D.C. Labor Market Indicators: January 2015 - April 2022

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From January 2015 to April 2022:

- The unemployment rate in DC decreased by 1.6 percentage points from 7.4% to 5.8%;
- Unemployment rate in Ward 7 & Ward 8 decreased by 4.9 percentage points (12.9% to 8.0%) and 5.7 percentage points (16.1% to 10.4%) respectively;
- Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by 6,100;
- Total number of jobs in DC increased by 17,100;
- Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants increased by 68%;
- Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by 6,200 people;
- In DC, there are 2.8 jobs available (advertised) for 1 unemployed DC resident;
- The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by 11.2 weeks;
- The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by 16,000 jobs (3.12% increase) from January 2015;
- Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase among industries with employment increased by 16,200 since January 2015;
- The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers and Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers with an average monthly opening of 1,375 jobs;
- The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor’s degree is Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing with an average monthly opening of 499 jobs.
DC Annual Average Unemployment Rate (2015-2021)
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Apr. 2022
Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - April 2022)

- USA
- D.C.

Jan-15: 5.7% (USA), 7.4% (D.C.)
Apr-22: 3.6% (USA), 5.8% (D.C.)
Difference (Jan-15 - Apr-22): 2.1% (USA), 1.6% (D.C.)

Note: The chart compares the unemployment rates for the USA and D.C. over the specified period.
Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - April 2022)

- Ward 1: 3.3% (Jan-15), 5.9% (Apr-22)
- Ward 2: 2.7% (Jan-15), 5.3% (Apr-22)
- Ward 3: 2.7% (Jan-15), 5.0% (Apr-22)
- Ward 4: 4.3% (Jan-15), 7.3% (Apr-22)
- Ward 5: 5.9% (Jan-15), 9.6% (Apr-22)
- Ward 6: 4.3% (Jan-15), 6.6% (Apr-22)
- Ward 7: 8.0% (Jan-15), 12.9% (Apr-22)
- Ward 8: 10.4% (Jan-15), 16.1% (Apr-22)

Difference:
- Ward 1: -2.9%
- Ward 2: -2.6%
- Ward 3: -2.3%
- Ward 4: -3.0%
- Ward 5: -3.7%
- Ward 6: -2.3%
- Ward 7: -4.9%
- Ward 8: -5.7%
Unemployment Rate by Ward: April 2022

- Ward 1: 3.3%
- Ward 2: 2.7%
- Ward 3: 2.7%
- Ward 4: 4.3%
- Ward 5: 5.9%
- Ward 6: 4.3%
- Ward 7: 8.0%
- Ward 8: 10.4%
Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Apr. 2022)

- **Jan-15**: Total Number of Jobs in D.C. = 748,100, Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C. = 512,300
- **Apr-22**: Total Number of Jobs in D.C. = 765,200, Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C. = 528,300

Difference (Jan-15 - Apr-22):
- Total Number of Jobs: -17,100
- Total Private Sector Jobs: 16,000
The District's Labor Force (Jan. 2015 - Apr. 2022) (In Thousands)
Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 - Apr. 2022) (In Thousands)
Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - Apr. 2022)
Top 5 Industry with Highest Employment Increase (Jan.2015 – Apr. 2022)

- Professional and Business Services: +16,200
- Information: +2,800
- Other Services: +2,200
- Educational and Health Services: +2,100
- Mining, Logging & Construction: +1,700
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Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - Apr. 2022)

| Month   | Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs) | Number Unemployed in D.C. | Difference
|---------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------
| Jan-15  | 52,221                                  | 28,400                    | -6,200      
| Apr-22  | 62,610                                  | 22,200                    | 10,389      

Legend:
- Green: Number Unemployed in D.C.
- Blue: Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs)
Top 5 Job Openings: January 2020 - April 2022 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- Personal Service Managers, All Other; Entertainment and Recreation Managers, Except Gambling; and Managers, All Other: 922 Openings, Annual Median Wage: $149,620
- Computer Occupations, All Other: 918 Openings, Annual Median Wage: $123,320
- Management Analysts: 785 Openings, Annual Median Wage: $109,220
- Registered Nurses: 659 Openings, Annual Median Wage: $89,440

Job Openings: 4,841
Annual Median Wages: $149,620
Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2020 - April 2022 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)
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