Highlights

From January 2015 to March 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 3.3 percentage points (25.6% decrease) and 3.8 percentage points (23.6% decrease) respectively;
- Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by 24,600;
- Total number of jobs in DC increased by 37,800;
- Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants decreased by 38.35%;
- 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 21.5 weeks;
- The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by 36,400 new jobs or 7.00% increase from January 2015;
- Educational and Health Services has the highest employment increase by industry with 8,400 since January 2015;
- The highest in-demand occupation is Computer Occupations, All Other; with an average monthly opening of 1,821 (Feb. 2018);
- The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor’s degree is Computer User Support Specialists; with an average monthly opening of 1,027 (Feb. 2018).
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2018
Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - March 2018)

- USA: 5.7% (Jan-15), 4.1% (Mar-18), Difference: -1.6%
- D.C.: 7.4% (Jan-15), 5.6% (Mar-18), Difference: -1.8%
Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - March 2018)

- Ward 1: -1.7%, difference 4.2%, Mar-18 5.9%, Jan-15 5.0%
- Ward 2: -1.4%, difference 3.9%, Mar-18 5.3%, Jan-15 5.0%
- Ward 3: -1.2%, difference 3.8%, Mar-18 5.0%, Jan-15 5.2%
- Ward 4: -2.1%, difference 5.2%, Mar-18 7.3%, Jan-15 5.0%
- Ward 5: -2.8%, difference 6.8%, Mar-18 9.6%, Jan-15 6.6%
- Ward 6: -1.6%, difference 5.0%, Mar-18 6.6%, Jan-15 5.0%
- Ward 7: -3.3%, difference 9.6%, Mar-18 12.9%, Jan-15 9.6%
- Ward 8: -3.8%, difference 12.3%, Mar-18 16.1%, Jan-15 12.3%
Unemployment Rate by Ward: March 2018

- Ward 1: 4.2%
- Ward 2: 3.9%
- Ward 3: 3.8%
- Ward 4: 5.2%
- Ward 5: 6.8%
- Ward 6: 5.0%
- Ward 7: 9.6%
- Ward 8: 12.3%
Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2018)

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

- **Mar-18**:
  - Total Number of Jobs in D.C.: 793,300
  - Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C.: 556,400

- **Difference (Jan-15 - Mar-18)**:
  - Total Number of Jobs: 37,800
  - Total Private Sector Jobs: 36,400
Median Duration of Unemployment (Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2018)

- **Jan-15**: White - 12.8, Black - 42.5, Hispanic - 19.5, All Races - 28.5
- **Mar-18**: White - 9.1, Black - 21.0, Hispanic - 15.0, All Races - 18.2

**Difference**:
- White: -3.7
- Black: -21.5
- Hispanic: -4.5
- All Races: -10.3

- Educational and Health Services: 8,400
- Professional and Business Services: 7,700
- Leisure and Hospitality: 7,500
- Other Services: 4,800
- Trade, Transportation & Utilities: 3,000
Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2018)

### Differences

- **Difference**
  - **-5,900**
  - **-8,125**

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Top 5 Job Openings: January 2015 - February 2018 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- Computer Occupations, All Other: 1,821 openings, $116,150 median salary
- Management Analysts: 1,526 openings, $98,260 median salary
- Information Security Analysts: 1,517 openings, $119,560 median salary
- Registered Nurses: 1,483 openings, $80,010 median salary
- Network and Computer Systems Administrators: 1,424 openings, $93,320 median salary
Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2015 - February 2018 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)
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