• From January 2015 to January 2019:
  ❖ The unemployment rate in DC decreased by 2.0 percentage points (or 27.0% decrease);
  ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by 3.0 percentage points (23.3% decrease) and 3.4 percentage points (21.1% decrease) respectively;
  ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by 25,500;
  ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by 28,100;
  ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants increased by 185.70%;
  ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by 6,600 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 27,300 new jobs or 5.25% increase from January 2015;
  ❖ Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase by industry with 9,700 since January 2015;
  ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers, Applications with an average monthly opening of 3,447;
  ❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor’s degree is Computer User Support Specialists with an average monthly opening of 1,857.
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Jan. 2019
Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - January 2019)

- USA: 5.7% (Jan-15), 4.0% (Jan-19), -1.7% difference
- D.C.: 7.4% (Jan-15), 5.4% (Jan-19), -2.0% difference

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Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - January 2019)

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Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Jan. 2019)

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**Difference (Jan-15 - Jan-19):**
- Total Number of Jobs: 28,100
- Total Private Sector Jobs: 27,300

- **Total Employment (in Thousand)**
- **Total Private Sector Employment (in Thousand)**
Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - Jan. 2019)

- **White**: Jan-15: 12.8, Jan-19: 11.7, Difference: -1.1
- **Black**: Jan-15: 28.5, Jan-19: 19.5, Difference: -9.0
- **Hispanic**: Jan-15: 42.5, Jan-19: 20.8, Difference: -21.7
- **All Races**: Jan-15: 23.0, Jan-19: 15.6, Difference: -7.4

- **Professional and Business Services**: +9,700
- **Leisure and Hospitality**: +6,600
- **Other Services**: +4,900
- **Information**: +3,100
- **Mining, Logging & Construction**: +1,500
Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - Jan. 2019)

- Number Unemployed in D.C.
- Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs)

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

Jan-19
- Number Unemployed in D.C.: 22,000
- Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs): 46,119

Difference
-6,600
-6,102
Top 5 Job Openings: January 2017 - January 2019 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- **Software Developers, Applications**: $112,830, 3,447 job openings
- **Computer Occupations, All Other**: $116,150, 2,941 job openings
- **Information Security Analysts**: $119,560, 2,467 job openings
- **Management Analysts**: $98,260, 2,334 job openings
- **Registered Nurses**: $80,010, 2,255 job openings

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Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2017 - January 2019 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)

1. Computer User Support Specialists: 1,857 openings, $60,480 median wage
2. Web Developers: 1,553 openings, $85,300 median wage
3. First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers: 1,067 openings, $73,280 median wage
4. Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants: 881 openings, $66,080 median wage
5. Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive: 814 openings, $46,760 median wage
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