

**Employment Status for the Civilian Population  
District of Columbia,  
Washington Metropolitan Division and Statistical Area  
September 2012/a**

**Net Change From**

	<b>Sept/b 2012</b>	<b>Aug/c 2012</b>	<b>Sept/d 2011</b>	<b>Aug/c 2012</b>	<b>Sept/d 2011</b>
<b>Seasonally Unadjusted</b>					
<b>Washington, D.C.</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	361,800	357,400	344,300	4,400	17,500
Total Employed	330,200	325,900	308,000	4,300	22,200
Total Unemployed	31,700	31,500	36,300	200	-4,600
Unemployment Rate	8.8	8.8	10.5	0.0	-1.7
<b>Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Division</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	2,567,800	2,554,800	2,528,900	13,000	38,900
Total Employed	2,429,900	2,413,900	2,376,300	16,000	53,600
Total Unemployed	137,900	140,900	152,600	-3,000	-14,700
Unemployment Rate	5.4	5.5	6.0	-0.1	-0.6
<b>Suburban Ring</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	2,867,400	2,856,400	2,838,100	11,000	29,300
Total Employed	2,728,100	2,711,800	2,686,100	16,300	42,000
Total Unemployed	139,100	144,600	152,000	-5,500	-12,900
Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.1	5.4	-0.2	-0.5
<b>Washington, D.C. MSA</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	3,229,200	3,213,800	3,182,400	15,400	46,800
Total Employed	3,058,300	3,037,700	2,994,100	20,600	64,200
Total Unemployed	170,800	176,100	188,300	-5,300	-17,500
Unemployment Rate	5.3	5.5	5.9	-0.2	-0.6

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

b/ Preliminary.

c/ Revised.

d/ Data reflect benchmark revisions.

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.

Estimated Labor Force and Employment for the Suburban Ring includes the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Statistical Area excluding the District of Columbia

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