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

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• From January 2015 to February 2022:
  ❖ The unemployment rate in DC decreased by 1.1 percentage points from 7.4% to 6.3%;
  ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 & Ward 8 decreased by 2.3 percentage points (12.9% to 10.6%) and 2.8 percentage points (16.1% to 13.3%) respectively;
  ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by 3,700;
  ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by 15,900;
  ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants increased by 315%;
  ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by 4,100 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 9.1 weeks;
  ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by 2,300 jobs (0.45% increase) from January 2015;
  ❖ Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase among industries with employment increased by 13,100 since January 2015;
  ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Computer Occupations, All Other {i.e., All Computer Occupations other than Computer and Information Analysts; Computer and Information Research Scientists; Computer Support Specialists; Database and Network Administrators and Architects; and Software and Web Developers, Programmers, and Testers} with an average monthly opening of 1,415 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 500 jobs.
DC Annual Average Unemployment Rate (2015-2021)
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Feb. 2022
Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - February 2022)

- USA: 5.7% in Jan-15, 3.8% in Feb-22, -1.9% difference
- D.C.: 7.4% in Jan-15, 6.1% in Feb-22, -1.3% difference
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Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - February 2022)

Ward 8: -4.2%, 16.1%
Ward 7: -3.4%, 12.9%
Ward 6: -1.6%, 9.6%
Ward 5: -2.6%, 9.6%
Ward 4: -1.9%, 9.6%
Ward 3: -1.4%, 9.6%
Ward 2: -1.8%, 9.6%
Ward 1: -1.7%, 9.6%

Difference: Feb-22 - Jan-15
Unemployment Rate by Ward: February 2022

- Ward 7: 9.5%
- Ward 8: 11.9%
- Ward 6: 5.0%
- Ward 5: 7.0%
- Ward 4: 5.4%
- Ward 3: 3.6%
- Ward 2: 3.5%
- Ward 1: 4.2%
Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Feb. 2022)

- **Jan-15**: Total Number of Jobs = 748,100
  - Total Private Sector Jobs = 512,300
- **Feb-22**: Total Number of Jobs = 756,800
  - Total Private Sector Jobs = 517,700
- Difference (Jan-15 - Feb-22):
  - Total Number of Jobs: -8,700
  - Total Private Sector Jobs: 5,400

Legend:
- Green: Total Number of Jobs in D.C.
- Gray: Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C.
The District's Labor Force (Jan. 2015 - Feb. 2022) (In Thousands)
Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 - Feb. 2022) (In Thousands)
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Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - Feb. 2022)

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- Positive difference indicates a decrease in median duration of unemployment
- Negative difference indicates an increase in median duration of unemployment
Top 5 Industry with Highest Employment Increase (Jan.2015 – Feb. 2022)

- Professional and Business Services: +14,000
- Government: +3,300
- Information: +3,000
- Other Services: +1,300
- Mining, Logging & Construction: +1,200
Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - Feb. 2022)

-5,000
-4,652

Feb-22
23,400
47,569

Jan-15
28,400
52,221

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Top 5 Job Openings: January 2020 - February 2022 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- **Software Developers and Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers**: 1,322 openings, $119,960 median wage
- **Computer Occupations, All Other**: 884 openings, $123,320 median wage
- **Personal Service Managers, All Other; Entertainment and Recreation Managers, Except Gambling; and Managers, All Other**: 872 openings, $149,620 median wage
- **Management Analysts**: 748 openings, $109,220 median wage
- **Registered Nurses**: 621 openings, $89,440 median wage
Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2020 - February 2022 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- **Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products**: 474 openings, $57,830 median wage
- **Computer User Support Specialists**: 372 openings, $69,090 median wage
- **Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive**: 371 openings, $48,580 median wage
- **Customer Service Representatives**: 190 openings, $44,190 median wage
- **Security Guards**: 167 openings, $48,720 median wage
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