D.C. Labor Market Indicators: July 2017

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From January 2015 to July 2017:

- The unemployment rate in DC decreased by 1.1 percentage points (or 14.7% decrease);
- Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by 1.1 percentage points (8.5% decrease) and 1.0 percentage points (6.2% decrease) respectively;
- Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by 22,300;
- Total number of jobs in DC increased by 47,600;
- Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants decreased by 9.80%;
- Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by 2,900 people;
- In DC there are 1.5 jobs available (advertised) for 1 unemployed DC resident;
- The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by almost 18 weeks;
- The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by 34,600 new jobs or 6.65% increase from January 2015;
- Government has the highest employment increase by industry with 13,000 since January 2015;
- The highest in-demand occupation is Computer Occupations, All Other; with an average monthly opening of 1,875;
- The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor’s degree is Computer User Support Specialists; with an average monthly opening of 1,051.
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - July 2017
Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - July 2017)

- USA: 5.7% in Jan-15, 4.3% in Jul-17, difference: -1.4%
- D.C.: 7.5% in Jan-15, 6.4% in Jul-17, difference: -1.1%
Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - July 2017)

- Ward 1: -0.9% (Jan-15: 5.9%, Jul-17: 5.0%)
- Ward 2: -0.5% (Jan-15: 5.3%, Jul-17: 4.8%)
- Ward 3: -0.5% (Jan-15: 5.0%, Jul-17: 4.5%)
- Ward 4: -1.2% (Jan-15: 7.3%, Jul-17: 6.1%)
- Ward 5: -1.3% (Jan-15: 9.6%, Jul-17: 8.3%)
- Ward 6: -0.4% (Jan-15: 6.6%, Jul-17: 6.2%)
- Ward 7: -1.1% (Jan-15: 12.9%, Jul-17: 11.8%)
- Ward 8: -1.0% (Jan-15: 16.1%, Jul-17: 15.1%)

Ward 1 to Ward 8: Unemployment Rate Difference
Unemployment Rate by Ward: July 2017

- Ward 1: 5.0%
- Ward 2: 4.8%
- Ward 3: 4.5%
- Ward 4: 6.1%
- Ward 5: 8.3%
- Ward 6: 6.2%
- Ward 7: 11.8%
- Ward 8: 15.1%
Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - July 2017)

- **Jan-15**:
  - Total Number of Jobs in D.C.: 755,500
  - Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C.: 520,000

- **Jul-17**:
  - Total Number of Jobs in D.C.: 803,100
  - Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C.: 554,600

- **Difference (Jan-15 - July-17)**:
  - Total Number of Jobs: 47,600
  - Total Private Sector Jobs: 34,600
Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 - July 2017) (In Thousands)
Median Duration of Unemployment (Jan. 2015 - July 2017)

- Jan-15:
  - White: 12.8
  - Black: 42.5
  - Hispanic: 19.5
  - All Races: 28.5

- Jul-17:
  - White: 7.7
  - Black: 24.6
  - Hispanic: 11.0
  - All Races: 20.4

Difference:
- White: -5.1
- Black: -17.9
- Hispanic: -8.5
- All Races: -8.1

- Government: +13,000
- Leisure and Hospitality: +13,000
- Professional and Business Services: +12,500
- Educational and Health Services: +3,600
- Other Services: +2,400
Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 -July 2017)

-2,900
Difference
-13,715

Jul-17
25,700
28,600

Jan-15
38,506
52,221

Number Unemployed in D.C. Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs)
Top 5 Job Openings: January 2015 - July 2017 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)
Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelors Degree: January 2015 - July 2017 (Average Monthly Unique Job Openings)

- **Computer User Support Specialists**: 1,051 Job Openings, Median Wage: $60,480
- **Web Developers**: 930 Job Openings, Median Wage: $85,300
- **Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants**: 711 Job Openings, Median Wage: $66,080
- **First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers**: 636 Job Openings, Median Wage: $73,280
- **Sales Representatives, Services, All Other**: 510 Job Openings, Median Wage: $64,320
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