D.C. Labor Market Indicators: April 2018

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Highlights

- From January 2015 to April 2018:
  - The unemployment rate in DC decreased by 1.8 percentage points (or 24.3% decrease);
  - Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by 4.3 percentage points (33.3% decrease) and 5.1 percentage points (31.7% decrease) respectively;
  - Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by 26,200;
  - Total number of jobs in DC increased by 41,500;
  - Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants decreased by 36.96%;
  - Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by 5,900 people;
  - In DC there are 1.9 jobs available (advertised) for 1 unemployed DC resident;
  - The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by 20.9 weeks;
  - The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by 40,000 new jobs or 7.69% increase from January 2015;
  - Leisure and Hospitality has the highest employment increase by industry with 10,100 since January 2015;
  - The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers, Applications with an average monthly opening of 3,198;
  - The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor’s degree is Computer User Support Specialists with an average monthly opening of 1,744.
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Apr. 2018
Department of Employment Services
Washington, DC’s lead workforce development and labor agency

Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - April 2018)

- USA
- D.C.

Jan-15: 5.7%
Apr-18: 3.9%
Difference (Jan-15 - Apr-18): -1.8%

Jan-15: 7.4%
Apr-18: 5.6%
Difference (Jan-15 - Apr-18): -1.8%
Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - April 2018)

Ward 8: 11.0% (Jan-15), 16.1% (Apr-18)  
Ward 7: 8.6% (Jan-15), 12.9% (Apr-18)  
Ward 6: 6.6% (Jan-15), 7.3% (Apr-18)  
Ward 5: 6.1% (Jan-15), 9.6% (Apr-18)  
Ward 4: 4.6% (Jan-15), 7.3% (Apr-18)  
Ward 3: 3.3% (Jan-15), 5.0% (Apr-18)  
Ward 2: 3.4% (Jan-15), 5.3% (Apr-18)  
Ward 1: 3.6% (Jan-15), 5.9% (Apr-18)
Unemployment Rate by Ward: April 2018

- Ward 3: 3.3%
- Ward 1: 3.6%
- Ward 2: 3.4%
- Ward 4: 4.6%
- Ward 6: 4.6%
- Ward 5: 6.1%
- Ward 7: 8.6%
- Ward 8: 11.0%
Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Apr. 2018)

- Jan-15: Total Number of Jobs = 755,500, Total Private Sector Jobs = 520,000
- Apr-18: Total Number of Jobs = 797,000, Total Private Sector Jobs = 560,000
- Difference (Jan-15 - Apr-18): Total Number of Jobs = 41,500, Total Private Sector Jobs = 40,000
Median Duration of Unemployment (Jan. 2015 - Apr. 2018)

- White: Jan-15 (12.8) - Apr-18 (9.6) = 3.2
- Black: Jan-15 (42.5) - Apr-18 (18.2) = 24.3
- Hispanic: Jan-15 (19.5) - Apr-18 (14.7) = 4.8
- All Races: Jan-15 (28.5) - Apr-18 (21.6) = 6.9

The median duration of unemployment decreased for all races, with the largest decrease being for Black unemployment.

- Leisure and Hospitality: +10,100
- Educational and Health Services: +8,900
- Professional and Business Services: +7,500
- Other Services: +5,100
- Trade, Transportation & Utilities: +3,000
Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - Apr. 2018)

- Difference: -5,900
- Number of Unemployed in D.C.: 28,600
- Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs): 52,221
- Difference: -9,635
Top 5 Job Openings: January 2017 - April 2018 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)
### Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2017 - April 2018 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)

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<td>Web Developers</td>
<td>1,560</td>
<td>$85,300</td>
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<td>First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers</td>
<td>979</td>
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