D.C. Labor Market Indicators: December 2017

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Highlights

• From January 2015 to December 2017:
  ❖ The unemployment rate in DC decreased by 1.5 percentage points (or 20.0% decrease);
  ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by 3.3 percentage points (25.6% decrease) and 3.7 percentage points (23.0% decrease) respectively;
  ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by 21,700;
  ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by 41,900;
  ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants increased by 3.75%;
  ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by 4,500 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 22 weeks;
  ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by 40,200 new jobs or 7.73% increase from January 2015;
  ❖ Professional and Business Services alongside Educational and Health Services have the highest employment increase by industry with 12,000 since January 2015;
  ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Computer Occupations, All Other; with an average monthly opening of 1,661;
  ❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor’s degree is Computer User Support Specialists; with an average monthly opening of 917.
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Dec. 2017
Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - December 2017)

- Jan-15: USA 5.7%, D.C. 7.5%
- Dec-17: USA 4.1%, D.C. 6.0%
- Difference (Jan-15 - Dec-17): USA -1.6%, D.C. -1.5%
Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - December 2017)

- Ward 1: 3.7% (Jan-15), 5.9% (Dec-17)
  - Difference: -2.2%
- Ward 2: 3.1% (Jan-15), 5.3% (Dec-17)
  - Difference: -2.2%
- Ward 3: 3.2% (Jan-15), 5.0% (Dec-17)
  - Difference: -1.8%
- Ward 4: 4.7% (Jan-15), 7.3% (Dec-17)
  - Difference: -2.6%
- Ward 5: 6.1% (Jan-15), 9.6% (Dec-17)
  - Difference: -3.5%
- Ward 6: 4.8% (Jan-15), 6.6% (Dec-17)
  - Difference: -1.8%
- Ward 7: 3.1% (Jan-15), 9.6% (Dec-17)
  - Difference: -6.5%
- Ward 8: 12.4% (Jan-15), 16.1% (Dec-17)
  - Difference: -3.7%
Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Dec. 2017)

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<td>41,900</td>
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Median Duration of Unemployment (Jan. 2015 - Dec. 2017)

- White: Jan-15 12.8, Dec-17 7.8, Difference -5
- Black: Jan-15 42.5, Dec-17 15.5, Difference -27
- Hispanic: Jan-15 19.5, Dec-17 17.8, Difference -1.7
- All Races: Jan-15 28.5, Dec-17 20.4, Difference -8.1

- **Professional and Business Services**: +12,000
- **Educational and Health Services**: +11,200
- **Leisure and Hospitality**: +10,700
- **Other Services**: +3,300
- **Trade, Transportation & Utilities**: +1,800
Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - Dec. 2017)

- Number Unemployed in D.C.
- Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs)

Jan-15: 28,600
Dec-17: 24,100
Difference: -4,500

Number Unemployed in D.C.: 15,434
Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs): 36,787

Difference: -21,353

Total: 52,221

- Department of Employment Services
- Washington, DC’s lead workforce development and labor agency
Top 5 Job Openings: January 2015 - December 2017 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)
Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2015 - December 2017 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- **Computer User Support Specialists**: $60,480, 917 openings
- **Web Developers**: $85,300, 643 openings
- **First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers**: $73,280, 516 openings
- **Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants**: $66,080, 509 openings
- **Sales Representatives, Services, All Other**: $64,320, 409 openings
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