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Unemployment Rates Seasonally Adjusted

	Apr. 2008	Mar. 2008	Apr. 2007
Michigan	6.9	7.2	7.1
Alaska	6.7	6.7	6.0
California	6.2	6.2	5.2
Rhode Island	6.1	6.1	5.0
District of Columbia	6.0	6.1	5.7
Mississippi	5.9	6.0	6.4
South Carolina	5.9	5.7	5.7
Nevada	5.7	5.8	4.6
Kentucky	5.6	5.7	5.5
Ohio	5.6	5.8	5.6
Oregon	5.5	5.6	5.0
Illinois	5.4	5.5	4.8
North Carolina	5.4	5.2	4.7
Tennessee	5.4	5.5	4.5
Georgia	5.3	5.3	4.3
Missouri	5.2	5.7	4.7
New Jersey	5.0	4.8	4.3
Pennsylvania	5.0	4.9	4.3
West Virginia	5.0	4.7	4.5
Florida	4.9	4.9	3.8
Minnesota	4.8	4.7	4.7
Arkansas	4.7	4.9	5.3
Connecticut	4.7	5.3	4.4
Indiana	4.7	5.1	4.6
Maine	4.7	5.0	4.7
New York	4.7	4.8	4.4
Washington	4.7	4.8	4.4
Vermont	4.5	4.6	4.1
Colorado	4.4	4.4	3.6
Wisconsin	4.3	4.8	5.1
Louisiana	4.1	4.5	4.0
Massachusetts	4.1	4.4	4.6
Texas	4.1	4.3	4.4
Alabama	4.0	4.1	3.4
Kansas	4.0	4.1	4.1
Arizona	3.9	4.0	3.7
Montana	3.8	3.6	3.1
New Hampshire	3.8	3.9	3.7
Delaware	3.7	3.7	3.4
Maryland	3.7	3.6	3.5
Iowa	3.5	3.4	3.7
New Mexico	3.5	3.7	3.6
Virginia	3.5	3.7	2.9
Hawaii	3.3	3.1	2.5
Oklahoma	3.2	3.1	4.4
Idaho	3.1	3.0	2.7
Nebraska	3.1	3.0	2.8
North Dakota	3.1	3.1	3.2
Utah	3.1	3.3	2.5
South Dakota	2.6	2.5	3.1
Wyoming	2.6	3.1	3.0

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 2008 national unemployment rate of 4.8 percent (not seasonally adjusted) was 0.4 percent lower than the rate in March 2008 and 0.5 percent higher than the rate in April 2007.

The seasonally adjusted national unemployment rate in April 2008 was 5.0 percent; down 0.1 percent from the March 2008 rate and 0.5 percent higher than the April 2007, seasonally adjusted, national unemployment rate.

State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In April, the District of Columbia had the fifth highest unemployment rates at 6.0 percent. Michigan recorded the highest jobless rate at 6.9 percent followed by Alaska, at 6.7 percent. Wyoming, at 2.6 percent, posted the lowest unemployment rate, followed by South Dakota at 2.6 percent, and Utah, at 3.1 percent. Fifteen additional states recorded rates of 4.0 percent or below including Maryland, at 3.7 percent and Virginia, at 3.5 percent.

Over the month, unemployment rates were lower in the District of Columbia and 28 states, higher in 14 states, and unchanged in 8 states. West Virginia (up 0.3 percentage point) registered the largest rate increase followed by New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, Hawaii and Montana (up 0.2 percentage point each). Connecticut (down 0.6 percentage point) registered the largest rate decrease followed by Missouri, Wisconsin and Wyoming (down 0.5 percentage point).

Compared to a year earlier, unemployment rates were higher in the District of Columbia and 35 states, lower in 13 states, and unchanged in 2 states. Florida, Nevada, and Rhode Island (up 1.1 percentage point each) recorded the largest over-the-year unemployment rate increases followed by Georgia and California (up 1.0 percentage point each). Oklahoma (down 1.2 percentage points) recorded the largest over-the-year unemployment rate decrease.

Unemployment Rates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Apr. 08 p	Mar. 08 r	Apr. 07 a
U.S.A.	4.8	5.2	4.3
Washington, DC MSA	3.1	3.4	2.7
Washington, DC MD	3.2	3.6	2.8
D.C.	5.4	6.4	5.1

D.C. Ward	1	4.6	5.5	4.4
	2	2.6	3.1	2.5
	3	1.4	1.7	1.3
	4	4.3	5.2	4.1
	5	7.3	8.6	6.9
	6	5.3	6.3	5.0
	7	9.4	11.1	9.0
	8	14.5	16.9	13.8

Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

U.S.A.	5.0	5.1	4.5
D.C.	6.0	6.1	5.7

a: Reflecting 2007 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

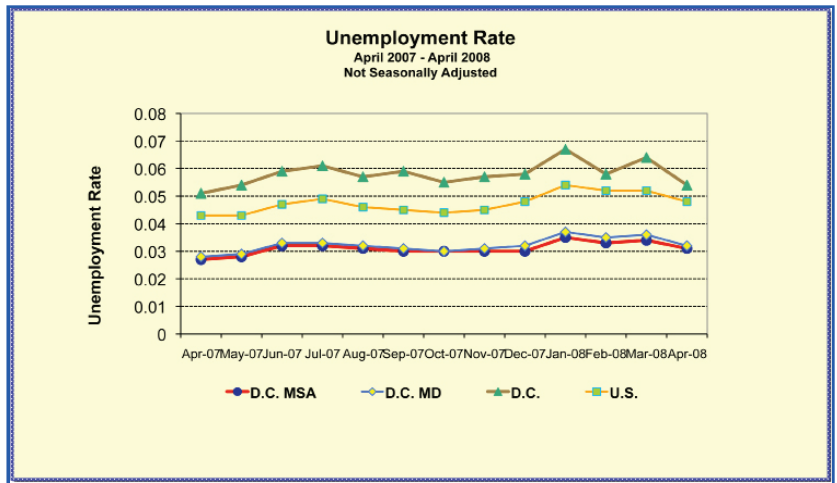
District of Columbia's seasonally adjusted April 2008 unemployment rate was 6.0 percent, down 0.1 percent from the March 2008 rate. The April 2008 rate was 0.3 percent higher than the rate in April 2007.

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April 2008 was 5.4 percent; down 1.0 percent from the rate in March 2008 and 0.3 percent higher than the rate in April 2007.



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

Over the month, the District's civilian labor force decreased by 3,100 to 329,700. A total of 311,900 residents were employed and 17,700 were unemployed in April 2008. A 300 increase in the number of employed residents along with a 3,600 decrease in the number of unemployed residents resulted in a 1.0 percent drop in the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate.



From April 2007 to April 2008, the District's civilian labor force increased by 5,700 as the number of employed residents rose by 4,500 and the number of unemployed residents increased by 1,200. The District's April 2008 unemployment rate was 0.3 percent higher than the rate in April 2007.

Unemployment Insurance Benefit Statistics

In April 2008, initial claims filed for Unemployment Insurance (UI) in the District of Columbia rose 12.2 percent from the March 2008 level of 1,258 to 1,412. Over the year, UI initial claims were up 25.6 percent from the 1,124 level in April 2007. The April 2008 initial claims for all programs were up from March 2008 by 157 to 1,436 and higher by 217 or 17.8 percent from the April 2007 level of 1,219.

For the all programs total, most other benefit statistics were higher in April 2008 compared to March 2008. Benefits paid increased 17.8 percent to \$9,238,776, weeks compensated were up 16.6 percent to 32,053, first payments were up 14.1 percent to 1,412, final payments were up 4.8 percent to 887, while the average weekly benefit amount (A.W.B.A.) rose 1.1 percent to \$288.23. Weeks claimed were down 11.9 percent to 16,527.



Over the year, most other benefit statistics were higher in April 2008 compared to April 2007. , Benefits paid increased by 34.0 percent, weeks compensated rose 30.5 percent, first payments were up 16.4 percent, final payments were up 3.6 percent, while the average weekly benefit amount rose 2.7 percent from the \$280.71 April 2007 amount. Weeks claimed were down 9.0 percent.

Washington Metropolitan Division Civilian Labor Force Employment and Unemployment Rate

The civilian labor force in the Washington Metropolitan Division decreased by 2,600 in April 2008 as employment rose by 6,900 and the number unemployed decreased by 9,500. The unemployment rate in the Washington Metropolitan Division, at 3.2 percent in April, was down 0.4 percent from the rate in March 2008.

Over the last twelve months, the number of employed residents in the Washington Metropolitan Division rose by 28,800. With 10,000 more unemployed division residents, the division civilian labor force rose by 38,800. The metropolitan division's April 2008 unemployment rate was up 0.4 percent from the rate in April 2007.

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 increased by 1,200 in April 2008 as employment rose by 8,100 and the number of unemployed residents decreased by 6,700. The unemployment rate in the suburban ring, at 2.8 percent in April, was down 0.2 percent from the rate in March 2008.

Over the year, there was an increase of 27,700 employed residents in the suburban ring. With 9,700 unemployed suburban residents, the suburban civilian labor force rose by 37,500. The suburban

Employment Status for the Civilian Population District of Columbia, Washington Metropolitan Division and Statistical Area March 2008/a

	Apr./b 2008	Mar./c 2008	Apr./d 2007	Mar./d 2007	Net Change From	
					Mar./c 2008	Apr./d 2007
Seasonally Adjusted						
Washington, D.C.						
Civilian Labor Force	332,600	333,500	326,000	325,600	-900	6,600
Total Employed	312,500	313,100	307,600	307,100	-600	4,900
Total Unemployed	20,100	20,500	18,400	18,500	-400	1,700
Unemployment Rate	6.0	6.1	5.7	5.7	-0.1	0.3
Not Seasonally Adjusted						
Washington, D.C.						
Civilian Labor Force	329,700	332,800	324,000	324,000	-3,100	5,700
Total Employed	311,900	311,600	307,400	306,600	300	4,500
Total Unemployed	17,700	21,300	16,500	17,400	-3,600	1,200
Unemployment Rate	5.4	6.4	5.1	5.4	-1.0	0.3
Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Division						
Civilian Labor Force	2,368,700	2,371,300	2,329,900	2,335,200	-2,600	38,800
Total Employed	2,292,900	2,286,000	2,264,100	2,266,100	6,900	28,800
Total Unemployed	75,800	85,300	65,800	69,100	-9,500	10,000
Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.6	2.8	3.0	-0.4	0.4
Suburban Ring						
Civilian Labor Force	2,672,200	2,671,000	2,634,700	2,644,500	1,200	37,500
Total Employed	2,597,800	2,589,700	2,570,100	2,576,300	8,100	27,700
Total Unemployed	74,500	81,200	64,800	68,200	-6,700	9,700
Unemployment Rate	2.8	3.0	2.5	2.6	-0.2	0.3
Washington, D.C. MSA						
Civilian Labor Force						
Total Employed	3,001,900	3,003,800	2,958,700	2,968,500	-1,900	43,200
Total Unemployed	2,909,700	2,901,300	2,877,500	2,882,900	8,400	32,200
Unemployment Rate	92,200	102,500	81,300	85,600	-10,300	10,900
	3.1	3.4	2.7	2.9	-0.3	0.4

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

b/ Preliminary Data.

c/ Revised Data.

d/ Data reflects 2007 Benchmark Revision.

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.

ring's April 2008 unemployment rate was up 0.3 percent from April 2007.

For the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area, the number of persons in the civilian labor force decreased by 1,900 in April 2008. The number of employed residents rose by 8,400 and the number of unemployed residents decreased by 10,300. The metropolitan area's unemployment rate for April 2008 was 3.1, down 0.3 percent from the rate in March 2008.

Compared to April 2007, the metropolitan area's civilian labor force rose by 43,200. Employment increased by 32,200 and unemployment rose by 10,900. The Washington Metropolitan area's April 2008 unemployment rate was up 0.4 percent from the April 2007 rate of 2.7 percent.



Selected Unemployment Insurance Benefit Statistics (Regular Programs) District of Columbia April 2008

	April 2008	March 2008	% Change From		
			April 2007	March 2008	April 2007
State UI Program a/					
Initial Claims	1,412	1,258	1,124	12.2	25.6
Weeks Claimed	16,185	18,381	16,619	-11.9	-2.6
Weeks Compensated	31,057	26,629	22,594	16.6	37.5
Benefits Paid	\$8,923,104	\$7,570,328	\$6,267,012	17.9	42.4
A.W.B.A.	\$287.31	\$284.29	\$277.38	1.1	3.6
First Payments	1,368	1,204	1,054	13.6	29.8
Final Payments	858	816	828	5.1	3.6
Beneficiaries	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Program b/					
Initial Claims	19	17	89	11.8	-78.7
Weeks Claimed	267	278	1,395	-4.0	-80.9
Weeks Compensated	886	756	1,854	17.2	-52.2
Benefits Paid	\$278,237	\$235,095	\$588,578	18.4	-52.7
A.W.B.A.	\$314.04	\$310.97	\$317.46	1.0	-1.1
First Payments	40	29	151	37.9	-73.5
Final Payments	25	25	26	0.0	-3.8
Beneficiaries	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Ex-Servicepersons Program c/					
Initial Claims	5	4	6	25.0	-16.7
Weeks Claimed	75	109	149	-31.2	-49.7
Weeks Compensated	110	115	113	-4.3	-2.7
Benefits Paid	\$37,435	\$37,484	\$38,911	-0.1	-3.8
A.W.B.A.	\$340.32	\$325.95	\$344.35	4.4	-1.2
First Payments	4	4	8	0.0	-50.0
Final Payments	4	5	2	-20.0	100.0
Beneficiaries	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total - All Programs					
Initial Claims	1,436	1,279	1,219	12.3	17.8
Weeks Claimed	16,527	18,768	18,163	-11.9	-9.0
Weeks Compensated	32,053	27,500	24,561	16.6	30.5
Benefits Paid	\$9,238,776	\$7,842,907	\$6,894,501	17.8	34.0
A.W.B.A.	\$288.23	\$285.20	\$280.71	1.1	2.7
First Payments	1,412	1,237	1,213	14.1	16.4
Final Payments	887	846	856	4.8	3.6
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-Servicepersons (UCX).

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

c/ No joint claims.

District of Columbia Job Growth

The number of District wage and salary jobs increased by 3,300 in April 2008. The private sector gained 3,400 jobs while the public sector shed 100 jobs. In the private sector, leisure and hospitality increased by 1,400 jobs, trade, transportation and utilities added 600 jobs, educational and health services and professional and business services added 500 jobs each, other services gained 200 jobs, and natural resources and construction and financial activities added 100 jobs each. Meanwhile, information and manufacturing sectors were unchanged over the month. In the public sector, the Federal Government gained 200 jobs; transportation added 100 jobs; and the District Government lost 400 jobs.

In the last twelve months, the District gained a total of 9,200 jobs. The private sector added 6,800 jobs and the public sector gained 2,400 jobs. The private sector growth occurred in educational and health services (up by 3,600 jobs), professional and business services (up by 2,100 jobs), other services (up by 2,000 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 300 jobs), natural resources and construction (up by 200 jobs), and trade, transportation and utilities (up by 100 jobs). Losses were noted in financial activities and information (down by 700 jobs each), and manufacturing and (down by 100 jobs). In the public sector, the District Government gained 1,100 jobs, the Federal Government increased by 1,000 jobs, and transportation added 300 jobs.



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

INDUSTRY	District of Columbia			Metropolitan Division		
	Apr. b/ 2008	Mar. c/ 2008	Apr. 2007	Apr. b/ 2008	Mar. c/ 2008	Apr. 2007
TOTAL	702.3	699.0	693.1	2,433.0	2,423.7	2,405.2
Total Private Sector	471.9	468.5	465.1	1,874.0	1,864.3	1,855.0
Total Government	230.4	230.5	228.0	559.0	559.4	550.2
Total Goods Producing	14.0	13.9	13.9	178.3	177.1	184.1
Manufacturing	1.6	1.6	1.7	40.9	41.3	41.8
Durable Goods	na	na	na	24.5	24.6	25.1
Non-Durable Goods	na	na	na	16.4	16.7	16.7
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	12.4	12.3	12.2	137.4	135.8	142.3
Construction of Buildings	na	na	na	30.7	30.4	32.2
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	na	na	na	15.8	15.3	16.4
Specialty Trade Contractors	na	na	na	89.9	89.1	92.8
Total Service Providing	688.3	685.1	679.2	2,254.7	2,246.6	2,221.1
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	27.9	27.3	27.8	318.9	317.7	317.2
Wholesale Trade	4.8	4.8	4.8	55.6	55.4	55.0
Retail Trade	18.3	17.8	18.2	206.2	205.6	206.2
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	na	na	na	25.1	24.9	25.3
Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies Dealers	na	na	na	16.1	15.6	17.3
Food & Beverage Stores	na	na	na	38.1	38.2	38.3
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	na	na	na	25.1	25.4	23.8
Department Stores	na	na	na	23.9	24.3	23.9
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	4.8	4.7	4.8	57.1	56.7	56.0
Utilities	na	na	na	7.5	7.6	7.4
Transportation & Warehousing	na	na	na	49.6	49.1	48.6
Air Transportation	na	na	na	12.7	12.5	12.0
Information	21.2	21.2	21.9	74.7	75.5	77.0
Publishing industries (except Internet)	7.5	7.6	8.5	na	na	na
Financial Activities	28.7	28.6	29.4	112.2	112.6	115.1
Finance and insurance	17.3	17.2	17.9	71.0	71.5	73.9
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	8.3	8.3	8.8	40.6	41.2	43.3
Depository Credit Intermediation	na	na	na	19.4	19.3	18.9
Nondepository Credit Intermediation	na	na	na	17.7	17.6	19.1
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	11.4	11.4	11.5	41.2	41.1	41.2
Professional and Business Services	155.4	154.9	153.3	564.3	560.0	551.0
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	104.9	104.8	103.2	377.5	375.1	367.6
Legal Services	35.5	35.6	35.5	48.6	48.6	48.1
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping, & Payroll Services	na	na	na	21.5	21.4	21.5
Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services	na	na	na	48.2	48.0	48.2
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	na	na	na	129.7	129.3	125.9
Management, Scientific, and Technical Consulting Services	na	na	na	68.2	67.7	64.4
Scientific Research and Development Services	13.3	13.2	13.7	na	na	na
Management of Companies and Enterprises	na	na	na	32.6	32.1	32.2
Administrative & Support & Waste Management & Remediation Services	48.2	48.6	48.6	154.2	152.8	151.2

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

Employment Services	14.2	13.9	13.5	33.4	33.0	32.7
Investigation and Security Services	8.9	8.9	8.7	na	na	na
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	11.3	11.2	11.8	51.3	49.6	50.0
Educational and Health Services	104.8	104.3	101.2	267.3	267.1	259.2
Educational Services	49.6	49.2	47.1	83.4	84.4	80.6
Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools	37.7	37.7	36.3	51.5	52.1	49.3
Health Care and Social Assistance	55.2	55.1	54.1	183.9	182.7	178.6
Ambulatory Health Care Services	12.2	12.2	11.7	65.2	64.8	62.5
Offices of Physicians	na	na	na	25.7	25.5	25.3
Outpatient Care Centers	na	na	na	8.1	8.1	8.1
Hospitals	24.3	24.3	23.9	56.7	56.5	55.5
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	6.8	6.8	6.9	28.4	28.0	27.1
Social Assistance	na	na	na	33.6	33.4	33.5
Child Day Care Services	na	na	na	14.4	14.4	14.9

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

INDUSTRY	District of Columbia			Metropolitan Division		
	Apr. b/ 2008	Mar. c/ 2008	Apr. 2007	Apr. b/ 2008	Mar. c/ 2008	Apr. 2007
Leisure and Hospitality	55.7	54.3	55.4	205.6	202.3	203.2
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	6.3	6.1	6.6	26.9	26.0	26.5
Accommodation and Food Services	49.4	48.2	48.8	178.7	176.3	176.7
Accommodation	14.2	14.0	14.9	33.1	32.9	33.9
Food Services and Drinking Places	35.2	34.2	33.9	145.6	143.4	142.8
Full-Service Restaurants	18.6	18.1	17.7	73.0	71.9	73.7
Limited-Service Eating Places	11.1	10.9	10.4	59.3	58.6	56.8
Special Food Services	4.1	3.9	4.6	11.6	11.2	10.7
Other Services	64.2	64.0	62.2	152.7	152.0	148.2
Personal and Laundry Services	na	na	na	26.9	26.7	26.5
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, & Similar Organizations	57.7	57.6	55.2	108.9	108.4	105.4
Business, Professional, Labor, Political, & Similar Organizations	28.0	28.0	26.5	43.6	43.3	42.9
Government	230.4	230.5	228.0	559.0	559.4	550.2
Federal Government	190.2	190.0	189.2	297.5	296.8	295.9
State Government & Local Government / Public Transportation	40.2	40.5	38.8	na	na	na
State Government	34.9	35.3	33.8	78.2	79.0	77.4
Local Government	na	na	na	183.3	183.6	176.9
Public Transportation	5.3	5.2	5.0	na	na	na

a/ Data may not equal totals due to independent rounding. Data reflect 2007 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

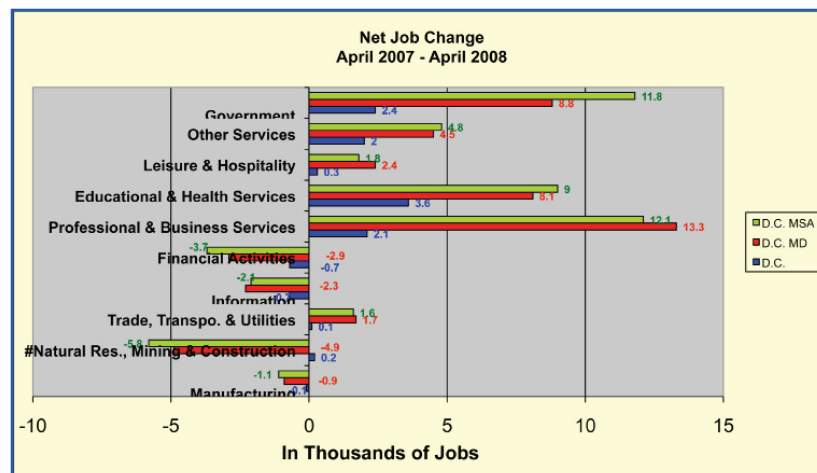
Total wage and salary employment in the Washington Metropolitan Division increased over the month in April 2008 by 9,300. The private sector increased by 9,700 jobs while the public sector shed 400 jobs. Within the private sector, gains were registered in professional and business services (up by 4,300 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 3,300 jobs), natural resources and construction (up by 1,600 jobs), trade, transportation and utilities (up by 1,200 jobs), other services (up by 700 jobs), and educational and health services (up by 200 jobs). Losses were noted in information (down by 800 jobs), financial activities and manufacturing (down by 400 jobs each). In the public sector, the federal government gained 700 jobs; the state government lost 800 jobs; and the local government lost 300 jobs.

During the last twelve months, the Washington Metropolitan Division gained a total of 27,800 jobs. The private sector added 19,000 jobs and the public sector gained 8,800 jobs. The private sector growth occurred in professional and business services (up by 13,300 jobs), educational and health services (up by 8,100 jobs), other services (up by 4,500 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 2,400 jobs), and trade, transportation and utilities (up by 1,700 jobs). Losses were registered in natural resources and construction (down by 4,900 jobs), financial activities (down by 2,900 jobs), information (down by 2,300 jobs), and manufacturing (down by 900 jobs). In the public sector, local government gained 6,400 jobs; the federal government increased by 1,600 jobs; and state government added 800 jobs.

Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area Job Growth

Total wage and salary employment in the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area increased over the month in April 2008 by 13,000. The private sector increased by 12,500 jobs and the public sector gained 500 jobs. Within the private sector, gains were recorded in professional and business services (up by 5,000 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 4,100 jobs), natural resources, mining and construction (up by 2,200 jobs), trade, transportation, and utilities (up by 1,500 jobs), other services (up by 800 jobs each), and educational and health services (up by 200 jobs). Losses were registered in information (down by 700 jobs), Manufacturing (down by 500 jobs) and financial activities (down by 100 jobs). In the public sector, the federal government gained 900 jobs.

During the past twelve months, the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area gained 28,400 jobs. The private sector added 16,600 jobs and the public sector gained 11,800 jobs. Private sector gains were registered in professional and business services (up by 12,100 jobs), educational and health services (up by 9,000 jobs), other services (up by 4,800 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 1,800 jobs), and trade, transportation, and utilities (up by 1,600 jobs). Losses occurred in natural resources, mining and construction (down by 5,800 jobs), financial activities (down by 3,700 jobs), information (down by 2,100 jobs), and manufacturing (down by 1,100 jobs). In government, the federal government gained 2,400 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					
	Apr. b/ 2008	Mar. c/ 2008	Apr. 2007	Mar. 2008	Apr. 2007	
TOTAL	3007.9	2994.9	2979.5	13.0	28.4	
Total Private Sector	2350.8	2338.3	2334.2	12.5	16.6	
Total Government	657.1	656.6	645.3	0.5	11.8	
Total Goods Producing	240.4	238.7	247.3	1.7	-6.9	
Manufacturing	60.9	61.4	62.0	-0.5	-1.1	
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	179.5	177.3	185.3	2.2	-5.8	
Specialty Trade Contractors	114.9	113.9	118.0	1.0	-3.1	
Total Service Providing	2767.5	2756.2	2732.2	11.3	35.3	
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	401.1	399.6	399.5	1.5	1.6	
Wholesale Trade	71.1	70.8	70.7	0.3	0.4	
Retail Trade	266.3	265.4	266.1	0.9	0.2	
Food & Beverage Stores	50.8	50.9	51.0	-0.1	-0.2	
Department Stores	31.4	32.0	31.3	-0.6	0.1	
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	63.7	63.4	62.7	0.3	1.0	
Information	91.3	92.0	93.4	-0.7	-2.1	
Financial Activities	156.1	156.2	159.8	-0.1	-3.7	
Finance and insurance	101.5	102.0	104.7	-0.5	-3.2	
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	54.8	55.3	58.0	-0.5	-3.2	
Professional and Business Services	686.8	681.8	674.7	5.0	12.1	
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	451.8	449.4	443.4	2.4	8.4	
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	150.1	149.7	146.0	0.4	4.1	
Administrative & Support & Waste Management & Remediation Services	194.7	193.1	191.2	1.6	3.5	
Employment Services	44.8	44.3	44.8	0.5	0.0	
Educational and Health Services	339.5	339.3	330.5	0.2	9.0	
Health Care and Social Assistance	244.0	242.5	238.0	1.5	6.0	
Ambulatory Health Care Services	90.7	90.2	87.6	0.5	3.1	
Offices of Physicians	36.5	36.3	35.8	0.2	0.7	
Hospitals	69.4	69.1	67.4	0.3	2.0	
Leisure and Hospitality	251.4	247.3	249.6	4.1	1.8	
Accommodation and Food Services	216.9	214.0	215.3	2.9	1.6	
Food Services and Drinking Places	180.2	177.6	177.0	2.6	3.2	
Other Services	184.2	183.4	179.4	0.8	4.8	
Government	657.1	656.6	645.3	0.5	11.8	
Federal Government	341.5	340.6	339.1	0.9	2.4	

a/ Data may not equal totals due to independent rounding. Data reflect 2007 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.

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