

Labor Market *and other* Economic Trends

A Snapshot

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Unemployment Rates *(Not Seasonally Adjusted)*

	Apr. 08	Mar. 08r	Apr. 07a
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	2.4
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	8.9
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

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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)*

	Apr. 08p	Mar. 08r	Apr. 07a
Civilian Labor Force	329,700	332,800	324,000
Employment	311,900	311,600	307,400
Unemployment	17,700	21,300	16,500

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

	Apr. 2008	Mar. 2008	Apr. 2007
Initial Claims	1,412	1,258	1,124

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

	Apr.08	Mar.08	Apr.07	Mar.07
Wash.-Balt. DC-MD-VA-WV	na	4.7	na	4.1
U.S.A.	3.9	4.0	2.6	2.8

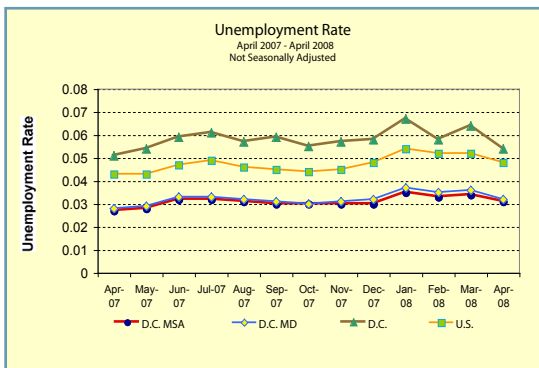
(All items. All urban consumers. Not Seasonally Adjusted.)
(1982-84=100 for U.S. Nov.1996=100 for Wash.-Balt., DC-MD-VA-WV)
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D.C. Metro Division Average Hours & Earnings *(of Production Workers in Manufacturing)*

Note: This data is no longer produced.

Unemployment Rate

April 2007 to April 2008 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



D.C. Wage and Salary Employment by Industry

(Not Seasonally Adjusted; In Thousands of Jobs)

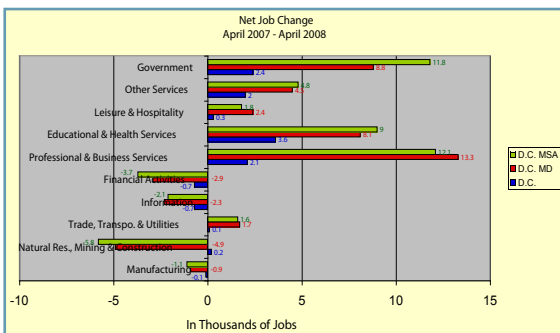
	Apr. 08p	Mar. 08r	Apr. 07 a
Total	702.3	699.0	693.1
Total Private	471.9	468.5	465.1
Goods-Producing Industries	14.0	13.9	13.9
Manufacturing	1.6	1.6	1.7
Natural Res., Mining & Construction	12.4	12.3	12.2
Service-Providing Industries	688.3	685.1	679.2
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	27.9	27.3	27.8
Wholesale Trade	4.8	4.8	4.8
Retail Trade	18.3	17.8	18.2
Trans, Warehouse & Utilities	4.8	4.7	4.8
Information	21.2	21.2	21.9
Financial Activities	28.7	28.6	29.4
Professional & Bus. Serv	155.4	154.9	153.3
Educational & Health Serv	104.8	104.3	101.2
Leisure & Hospitality	55.7	54.3	55.4
Accommodation & Food	49.4	48.2	48.8
Other Services	64.2	64.0	62.2
Government	230.4	230.5	228.0
Federal Government	190.2	190.0	189.2
D.C. Government	34.9	35.3	33.8
Public Transportation	5.3	5.2	5.0

(Subtotals may not equal totals due to rounding.)

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Net Job Changes

April 2007 to April 2008



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

(Not Seasonally Adjusted; In Thousands of Jobs)

	Apr. 08p	Mar. 08r	Apr. 07 a
Total	2,433.0	2,423.7	2,405.2
Total Private	1,874.0	1,864.3	1,855.0
Goods-Producing Industries	178.3	177.1	184.1
Manufacturing	40.9	41.3	41.8
Natural Res., Mining & Construction	137.4	135.8	142.3
Service-Providing Industries	2,254.7	2,246.6	2,221.1
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	318.9	317.7	317.2
Wholesale Trade	55.6	55.4	55.0
Retail Trade	206.2	205.6	206.2
Trans, Warehouse & Utilities	57.1	56.7	56.0
Information	74.7	75.5	77.0
Financial Activities	112.2	112.6	115.1
Professional & Bus. Serv	564.3	560.0	551.0
Educational & Health Serv	267.3	267.1	259.2
Leisure & Hospitality	205.6	202.3	203.2
Accommodation & Food	178.7	176.3	176.7
Other Services	152.7	152.0	148.2
Government	559.0	559.4	550.2
Federal Government	297.5	296.8	295.9
State Government	78.2	79.0	77.4
Local Government	183.3	183.6	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)

	Apr. 08p	Mar. 08r	Apr. 07 a
Total	3,007.9	2,994.9	2,979.5
Total Private	2,350.8	2,338.3	2,334.2
Goods-Producing Industries	240.4	238.7	247.3
Manufacturing	60.9	61.4	62.0
Natural Res., Mining & Construction	179.5	177.3	185.3
Service-Providing Industries	2,767.5	2,756.2	2,732.2
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	401.1	399.6	399.5
Wholesale Trade	71.1	70.8	70.7
Retail Trade	266.3	265.4	266.1
Trans, Warehouse & Utilities	63.7	63.4	62.7
Information	91.3	92.0	93.4
Financial Activities	156.1	156.2	159.8
Professional & Bus. Serv	686.8	681.8	674.7
Educational & Health Serv	339.5	339.3	330.5
Leisure & Hospitality	251.4	247.3	249.6
Accommodation & Food	216.9	214.0	215.3
Other Services	184.2	183.4	179.4
Government	657.1	656.6	645.3
Federal Government	341.5	340.6	339.1

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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

	D.C.	U.S.A.
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 April 2008

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.

Washington Metropolitan Division April 2008

Total wage and salary employment in the Washington Metropolitan Division increased over the month 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.

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