D.C. Labor Market Indicators: January 2015 - January 2020

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Highlights

• From January 2015 to January 2020:
  ❖ The unemployment rate in DC decreased by 2.2 percentage points (or 29.7% decrease);
  ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by 4.4 percentage points (34.1% decrease) and 4.9 percentage points (30.4% decrease) respectively;
  ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by 34,300;
  ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by 46,200;
  ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants increased by 40.92%;
  ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by 7,000 people;
  ❖ In DC there are 2.2 jobs available (advertised) for 1 unemployed DC resident;
  ❖ The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by 16.4 weeks;
  ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by 43,300 new jobs or 8.45% increase from January 2015;
  ❖ Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase by industry with 14,100 since January 2015;
  ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers, Applications with an average monthly opening of 4,142;
  ❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor’s degree is Computer User Support Specialists with an average monthly opening of 2,021.
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Jan. 2020
Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - January 2020)

- USA: 5.7% (Jan-15), 3.6% (Jan-20), Difference: -2.1%
- D.C.: 7.4% (Jan-15), 5.2% (Jan-20), Difference: -2.2%
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Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - January 2020)

Ward 1: -2.2%
Ward 2: -1.8%
Ward 3: -1.5%
Ward 4: -2.7%
Ward 5: -3.5%
Ward 6: -2.1%
Ward 7: -4.4%
Ward 8: -4.9%

Ward 1: 3.7% (Jan-15), 5.9% (Jan-20)
Ward 2: 3.5% (Jan-15), 5.3% (Jan-20)
Ward 3: 3.5% (Jan-15), 5.0% (Jan-20)
Ward 4: 4.6% (Jan-15), 7.3% (Jan-20)
Ward 5: 6.1% (Jan-15), 9.6% (Jan-20)
Ward 6: 4.5% (Jan-15), 6.6% (Jan-20)
Ward 7: 8.5% (Jan-15), 12.9% (Jan-20)
Ward 8: 11.2% (Jan-15), 16.1% (Jan-20)

Difference: 2015-2020
Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Jan. 2020)

- **Jan-15**: Total Number of Jobs in D.C. = 748,100, Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C. = 512,300
- **Jan-20**: Total Number of Jobs in D.C. = 794,300, Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C. = 555,600
- **Difference (Jan-15 - Jan-20)**: Total Number of Jobs in D.C. = 46,200, Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C. = 43,300
The District's Labor Force (Jan. 2015 - Jan. 2020) (In Thousands)
Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - Jan. 2020)

- White: Jan-15 = 12.8, Jan-20 = 15.4, Difference = -2.6
- Black: Jan-15 = 42.5, Jan-20 = 32.1, Difference = -10.4
- Hispanic: Jan-15 = 19.5, Jan-20 = 21.4, Difference = -1.9
- All Races: Jan-15 = 28.5, Jan-20 = 26.1, Difference = -2.4

Note: The difference values are in weeks.

Legend:
- White
- Black
- Hispanic
- All Races

- Professional and Business Services: +14,100
- Other Services: +7,900
- Leisure and Hospitality: +7,800
- Educational and Health Services: +6,200
- Information: +4,200
Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - Jan. 2020)

- Difference: -7,000

Jan-20:
- Number Unemployed in D.C.: 21,600
- Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs): 46,611

Jan-15:
- Number Unemployed in D.C.: 28,600
- Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs): 52,221
Top 5 Job Openings: January 2017 - January 2020 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- **Software Developers, Applications**: 4,142 positions, annual median wage $113,750
- **Computer Occupations, All Other**: 3,311 positions, annual median wage $118,800
- **Information Security Analysts**: 2,874 positions, annual median wage $117,850
- **Registered Nurses**: 2,713 positions, annual median wage $88,800
- **Management Analysts**: 2,533 positions, annual median wage $103,300
Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2017 - January 2020 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- **Computer User Support Specialists**: 2,021 openings, $66,390 median wage
- **Web Developers**: 1,618 openings, $86,580 median wage
- **First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers**: 1,243 openings, $73,800 median wage
- **Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants**: 965 openings, $69,830 median wage
- **Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive**: 923 openings, $48,220 median wage
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