• From January 2015 to August 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 2.4 percentage points (18.6% decrease) and 2.2 percentage points (13.7% decrease) respectively;
  - Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by 28,700;
  - Total number of jobs in DC increased by 34,500;
  - Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants decreased by 1.02%;
  - Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by 5,600 people;
  - In DC there are 2.1 jobs available (advertised) for 1 unemployed DC resident;
  - The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by 23.0 weeks;
  - The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by 33,200 new jobs or 6.38% increase from January 2015;
  - Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase by industry with 11,100 since January 2015;
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - August 2018
Department of Employment Services
Washington, DC’s lead workforce development and labor agency

Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - August 2018)

- USA: 5.7% in January 2015, 3.9% in August 2018, difference of -1.8%
- D.C. (District of Columbia): 7.4% in January 2015, 5.6% in August 2018, difference of -1.8%
Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - August 2018)

- Ward 1: -1.4% (5.0% in Jan-15, 5.9% in Aug-18)
- Ward 2: -1.1% (4.2% in Jan-15, 5.3% in Aug-18)
- Ward 3: -0.9% (4.1% in Jan-15, 5.0% in Aug-18)
- Ward 4: -2.0% (5.3% in Jan-15, 7.3% in Aug-18)
- Ward 5: -2.2% (7.4% in Jan-15, 9.6% in Aug-18)
- Ward 6: -1.5% (6.6% in Jan-15, 5.1% in Aug-18)
- Ward 7: -2.4% (10.5% in Jan-15, 12.9% in Aug-18)
- Ward 8: -2.2% (13.9% in Jan-15, 16.1% in Aug-18)
Unemployment Rate by Ward: August 2018

- Ward 1: 4.5%
- Ward 2: 4.2%
- Ward 3: 4.1%
- Ward 4: 5.3%
- Ward 5: 7.4%
- Ward 6: 5.1%
- Ward 7: 10.5%
- Ward 8: 13.9%
Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Aug. 2018)

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

- **Aug-18**: Total Number of Jobs: 790,000
  - Total Private Sector Jobs: 553,200

- **Difference (Jan-15 - August-18)**:
  - Total Number of Jobs: 34,500
  - Total Private Sector Jobs: 33,200

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

- Total Employment (in Thousand)
- Total Private Sector Employment (in Thousand)
Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - Aug. 2018)

- **Jan-15**
  - White: 12.8
  - Black: 19.5
  - Hispanic: 28.5
  - All Races: 42.5

- **Aug-18**
  - White: 10.6
  - Black: 19.5
  - Hispanic: 11.7
  - All Races: 16.2

**Difference**
- White: -2.2
- Black: -23.0
- Hispanic: -7.8
- All Races: -12.3

Legend:
- Blue: White
- Brown: Black
- Orange: Hispanic
- Brown: All Races
Professional and Business Services
Leisure and Hospitality
Other Services
Mining, Logging & Construction
Information

Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - Aug. 2018)

- 5,600
- 3,250

Aug-18
- Number Unemployed in D.C.: 23,000
- Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs): 48,971

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