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Unemployment Rates *(Not Seasonally Adjusted)*

	May 08p	Apr. 08r	May 07a
U.S.A.	5.2	4.8	4.3
Washington, DC MSA	3.5	3.0	2.8
Washington, DC MD	3.7	3.2	2.9
D.C.	6.5	5.3	5.4

D.C. Ward 1	5.6	4.6	4.6
2	3.2	2.6	2.6
3	1.7	1.4	1.4
4	5.3	4.3	4.4
5	8.8	7.2	7.3
6	6.4	5.2	5.3
7	11.4	9.3	9.5
8	17.2	14.4	14.5

Unemployment Rates *(Seasonally Adjusted)*

U.S.A.	5.5	5.0	4.5
D.C.	6.6	6.0	5.7

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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)*

	May 08p	Apr. 08r	May 07a
Civilian Labor Force	329,500	329,600	323,200
Employment	308,000	312,000	305,800
Unemployment	21,600	17,600	17,400

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D.C. Unemployment Insurance Benefits *(Total - All Regular Programs)*

	May 2008	Apr. 2008	May 2007
Initial Claims	1,473	1,412	1,469

Consumer Price Index, Annual Change in % *All items. All urban consumers*

	May08	Apr.08	May07	Apr.07
Wash.-Balt. DC-MD-VA-WV	5.0	na	3.2	na
U.S.A.	4.2	3.9	2.7	2.6

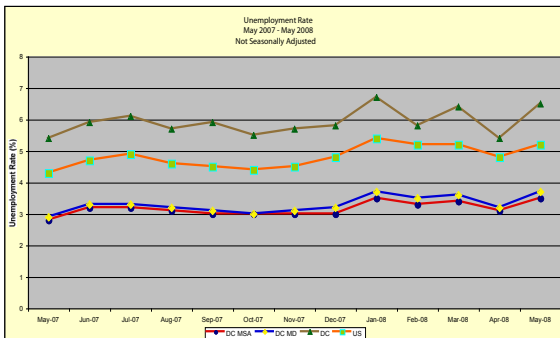
(All items. All urban consumers. Not Seasonally Adjusted.)
(1982-84=100 for U.S. Nov.1996=100 for Wash.-Balt., DC-MD-VA-WV)
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D.C. Metro Division Average Hours & Earnings *(of Production Workers in Manufacturing)*

Note: This data is no longer produced.

Unemployment Rate

May 2007 to May 2008 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



D.C. Wage and Salary Employment by Industry

(Not Seasonally Adjusted; In Thousands of Jobs)

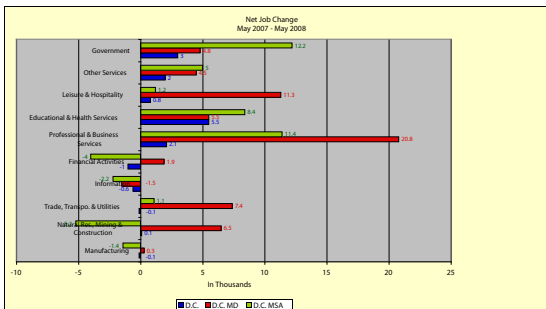
	May 08p	Apr. 08r	May 07 a
Total	702.7	702.8	691.0
Total Private	471.3	472.0	462.6
Goods-Producing Industries	14.3	14.0	14.3
Manufacturing	1.6	1.6	1.7
Natural Res., Mining & Construction	12.7	12.4	12.6
Service-Providing Industries	688.4	688.8	676.7
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	27.8	27.8	27.9
Wholesale Trade	4.8	4.8	4.9
Retail Trade	18.1	18.2	18.1
Trans, Warehouse & Utilities	4.9	4.8	4.9
Information	21.2	21.2	21.8
Financial Activities	28.1	28.4	29.1
Professional & Bus. Serv	156.8	155.4	154.7
Educational & Health Serv	102.3	105.2	96.8
Leisure & Hospitality	56.3	55.8	55.5
Accommodation & Food	50.1	49.5	49.1
Other Services	64.5	64.2	62.5
Government	231.4	230.8	228.4
Federal Government	191.0	190.3	189.6
D.C. Government	35.1	35.2	33.8
Public Transportation	5.3	5.3	5.0

(Subtotals may not equal totals due to rounding.)

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Net Job Changes

May 2007 to May 2008



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

(Not Seasonally Adjusted; In Thousands of Jobs)

	May 08p	Apr. 08r	May 07 a
Total	2,446.0	2,432.8	2,420.2
Total Private	1,883.7	1,873.9	1,866.8
Goods-Producing Industries	180.2	178.6	185.8
Manufacturing	40.9	41.0	42.1
Natural Res., Mining & Construction	139.3	137.6	143.7
Service-Providing Industries	2,265.8	2,254.2	2,234.4
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	321.5	318.8	320.2
Wholesale Trade	55.5	55.6	55.3
Retail Trade	208.2	206.1	208.5
Trans, Warehouse & Utilities	57.8	57.1	56.4
Information	74.9	74.8	77.3
Financial Activities	112.2	111.9	115.4
Professional & Bus. Serv	566.1	563.4	553.7
Educational & Health Serv	264.1	267.6	256.3
Leisure & Hospitality	210.7	205.6	208.7
Accommodation & Food	181.9	178.6	180.2
Other Services	154.0	153.2	149.4
Government	562.3	558.9	553.4
Federal Government	298.2	297.6	296.6
State Government	78.7	78.1	77.9
Local Government	185.4	183.2	178.9

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

(Not Seasonally Adjusted; In Thousands of Jobs)

	May 08p	Apr. 08r	May 07 a
Total	3,025.4	3,007.7	2,998.9
Total Private	2,363.7	2,350.7	2,349.4
Goods-Producing Industries	242.8	240.9	249.4
Manufacturing	60.9	61.0	62.3
Natural Res., Mining & Construction	181.9	179.9	187.1
Service-Providing Industries	2,782.6	2,766.8	2,749.5
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	404.1	401.0	403.0
Wholesale Trade	71.0	71.1	71.0
Retail Trade	268.6	266.2	268.9
Trans, Warehouse & Utilities	64.5	63.7	63.1
Information	91.6	91.4	93.8
Financial Activities	156.1	155.7	160.1
Professional & Bus. Serv	689.2	685.8	677.8
Educational & Health Serv	336.4	339.8	328.0
Leisure & Hospitality	257.8	251.4	256.6
Accommodation & Food	220.9	216.8	219.7
Other Services	185.7	184.7	180.7
Government	661.7	657.0	649.5
Federal Government	342.6	341.7	340.0

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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 Indicators

	<i>D.C.</i>	<i>U.S.A.</i>
Population, July 1, 2007 estimate	588,292	299,398,484
Population, percent change* (April 1, 2000-July 1, 2007)	2.8%	7.2%
Persons under 18 years old, 2006	19.8%	24.6%
High School graduates, percent (Persons age 25+, 2006)	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	19.6%	13.3%
Retail sales per capita, 2002	\$5,422	\$10,615
Private nonfarm employment, percent change (Average annual rate; 1997-2007)	2.0%	1.2%
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 May 2008

The number of District wage and salary jobs decreased by 100 in May 2008. The private sector lost 700 jobs while the public sector increased 600 jobs. In the private sector, professional and business services added 1,400 jobs, leisure and hospitality increased by 500 jobs, natural resources and construction and other services added 300 jobs each. Educational and health services lost 2,900 jobs while financial activities lost 300 jobs. Meanwhile, manufacturing, trade, transportation and utilities, and information sectors were unchanged over the month. In the public sector, the Federal Government gained 700 jobs; District Government lost 100 jobs, while transportation was unchanged.

In the last twelve months, the District gained a total of 11,700 jobs. The private sector added 8,700 jobs and the public sector gained 3,000 jobs. The private sector growth occurred in educational and health services (up by 5,500 jobs), professional and business services (up by 2,100 jobs), other services (up by 2,000 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 800 jobs), natural resources and construction (up by 100 jobs). Losses were noted in financial activities (down 1,000 jobs), information (down by 600 jobs each), and manufacturing and trade, transportation and utilities (down by 100 jobs each). In the public sector, the Federal Government increased by 1,400 jobs; District Government gained 1,300 jobs, and transportation added 300 jobs.

Washington Metropolitan Division May 2008

Total wage and salary employment in the Washington Metropolitan Division increased over the month by 13,200. The private sector increased by 9,800 jobs while the public sector increased by 3,400 jobs. Within the private sector, gains were registered in leisure and hospitality (up by 5,100 jobs), professional and business services and trade, transportation and utilities (up by 2,700 jobs each), natural resources and construction (up by 1,700 jobs), other services (up by 800 jobs), financial activities (up by 300 jobs), and information (up by 100 jobs). Losses were noted in educational and health services (down by 3,500 jobs) and manufacturing (down by 100 jobs). In the public sector, local government gained 2,200 jobs and federal and state governments gained 600 jobs each.

During the last twelve months, the Washington Metropolitan Division gained a total of 25,800 jobs. The private sector added 16,900 jobs and the public sector gained 8,900 jobs. The private sector growth occurred in professional and business services (up by 12,400 jobs), educational and health services (up by 7,800 jobs), other services (up by 4,600 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 2,000 jobs), and trade, transportation and utilities (up by 1,300 jobs). Losses were registered in natural resources and construction (down by 4,400 jobs), financial activities (down by 3,200 jobs), information (down by 2,400 jobs), and manufacturing (down by 1,200 jobs). In the public sector, local government gained 6,500 jobs; the federal government increased by 1,600 jobs; and state government added 800 jobs.

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