Highlights

- From January 2015 to April 2020:
  - The unemployment rate in DC increased by 3.7 percentage points (or 50.0% increase);
  - Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 increased by 3.6 percentage points (27.9% increase) and 4.6 percentage points (28.6% increase) respectively;
  - Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by 1,100;
  - Total number of jobs in DC decreased by 13,700;
  - Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants increased by 2,150%;
  - Total number of unemployed DC residents increased by 16,300 people;
  - In DC there are 0.8 jobs available (advertised) for 1 unemployed DC resident;
  - The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by 18.5 weeks;
  - The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District decreased by 16,600 jobs or -3.24% from January 2015;
  - Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase by industry with 10,400 since January 2015;
  - The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers, Applications with an average monthly opening of 4,586;
  - The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor’s degree is Computer User Support Specialists with an average monthly opening of 2,125.
DC Annual Average Unemployment Rate (2015-2019)
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Apr. 2020
Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - April 2020)

- USA: 5.7% (Jan-15), 14.7% (Apr-20), 3.7% (Difference)
- D.C.: 7.4% (Jan-15), 11.1% (Apr-20), 3.0% (Difference)
Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - April 2020)

Ward 8: Apr-20 16.1%, Jan-15 20.7%
Ward 7: Apr-20 12.9%, Jan-15 16.5%
Ward 6: Apr-20 6.6%, Jan-15 10.2%
Ward 5: Apr-20 9.6%, Jan-15 14.3%
Ward 4: Apr-20 7.3%, Jan-15 13.4%
Ward 3: Apr-20 5.9%, Jan-15 5.9%
Ward 2: Apr-20 6.2%, Jan-15 5.3%
Ward 1: Apr-20 9.7%, Jan-15 3.8%
Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Apr. 2020)

- Jan-15: Total Number of Jobs in D.C. = 748,100, Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C. = 512,300
- Apr-20: Total Number of Jobs in D.C. = 734,400, Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C. = 495,700

Difference (Jan-15 - Apr-20):
- Total Number of Jobs: -10,000
- Total Private Sector Jobs: -16,600

Legend:
- Green: Total Number of Jobs in D.C.
- Grey: Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C.

- Total Employment (in Thousand)
- Total Private Sector Employment (in Thousand)
The District's Labor Force (Jan. 2015 - Apr. 2020) (In Thousands)
Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 - Apr. 2020) (In Thousands)
Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - Apr. 2020)

- **Jan-15**: White 12.8, Black 19.5, Hispanic 28.5, All Races 42.5
- **Apr-20**: White 10.7, Black 24.0, Hispanic 25.3, All Races 16.8

**Difference**:
- White: 2.1
- Black: -18.5
- Hispanic: -11.7
- All Races: -20
Top 5 Industry with Highest Employment Increase (Jan. 2015 – Apr. 2020)

- Professional and Business Services: +10,400
- Other Services: +7,400
- Information: +3,800
- Educational and Health Services: +200
- Manufacturing: +200
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Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - Apr. 2020)
Top 5 Job Openings: January 2017 - April 2020 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- Software Developers, Applications: 4,586, $113,750
- Computer Occupations, All Other: 3,577, $118,800
- Information Security Analysts: 3,170, $117,850
- Registered Nurses: 2,925, $88,800
- Management Analysts: 2,707, $103,300
Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2017 - April 2020 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- **Computer User Support Specialists**: 2,125 openings, $66,390 median wage
- **Web Developers**: 1,602 openings, $86,580 median wage
- **First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers**: 1,356 openings, $73,800 median wage
- **Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants**: 1,008 openings, $69,830 median wage
- **Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive**: 987 openings, $48,220 median wage
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