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### **Washington Metro Division Shows an Overall Increase of 11,500 Jobs in June Washington Metropolitan Division Unemployment Rate at 6.0 Percent**

(Washington, DC) - The District of Columbia Department of Employment Services (DOES) reported today that the preliminary June job estimates show an increase of 11,500 jobs for a total of 2,517,500 jobs in the Washington Metropolitan Division. The private sector increased by 15,400 jobs, while the public sector decreased by 3,900 jobs. The Washington Metropolitan Division's not seasonally adjusted June 2013 unemployment rate was 6.0 percent, which is up 0.5 percentage points from the May revised rate of 5.5 percent.

#### **Over-the-Month Area Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment Data**

The total civilian labor force in the Washington Metropolitan Division for June 2013 was 2,558,800, of which 2,400,400 were employed and 153,400 were unemployed. The unemployment rate was 6.0 percent. The total civilian labor force in the Suburban Ring of the communities surrounding the District of Columbia was 2,859,100, of which 2,698,000 were employed and 161,100 were unemployed. The unemployment rate for this area was 5.6 percent. In the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area, which includes the Washington Metropolitan Division and the Bethesda-Gaithersburg-Frederick, Maryland Metropolitan Division, the civilian labor force was 3,234,500, of which 3,040,000 were employed and 194,500 were unemployed. The unemployment rate for this area was 6.0 percent. For the month, the unemployment rates for the Washington Metropolitan Division and the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area increased by 0.5 percentage points each, while the unemployment rate for the Suburban Ring increased by 0.4 percentage points.

#### **Over-the-Year Area Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment Data**

The Washington Metropolitan Division's civilian labor force increased over the year by 17,300, while the number of employed increased by 10,000, and the number of unemployed increased by 2,300. The civilian labor force for the Suburban Ring increased over the year by 12,900, while the number of employed increased by 7,100, and the number of unemployed increased by 5,700. Meanwhile, the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area's civilian labor force increased by 23,800, while the number of employed increased by 18,300 and the number of unemployed increased by 5,500. For the year, the unemployment rates for the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area, the Suburban Ring, and the Washington Metropolitan Division increased by 0.1 percentage point each.

## **Metropolitan Division's Job Growth**

Total wage and salary employment in the Washington Metropolitan Division increased over the month by 11,500 jobs. The private sector increased by 15,400 jobs, and the public sector decreased by 3,900 jobs over the month. Eight private sectors along with the federal and local government had over-the-month job gains. Meanwhile, one private sector along with the state government had over-the-month job losses. Job gains were registered in mining, logging, and construction, which gained 1,500 jobs; professional and business services gained 700 jobs; leisure and hospitality gained 8,100 jobs; financial activities gained 1,200 jobs; other services gained 1,100 jobs; trade, transportation, and utilities gained 2,900 jobs; manufacturing gained 200 jobs and information gained 500 jobs. Job losses were registered in educational and health services which lost 800 jobs. Government overall lost 3,900 jobs over-the-month. State government lost 7,100 jobs, while the federal government gained 800 jobs, and the local government gained 2,400 jobs.

During the last 12 months, employment in the Washington Metropolitan Division increased by 27,100 jobs. The private sector added 25,600 jobs, while the public sector gained 1,500 jobs. Leisure and hospitality reported the greatest year-over growth, up 11,800 jobs. Five other private sector industries posted year-over job gains: educational and health services (up by 6,300 jobs); financial activities (up 5,300 jobs); professional and business services (up 2,700 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (up 4,200 jobs); and manufacturing (up 200 jobs). Mining, logging, and construction recorded the greatest year-over downturn, down 2,200 jobs. Two other private sector industries posted year-over job losses: information (down 1,600 jobs); and other services (down 1,100 jobs).

## **Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area Explanations**

### **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, Manassas Park and 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.

**The estimates for the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Statistical Area** will be the summation of the estimates for the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Division (contained in this release) and the Bethesda-Gaithersburg-Frederick, MD Metropolitan Division (to be released by the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation).

Data reflects the 2012 annual benchmark revisions.

Attachments