D.C. Labor Market Indicators: January 2018

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Highlights

- From January 2015 to January 2018:
  - The unemployment rate in DC decreased by 1.7 percentage points (or 22.7% decrease);
  - Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by 3.2 percentage points (24.8% decrease) and 3.5 percentage points (21.7% decrease) respectively;
  - Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by 23,300;
  - Total number of jobs in DC increased by 31,400;
  - Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants increased by 2.84%;
  - Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by 5,400 people;
  - In DC there are 1.7 jobs available (advertised) for 1 unemployed DC resident;
  - The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by 21.4 weeks;
  - The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by 29,100 new jobs or 5.60% increase from January 2015;
  - Educational and Health Services has the highest employment increase by industry with 7,800 since January 2015;
  - The highest in-demand occupation is Computer Occupations, All Other; with an average monthly opening of 1,649;
  - 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 - Jan. 2018
Department of Employment Services
Washington, DC’s lead workforce development and labor agency

Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - January 2018)

- USA: 5.7% (Jan-15), 4.1% (Jan-18), Difference: -1.6%
- D.C.: 7.5% (Jan-15), 5.8% (Jan-18), Difference: -1.7%
Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - January 2018)

- Ward 8: -3.5% to 12.6%, 2015-2018 difference 16.1%
- Ward 7: -3.2% to 9.7%, 2015-2018 difference 12.9%
- Ward 6: -1.7% to 4.9%, 2015-2018 difference 6.6%
- Ward 5: -3.1% to 6.5%, 2015-2018 difference 9.6%
- Ward 4: -2.2% to 5.1%, 2015-2018 difference 7.3%
- Ward 3: -1.4% to 3.6%, 2015-2018 difference 5.0%
- Ward 2: -1.7% to 3.6%, 2015-2018 difference 5.3%
- Ward 1: -1.9% to 4.0%, 2015-2018 difference 5.9%
Unemployment Rate by Ward: January 2018

- Ward 1: 4.0%
- Ward 2: 3.6%
- Ward 3: 3.6%
- Ward 4: 5.1%
- Ward 5: 6.5%
- Ward 6: 4.9%
- Ward 7: 9.7%
- Ward 8: 12.6%
Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Jan. 2018)

- **Jan-15**: Total Number of Jobs: 755,500, Total Private Sector Jobs: 520,000
- **Jan-18**: Total Number of Jobs: 786,900, Total Private Sector Jobs: 549,100
- **Difference (Jan-15 - Jan-18)**: Total Number of Jobs: 31,400, Total Private Sector Jobs: 29,100

Legend:
- Green: Total Number of Jobs in D.C.
- Gray: Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C.
Median Duration of Unemployment (Jan. 2015 - Jan. 2018)

- White: 12.8 → 8.3, Difference: -4.5
- Black: 42.5 → 21.1, Difference: -21.4
- Hispanic: 19.5 → 15.6, Difference: -3.9
- All Races: 28.5 → 18.0, Difference: -10.5

- Educational and Health Services: +7,800
- Professional and Business Services: +7,200
- Other Services: +4,100
- Leisure and Hospitality: +3,400
- Government: +2,300
Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - Jan. 2018)

- Difference: -5,400
- Number Unemployed in D.C.:
  - Jan-15: 28,600
  - Jan-18: 23,200
- Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs):
  - Jan-15: 52,221
  - Jan-18: 39,650
Top 5 Job Openings: January 2015 - January 2018 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- Computer Occupations, All Other: 1,649, Annual Median Wage: $116,150
- Information Security Analysts: 1,502, Annual Median Wage: $119,560
- Network and Computer Systems Administrators: 1,331, Annual Median Wage: $93,320
- Management Analysts: 1,299, Annual Median Wage: $98,260
- Software Developers, Applications: 1,279, Annual Median Wage: $112,830
Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2015 - January 2018 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- **Computer User Support Specialists**: 917 openings with an annual median wage of $60,480.
- **Web Developers**: 637 openings with an annual median wage of $85,300.
- **First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers**: 522 openings with an annual median wage of $73,280.
- **Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants**: 507 openings with an annual median wage of $66,080.
- **Sales Representatives, Services, All Other**: 404 openings with an annual median wage of $64,320.
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