D.C. Labor Market Indicators: September 2017

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Highlights

- From January 2015 to September 2017:
  - The unemployment rate in DC decreased by 1.0 percentage points (or 13.3% decrease);
  - Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by 0.9 percentage points (7.0% decrease) and 1.2 percentage points (7.5% decrease) respectively;
  - Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by 20,200;
  - Total number of jobs in DC increased by 34,000;
  - Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants decreased by 32.40%;
  - Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by 2,300 people;
  - In DC there are 1.6 jobs available (advertised) for 1 unemployed DC resident;
  - The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by 19 weeks;
  - The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by 31,600 new jobs or 6.08% increase from January 2015;
  - Leisure and Hospitality has the highest employment increase by industry with 10,500 since January 2015;
  - The highest in-demand occupation is Computer Occupations, All Other; with an average monthly opening of 1,871;
  - The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor’s degree is Computer User Support Specialists; with an average monthly opening of 1,047.
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Sept. 2017
Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - September 2017)

- USA: 5.7% in Jan-15, 4.2% in Sep-17, Difference: -1.5%
- D.C.: 7.5% in Jan-15, 6.5% in Sep-17, Difference: -1.0%
Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - September 2017)

- Ward 1: 5.1% (Jan-15), 5.9% (Aug-17), difference: -0.8%
- Ward 2: 4.9% (Jan-15), 5.3% (Aug-17), difference: -0.4%
- Ward 3: 4.8% (Jan-15), 5.0% (Aug-17), difference: -0.2%
- Ward 4: 6.2% (Jan-15), 7.3% (Aug-17), difference: -1.1%
- Ward 5: 8.5% (Jan-15), 9.6% (Aug-17), difference: -1.1%
- Ward 6: 6.2% (Jan-15), 6.6% (Aug-17), difference: -0.4%
- Ward 7: 5.3% (Jan-15), 5.9% (Aug-17), difference: -0.6%
- Ward 8: 14.9% (Jan-15), 16.1% (Aug-17), difference: -1.2%

Difference: 5.0% - 0.0% - 5.0% - 10.0% - 15.0%
Unemployment Rate by Ward: September 2017

Ward 1: 5.1%
Ward 2: 4.9%
Ward 3: 4.8%
Ward 4: 6.2%
Ward 5: 8.5%
Ward 6: 6.2%
Ward 7: 12.0%
Ward 8: 14.9%
Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Sept. 2017)

- Total Number of Jobs in D.C.: 755,500 (Jan-15) vs. 789,500 (Sep-17)
- Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C.: 520,000 (Jan-15) vs. 551,600 (Sep-17)
- Difference (Jan-15 - September-17): 34,000 vs. 31,600
Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 - Sept. 2017) (In Thousands)

- **White:**
  - Jan-15: 12.8
  - Sep-17: 6.8
  - Difference: -6

- **Black:**
  - Jan-15: 42.5
  - Sep-17: 23.5
  - Difference: -19.0

- **Hispanic:**
  - Jan-15: 19.5
  - Sep-17: 12.3
  - Difference: -7.2

- **All Races:**
  - Jan-15: 28.5
  - Sep-17: 20.0
  - Difference: -8.5

- Leisure and Hospitality: +10,500
- Professional and Business Services: +9,000
- Educational and Health Services: +7,600
- Government: +2,400
- Other Services: +2,100
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Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - Sept. 2017)

- Difference
  -2,300
  -10,801

- Sep-17
  - Number Unemployed in D.C.: 26,300
  - Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs): 41,420

- Jan-15
  - Number Unemployed in D.C.: 28,600
  - Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs): 52,221

Legend:
- Green: Number Unemployed in D.C.
- Blue: Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs)
Top 5 Job Openings: January 2015 - September 2017 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- Computer Occupations, All Other: 1,871 openings, $116,150 median wage
- Management Analysts: 1,565 openings, $98,260 median wage
- Registered Nurses: 1,548 openings, $80,010 median wage
- Information Security Analysts: 1,513 openings, $119,560 median wage
- Software Developers, Applications: 1,454 openings, $112,830 median wage
Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2015 - September 2017 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)
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