D.C. Labor Market Indicators: January to December 2016

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Highlights

• From January 2016 to December 2016:
  ❖ Unemployment rate in DC decreased by 0.6 percentage points (or 9.5% decrease);
  ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by 1.6 percentage points (14.2% decrease) and 1.9 percentage points (13.4% decrease) respectively;
  ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by 5,000;
  ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by 18,700;
  ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants decreased by 2.2%;
  ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by 2,300 people;
  ❖ In DC there are 1.9 jobs available (advertised) for 1 unemployed DC resident;
  ❖ Average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by 5 weeks;
  ❖ Private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by 16,600 new jobs or 3.12% increase from January 2016.

January 2016: 6.3%
February 2016: 6.2%
March 2016: 6.2%
April 2016: 6.1%
May 2016: 6.1%
June 2016: 6.1%
July 2016: 6.0%
August 2016: 6.0%
September 2016: 5.9%
October 2016: 5.8%
November 2016: 5.8%
December 2016: 5.7%
Department of Employment Services
Washington, DC’s lead workforce development and labor agency

Unemployment Rate (January 2016 - December 2016)

- January 2016 (USA): 4.9%
- January 2016 (D.C.): 6.3%
- December 2016 (USA): 4.7%
- December 2016 (D.C.): 5.7%
- Difference (Jan-16 - Dec-16):
  - USA: -0.2%
  - D.C.: -0.6%
Unemployment Rate by Ward: December 2016

- Ward 1: 4.3%
- Ward 2: 4.0%
- Ward 3: 3.9%
- Ward 4: 5.5%
- Ward 5: 6.9%
- Ward 6: 5.3%
- Ward 7: 10.0%
- Ward 8: 12.9%
Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2016 - Dec. 2016)

- **Jan-16**: Total Number of Jobs = 770,200, Total Private Sector Jobs = 532,600
- **Dec-16**: Total Number of Jobs = 788,900, Total Private Sector Jobs = 549,200
- **Difference (Jan-16 - Dec-16)**: Total Number of Jobs = -18,700, Total Private Sector Jobs = 16,600

Legend:
- Green: Total Number of Jobs in D.C.
- Grey: Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C.
Median Duration of Unemployment (Jan. 2016 - Dec. 2016)

- Jan-16:
  - White: 12.9
  - Black: 17.6
  - Hispanic: 24.6
  - All Races: 35.3

- Dec-16:
  - White: 11.2
  - Black: 6.2
  - Hispanic: 22.6
  - All Races: 30.2

Difference:
- White: 0.7
- Black: 11.4
- Hispanic: 16.4
- All Races: 5.1

- Leisure and Hospitality: +6,500
- Professional and Business Services: +6,300
- Educational and Health Services: +4,100
- Government: +2,100
- Trade, Transportation & Utilities: +600
Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2016 - Dec. 2016)

- Jan-16:
  - Number Unemployed in D.C.: 24,700
  - Number of Job Openings: 54,259
  - Difference: 29,559

- Dec-16:
  - Number Unemployed in D.C.: 22,400
  - Number of Job Openings: 42,354
  - Difference: 20,304

- Difference:
  - Between Jan-16 and Dec-16:
    - 24,700 - 22,400 = 2,300
    - 54,259 - 42,354 = 11,905
    - Total Difference: -11,905

Legend:
- Green: Number Unemployed in D.C.
- Blue: Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs)
Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2016 – December 2016 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- Computer User Support Specialists: 1,046 job openings, Annual Median Wage: $60,470
- Web Developers: 899 job openings, Annual Median Wage: $79,770
- Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants: 708 job openings, Annual Median Wage: $61,930
- Sales Representatives, Services, All Other: 493 job openings, Annual Median Wage: $56,200
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