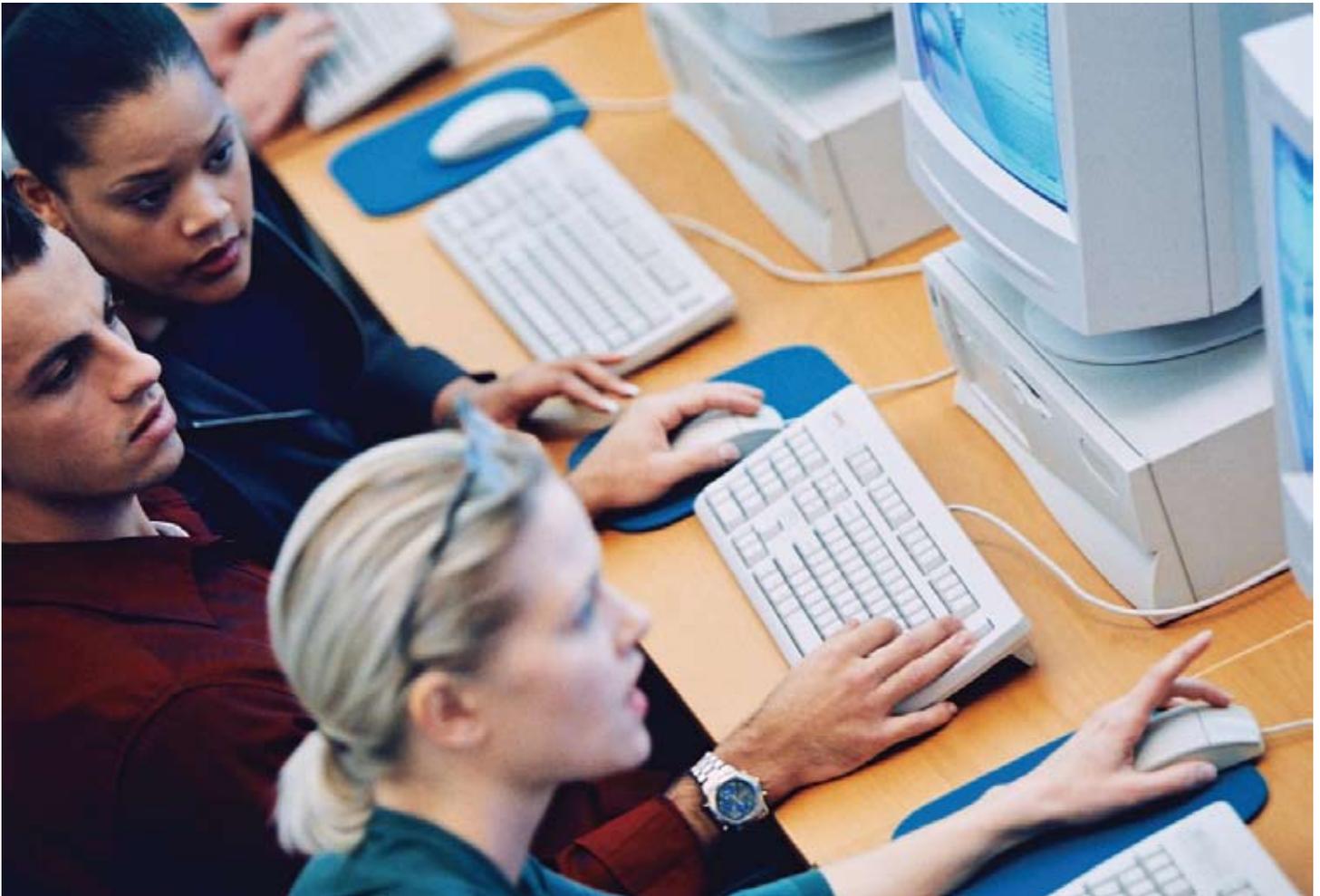
b/ Includes joint claims with Unemployment Compensation of Ex-Servicemen (UCX).

c/ No joint claims.

## District of Columbia Job Growth

The number of District wage and salary jobs increased by 5,200 in April 2007. The private sector increased by 3,000 jobs and the public sector added 2,200 jobs. In the private sector, professional and business services gained 1,800 jobs, leisure and hospitality added 900 jobs, financial activities and educational and health services gained 200 jobs each, and information and other services added 100 jobs each. Manufacturing was unchanged while trade, transportation and utilities lost 200 jobs and natural resources and construction declined by 100 jobs. In the public sector, the District government gained 1,700 jobs and the federal government added 500 jobs while transportation was unchanged.

In the last twelve months, the District gained a total of 12,900 jobs. The private sector added 11,100 jobs and the public sector gained 1,800 jobs. The private sector growth occurred in professional and business services (up by 6,700 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 1,100 jobs), educational and health services and other services (up by 1,000 jobs each), financial activities (up by 700 jobs), information (up by 600 jobs), and natural resources and construction and trade, transportation and utilities (up by 100 jobs each). The only loss was noted in manufacturing (down by 200 jobs). In the public sector, the federal government gained 1,100 jobs, the District government added 400 jobs and transportation gained 300 jobs.



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

INDUSTRY	District of Columbia			Metropolitan Division		
	Apr. b/ 2007	Mar. c/ 2007	Apr. 2006	Apr. b/ 2007	Mar. c/ 2007	Apr. 2006
<b>TOTAL</b>	699.0	693.8	686.1	2,426.3	2,411.8	2,379.4
<b>Total Private Sector</b>	467.2	464.2	456.1	1,872.6	1,860.3	1,834.1
<b>Total Government</b>	231.8	229.6	230.0	553.7	551.5	545.3
<b>Total Goods Producing</b>	14.0	14.1	14.1	192.1	190.4	192.1
Manufacturing	1.6	1.6	1.8	43.3	43.0	43.7
Durable Goods	na	na	na	26.7	26.4	26.3
Non-Durable Goods	na	na	na	16.6	16.6	17.4
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	12.4	12.5	12.3	148.8	147.4	148.4
Construction of Buildings	na	na	na	35.2	34.7	34.9
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	na	na	na	17.5	17.0	18.0
Specialty Trade Contractors	na	na	na	95.1	94.7	94.6
<b>Total Service Providing</b>	685.0	679.7	672.0	2,234.2	2,221.4	2,187.3
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	27.7	27.9	27.6	321.3	320.6	314.7
Wholesale Trade	4.7	4.8	4.7	54.7	54.5	54.4
Retail Trade	17.9	18.1	17.5	209.6	209.4	203.7
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	na	na	na	24.8	24.5	25.4
Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies Dealers	na	na	na	17.4	16.8	18.0
Food & Beverage Stores	na	na	na	38.0	38.2	35.6
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	na	na	na	24.5	24.6	23.0
Department Stores	na	na	na	23.4	23.7	23.7
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	5.1	5.0	5.4	57.0	56.7	56.6
Utilities	na	na	na	7.5	7.4	7.3
Transportation & Warehousing	na	na	na	49.5	49.3	49.3
Air Transportation	na	na	na	11.6	11.6	11.9
<b>Information</b>	22.7	22.6	22.1	80.6	81.3	80.8
Publishing industries (except Internet)	8.8	8.8	8.5	na	na	na
<b>Financial Activities</b>	30.0	29.8	29.3	117.8	117.2	115.8
Finance and insurance	18.7	18.5	18.0	76.6	76.3	74.5
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	9.0	8.9	8.4	45.1	44.7	43.4
Depository Credit Intermediation	na	na	na	19.2	19.1	18.7
Nondepository Credit Intermediation	na	na	na	20.1	19.8	19.6
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	11.3	11.3	11.3	41.2	40.9	41.3
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	158.9	157.1	152.2	556.1	551.8	537.7
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	104.8	104.1	102.4	369.2	367.2	358.4
Legal Services	35.8	36.1	34.7	48.2	48.3	47.4
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping, & Payroll Services	na	na	na	20.0	19.7	20.2
Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services	na	na	na	48.5	48.3	47.9
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	na	na	na	125.7	125.4	120.9
Management, Scientific, and Technical Consulting Services	na	na	na	65.4	65.2	61.0
Scientific Research and Development Services	15.3	15.4	15.3	na	na	na
Management of Companies and Enterprises	na	na	na	31.6	31.7	31.2
Administrative & Support & Waste Management & Remediation Services	52.5	51.5	48.4	155.3	152.9	148.1

Employment Services	12.2	12.3	11.9	30.2	31.0	29.7
Investigation and Security Services	8.5	8.5	8.8	na	na	na
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	12.9	12.8	12.4	51.9	50.5	50.5
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	97.6	97.4	96.6	254.7	253.9	249.5
Educational Services	45.6	45.4	45.5	78.4	78.6	78.0
Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools	34.4	34.4	34.2	47.9	48.2	47.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	52.0	52.0	51.1	176.3	175.3	171.5
Ambulatory Health Care Services	10.6	10.7	10.1	61.6	61.2	59.5
Offices of Physicians	na	na	na	25.1	25.2	25.0
Outpatient Care Centers	na	na	na	7.8	8.1	7.4
Hospitals	24.6	24.3	23.7	55.4	55.5	54.3
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	6.7	6.8	6.7	27.9	27.6	26.3
Social Assistance	na	na	na	31.4	31.0	31.4
Child Day Care Services	na	na	na	14.8	14.7	14.5

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

INDUSTRY	District of Columbia			Metropolitan Division		
	Apr. b/ 2007	Mar.. c/ 2007	Apr. 2006	Apr. b/ 2007	Mar. c/ 2007	Apr. 2006
Leisure and Hospitality	55.7	54.8	54.6	204.2	199.9	199.9
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	6.4	6.1	6.4	27.0	25.1	26.3
Accommodation and Food Services	49.3	48.7	48.2	177.2	174.8	173.6
Accommodation	15.6	15.6	15.3	34.9	34.4	34.5
Food Services and Drinking Places	33.7	33.1	32.9	142.3	140.4	139.1
Full-Service Restaurants	17.2	16.9	17.0	73.4	72.7	72.5
Limited-Service Eating Places	10.0	10.1	9.8	54.9	54.4	53.9
Special Food Services	4.9	4.5	4.9	11.6	10.9	11.0
Other Services	60.6	60.5	59.6	145.8	145.2	143.6
Personal and Laundry Services	na	na	na	26.0	25.8	26.0
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, & Similar Organizations	53.5	53.5	52.6	102.8	102.6	101.2
Business, Professional, Labor, Political, & Similar Organizations	26.7	26.6	26.4	42.6	42.5	42.6
Government	231.8	229.6	230.0	553.7	551.5	545.3
Federal Government	192.1	191.6	191.0	297.1	296.0	295.8
State Government & Local Government / Public Transportation	39.7	38.0	39.0	256.6	255.5	249.5
State Government	34.7	33.0	34.3	80.6	79.0	76.6
Local Government	na	na	na	176.0	176.5	172.9
Public Transportation	5.0	5.0	4.7	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

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## Washington Metropolitan Division Job Growth

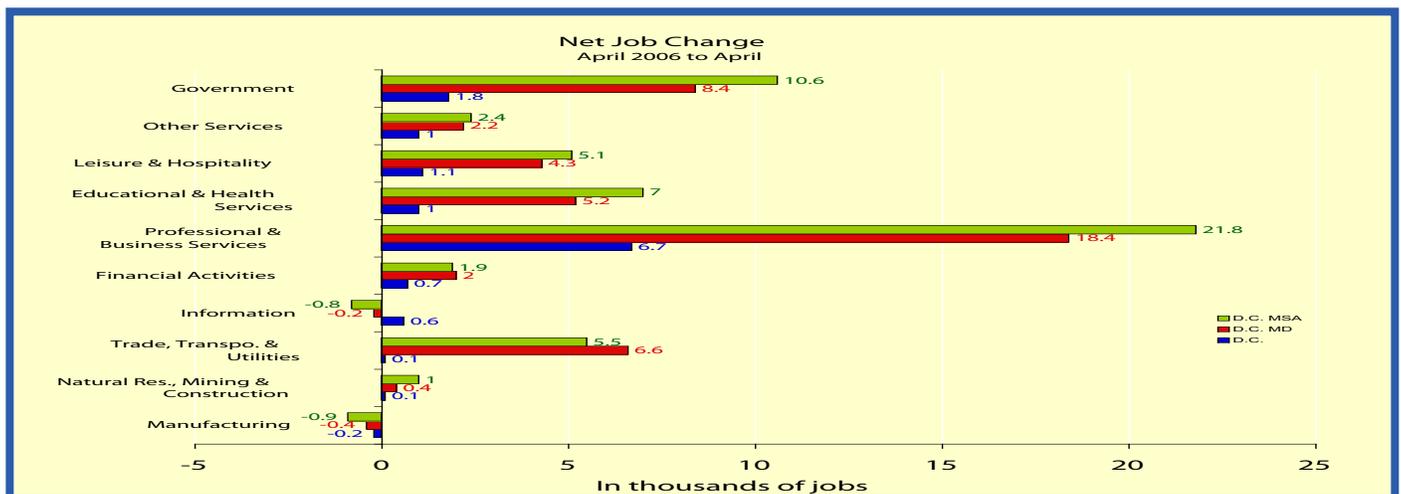
Total wage and salary employment in the Washington Metropolitan Division increased over the month in April 2007 by 14,500. The private sector increased by 12,300 jobs and the public sector gained 2,200 jobs. Within the private sector, gains were registered in professional and business services and leisure and hospitality (up by 4,300 jobs each), natural resources, mining and construction (up by 1,400 jobs), educational and health services (up by 800 jobs), trade, transportation, and utilities (up by 700 jobs), financial activities and other services (up by 600 jobs each), and manufacturing (up by 300 jobs). Information lost 700 jobs over the month. In the public sector, state government gained 1,600 jobs; the federal government added 1,100 jobs; and local government lost 500 jobs.

During the past twelve months, the Washington Metropolitan Division gained 46,900 jobs. The private sector added 38,500 jobs and the public sector gained 8,400 jobs. Private sector gains were registered in professional and business services (up by 18,400 jobs), trade, transportation, and utilities (up by 6,600 jobs), educational and health services (up by 5,200 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 4,300 jobs), other services (up by 2,200 jobs), financial activities (up by 2,000 jobs), and natural resources, mining and construction (up by 400 jobs). Losses were registered in manufacturing (down by 400 jobs) and information (down by 200 jobs). In the public sector, state government added 4,000 jobs, local government gained 3,100 jobs and the federal government added 1,300 jobs.

## Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area Job Growth

Total wage and salary employment in the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area increased over the month in April 2007 by 17,200. The private sector increased by 15,000 jobs and the public sector gained 2,200 jobs. Within the private sector, gains were registered in leisure and hospitality (up by 5,100 jobs), professional and business services (up by 4,900 jobs), natural resources, mining and construction (up by 2,200 jobs), educational and health services (up by 1,000 jobs), trade, transportation, and utilities and other services (up by 800 jobs each), financial activities (up by 600 jobs), and manufacturing (up by 200 jobs). Information lost 600 jobs. In the public sector, the federal government gained 1,100 jobs.

During the past twelve months, the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area gained 53,600 jobs. The private sector added 43,000 jobs and the public sector gained 10,600 jobs. Private sector gains were registered in professional and business services (up by 21,800 jobs), educational and health services (up by 7,000 jobs), trade, transportation, and utilities (up by 5,500 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 5,100 jobs), other services (up by 2,400 jobs), financial activities (up by 1,900 jobs), and natural resources, mining and construction (up by 1,000 jobs). Private sector losses were noted in manufacturing (down by 900 jobs) and information (down by 800 jobs). In government, the federal government gained 2,100 jobs.



# 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				
	Apr. b/ 2007	Mar. c/ 2007	Apr. 2006	Mar. 2007	Apr. 2006
<b>TOTAL</b>	3006.7	2989.5	2953.1	17.2	53.6
<b>Total Private Sector</b>	2357.3	2342.3	2314.3	15.0	43.0
<b>Total Government</b>	649.4	647.2	638.8	2.2	10.6
<b>Total Goods Producing</b>	255.2	252.8	255.1	2.4	0.1
<b>Manufacturing</b>	63.0	62.8	63.9	0.2	-0.9
<b>Natural Resources, Mining &amp; Construction</b>	192.2	190.0	191.2	2.2	1.0
<b>Specialty Trade Contractors</b>	120.9	120.4	119.9	0.5	1.0
<b>Total Service Providing</b>	2751.5	2736.7	2698.0	14.8	53.5
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	403.2	402.4	397.7	0.8	5.5
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	70.4	70.2	70.1	0.2	0.3
<b>Retail Trade</b>	268.4	268.1	263.9	0.3	4.5
<b>Food &amp; Beverage Stores</b>	50.8	51.0	47.9	-0.2	2.9
<b>Department Stores</b>	30.4	30.8	30.8	-0.4	-0.4
<b>Transportation, Warehousing &amp; Utilities</b>	64.4	64.1	63.7	0.3	0.7
<b>Information</b>	97.7	98.3	98.5	-0.6	-0.8
<b>Financial Activities</b>	162.6	162.0	160.7	0.6	1.9
<b>Finance and insurance</b>	107.2	106.7	105.2	0.5	2.0
<b>Credit Intermediation and Related Activities</b>	60.0	59.6	57.9	0.4	2.1
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	684.4	679.5	662.6	4.9	21.8
<b>Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services</b>	446.8	444.8	435.1	2.0	11.7
<b>Computer Systems Design and Related Services</b>	146.6	146.4	141.6	0.2	5.0
<b>Administrative &amp; Support &amp; Waste Management &amp; Remediation Services</b>	197.9	194.8	188.9	3.1	9.0
<b>Employment Services</b>	44.0	44.7	42.6	-0.7	1.4
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	326.6	325.6	319.6	1.0	7.0
<b>Health Care and Social Assistance</b>	237.0	236.0	230.4	1.0	6.6
<b>Ambulatory Health Care Services</b>	86.9	86.6	84.0	0.3	2.9
<b>Offices of Physicians</b>	35.7	35.7	35.3	0.0	0.4
<b>Hospitals</b>	68.0	68.0	66.4	0.0	1.6
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	250.8	245.7	245.7	5.1	5.1
<b>Accommodation and Food Services</b>	216.1	213.3	211.1	2.8	5.0
<b>Food Services and Drinking Places</b>	177.3	175.0	172.4	2.3	4.9
<b>Other Services</b>	176.8	176.0	174.4	0.8	2.4
<b>Government</b>	649.4	647.2	638.8	2.2	10.6
<b>Federal Government</b>	340.5	339.4	338.4	1.1	2.1

a/ Data may not equal totals due to independent rounding. Data reflect 2005 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 April 2007, average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in the Washington metropolitan division increased by \$5.45 over the month to \$681.72. An increase in average weekly hours was responsible for the rise. Average weekly hours were up 0.4 hour to 39.0 while average hourly earnings were down four cents to \$17.48.

From April 2006 to April 2007, average weekly earnings increased by \$18.36. This increase was due to a sixteen cent rise in hourly earnings and a 0.7 hour increase in average weekly hours.

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

	Apr. '07 p	Mar. '07 r	Apr. '06 a
<b>Weekly Earnings</b>	\$681.72	\$676.27	\$663.36
<b>Weekly Hours</b>	39.0	38.6	38.3
<b>Hourly Earnings</b>	\$17.48	\$17.52	\$17.32

*p: Preliminary  
r: Revised  
a: Reflecting 2006 benchmark revisions*

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