

Labor Market

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Unemployment Rates *(Not Seasonally Adjusted)*

	Dec. 07	Nov. 07	Dec. 06a
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 Labor Force Statistics — based on Census 2000 household data.

Employment Status for the D.C. Civilian Population

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Dec. 07	Nov. 07	Dec. 06a
Civilian Labor Force	317,900	319,600	317,800
Employment	299,500	301,100	298,100
Unemployment	18,500	18,500	19,700

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D.C. Unemployment Insurance Benefits

(Total - All Regular Programs)

	Dec. 2007	Nov. 2007	Dec. 2006
Initial Claims	1,402	1,413	1,343

Consumer Price Index, Annual Change in %

All items. All urban consumers

	Dec.07	Nov.07	Dec.06	Nov.06
Wash.-Balt. DC-MD-VA-WV	na	4.5	na	3.1
U.S.A.	4.1	4.3	2.5	2.0

(All items. All urban consumers. Not Seasonally Adjusted.)

(1982-84=100 for U.S. Nov.1996=100 for Wash.-Balt., DC-MD-VA-WV)

na: not available

D.C. Metro Division Average Hours & Earnings

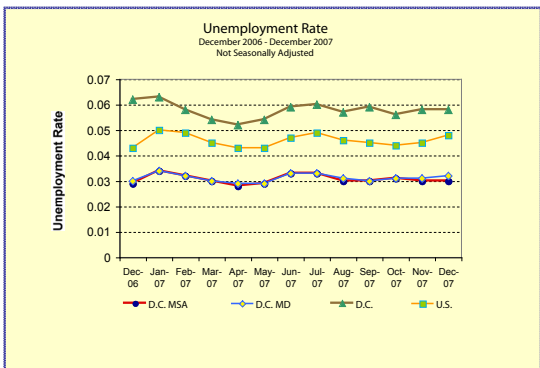
(of Production Workers in Manufacturing)

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

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Unemployment Rate

Dec. 2006 to Dec. 2007 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



D.C. Wage and Salary Employment by Industry

(Not Seasonally Adjusted; In Thousands of Jobs)

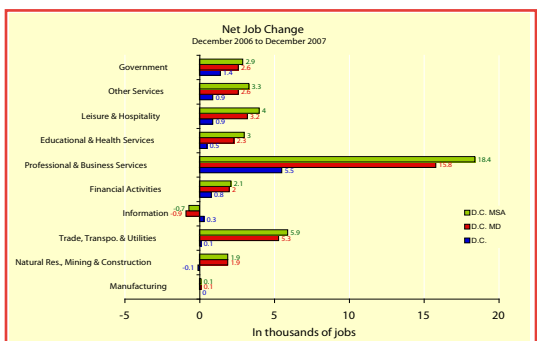
	Dec. 07p	Nov. 07r	Dec. 06 a
Total	707.0	705.3	696.7
Total Private	472.9	472.1	464.0
Goods-Producing Industries	14.3	14.5	14.4
Manufacturing	1.6	1.6	1.6
Natural Res., Mining & Construction	12.7	12.9	12.8
Service-Providing Industries	692.7	690.8	682.3
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	29.2	28.5	29.1
Wholesale Trade	4.7	4.7	4.8
Retail Trade	19.3	18.7	19.0
Trans, Warehouse & Utilities	5.2	5.1	5.3
Information	23.1	23.1	29.9
Financial Activities	30.7	30.5	29.9
Professional & Bus. Serv	161.5	160.8	156.0
Educational & Health Serv	98.1	98.8	97.6
Leisure & Hospitality	54.7	55.1	53.8
Accommodation & Food	48.9	49.3	48.0
Other Services	61.3	60.8	60.4
Government	234.1	233.2	232.7
Federal Government	194.0	193.3	193.4
D.C. Government	34.9	34.7	34.3
Public Transportation	5.2	5.2	5.0

(Subtotals may not equal totals due to rounding.)

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Net Job Changes

Dec. 2006 to Dec. 2007



Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Division Wage and Salary Employment by Industry

(Not Seasonally Adjusted; In Thousands of Jobs)

	Dec. 07p	Nov. 07r	Dec. 06 a
Total	2,462.1	2,452.8	2,427.2
Total Private	1,904.7	1,897.5	1,872.4
Goods-Producing Industries	193.5	194.4	191.5
Manufacturing	43.2	43.2	43.1
Natural Res., Mining & Construction	150.3	151.2	148.4
Service-Providing Industries	2,268.6	2,258.4	2,235.7
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	339.6	333.2	334.3
Wholesale Trade	54.6	54.8	54.2
Retail Trade	227.1	221.0	221.9
Trans, Warehouse & Utilities	57.9	57.4	58.2
Information	81.1	80.6	82.0
Financial Activities	118.4	118.5	116.4
Professional & Bus. Serv	564.4	562.2	548.6
Educational & Health Serv	255.1	255.6	252.8
Leisure & Hospitality	204.4	205.6	201.2
Accommodation & Food	178.8	178.3	176.3
Other Services	148.2	147.4	145.6
Government	557.4	555.3	554.8
Federal Government	298.7	297.7	298.8
State Government	80.2	80.0	79.1
Local Government	178.5	177.6	176.9

(Subtotals may not equal totals due to rounding. Data reflects conversion to 2002 NAICS.)

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Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Statistical Area Wage and Salary Employment by Industry

(Not Seasonally Adjusted; In Thousands of Jobs)

	Dec. 07p	Nov. 07r	Dec. 06 a
Total	3,053.6	3,042.2	3,012.7
Total Private	2,400.0	2,390.8	2,362.0
Goods-Producing Industries	257.1	258.0	255.1
Manufacturing	63.2	62.9	63.1
Natural Res., Mining & Construction	193.9	195.1	192.0
Service-Providing Industries	2,796.5	2,784.2	2,757.6
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	427.4	419.7	421.5
Wholesale Trade	70.1	70.3	69.9
Retail Trade	291.8	284.4	285.9
Trans, Warehouse & Utilities	65.5	65.0	65.7
Information	98.4	97.9	99.1
Financial Activities	163.7	163.7	161.6
Professional & Bus. Serv	694.2	691.5	675.8
Educational & Health Serv	327.5	327.6	324.5
Leisure & Hospitality	251.8	253.5	247.8
Accommodation & Food	217.9	218.9	214.7
Other Services	179.9	178.9	176.6
Government	653.6	651.4	650.7
Federal Government	342.2	341.0	342.5

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Top 30 High Demand Occupations in D.C.

	Average Annual Openings	Mean Hourly Wage
Lawyers	754	\$66.75
Management Analysts	560	\$36.19
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	542	\$9.67
General and Operations Managers	535	\$56.35
Waiters and Waitresses	519	\$10.10
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	433	\$11.04
Retail Salespersons	397	\$11.54
Cashiers	388	\$10.22
Office Clerks, General	377	\$14.94
Computer Systems Analysts	368	\$36.32
Security Guards	360	\$13.43
Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	350	\$22.32
Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	308	\$19.23
Accountants and Auditors	298	\$33.04
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	286	\$26.16
Registered Nurses	277	\$30.35
Administrative Service Managers	257	\$36.30
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	248	\$12.68
Receptionist and Information Clerks	242	\$13.68
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Office and Administrative Support Workers	238	\$29.59
Legal Secretaries	236	\$27.55
Chief Executives	235	\$79.59
Customer Service Representatives	223	\$16.85
Real Estate Sales Agents	171	\$38.14
Food Preparation Workers	170	\$9.98
Writers and Authors	165	\$29.66
Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, and Coffee Shop	153	\$10.78
Cooks, Restaurant	150	\$12.65
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	146	\$12.25
Economists	143	\$46.77

Openings - based on the 2004-2014 Occupational Employment Projections of the Department of Employment Services (Does not include Farm, Fishing & Forestry occupations.)

Wage data - source; Occupational Employment Survey of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, May 2006

Demographic / Economic Indicator

	<i>D.C.</i>	<i>U.S.A.</i>
Population, July 1, 2007 estimate	588,292	299,398,484
Population, percent change* <i>(April 1, 2000-July 1, 2007)</i>	2.8%	7.2%
Persons under 18 years old, 2006	19.8%	24.6%
High School graduates, percent <i>(Persons age 25+, 2006)</i>	84.3%	84.1%
Homeownership rate, 2006	45.8%	67.3%
Median household income, 2006	\$51,847	\$48,451
Per capita income, 2006	\$37,043	\$25,267
Persons below poverty, percent 2006	20.2%	12.4%
Retail sales per capita, 2002	\$5,422	\$10,615
Private nonfarm employment, percent change <i>(Average annual rate; 1996-2006)</i>	1.9%	1.4%
Person per square mile, 2000	9,378.0	79.6

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 Population Estimates, 2006 American Community Survey, Economics Census 2002, 2000 Census, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics Program

Top 20 Employers in the Private Sector in D.C.

Rank	Employer
1	Howard University
2	Georgetown University
3	George Washington University
4	Washington Hospital Center
5	Children's National Medical Center
6	Fannie Mae
7	Georgetown University Hospital
8	American University
9	Providence Hospital
10	Howard University Hospital
11	The Washington Post
12	Corporate Advisory Board
13	Catholic University of America
14	Sibley Memorial Hospital
15	Marriot Hotel Services
16	George Washington University Hospital
17	American National Red Cross
18	Admiral Security
19	Hyatt Regency
20	Safeway Inc.

(Based on employment levels reported to the District's Unemployment Compensation Program as of September 2006. Ranked by size of workforce.)

District of Columbia Job Activity December 2007

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.

Washington Metropolitan Division December 2007

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.

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