D.C. Labor Market Indicators: June 2018

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Highlights

• From January 2015 to June 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 2.7 percentage points (20.9% decrease) and 3.4 percentage points (21.1% decrease) respectively;
  ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by 29,000;
  ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by 38,100;
  ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants increased by 19.28%;
  ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by 5,700 people;
  ❖ In DC there are 2.0 jobs available (advertised) for 1 unemployed DC resident;
  ❖ The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by 21.9 weeks;
  ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by 35,600 new jobs or 6.85% increase from January 2015;
  ❖ Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase by industry with 9,600 since January 2015;
  ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers, Applications with an average monthly opening of 3,240;
  ❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor’s degree is Computer User Support Specialists with an average monthly opening of 1,753.
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - June 2018
Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - June 2018)

- USA: 5.7% (Jan-15), 4.0% (Jun-18), Difference (-1.7%)
- D.C.: 7.4% (Jan-15), 5.6% (Jun-18), Difference (-1.8%)
Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - June 2018)

- Ward 8: -3.4%, 12.7%, 16.1%
- Ward 7: -2.7%, 12.9%
- Ward 6: -1.5%, 6.6%
- Ward 5: -2.4%, 7.2%, 9.6%
- Ward 4: -2.0%, 7.3%
- Ward 3: -1.0%, 5.0%
- Ward 2: -1.1%, 5.3%
- Ward 1: -1.5%, 4.4%, 5.9%
Unemployment Rate by Ward: June 2018

- Ward 1: 4.4%
- Ward 2: 4.2%
- Ward 3: 4.0%
- Ward 4: 5.3%
- Ward 5: 7.2%
- Ward 6: 5.1%
- Ward 7: 10.2%
- Ward 8: 12.7%
Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - June 2018)

Jan-15: Total Number of Jobs in D.C. = 755,500
Jun-18: Total Number of Jobs in D.C. = 793,600

Jan-15: Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C. = 520,000
Jun-18: Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C. = 555,600

Difference: Total Number of Jobs in D.C. (Jan-15 - Jun-18) = 38,100

- **Total Employment (in Thousand)**
- **Total Private Sector Employment (in Thousand)**

**Legend:**
- Red line: Total Employment (in Thousand)
- Green line: Total Private Sector Employment (in Thousand)
The District's Labor Force (Jan. 2015 - June 2018) (In Thousands)
Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 - June 2018) (In Thousands)
Median Duration of Unemployment (Jan. 2015 - June 2018)

- White
  - Jan-15: 12.8
  - Jun-18: 10.1
  - Difference: -2.7

- Black
  - Jan-15: 42.5
  - Jun-18: 20.6
  - Difference: -21.9

- Hispanic
  - Jan-15: 28.5
  - Jun-18: 12.8
  - Difference: -15.7

- All Races
  - Jan-15: 20.6
  - Jun-18: 17.2
  - Difference: -3.4
Top 5 Industry with Highest Employment Increase (Jan.2015 – June 2018)

- Professional and Business Services: +9,600
- Leisure and Hospitality: +8,900
- Other Services: +6,600
- Trade, Transportation & Utilities: +3,000
- Mining, Logging & Construction: +2,500
- Government: +2,500
Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 -June 2018)

- Difference: -5,700
  - Jan-15: 28,600
  - Jun-18: 22,900

- Number Unemployed in D.C.:
  - Jan-15: 52,221
  - Jun-18: 44,831

Legend:
- Green: Number Unemployed in D.C.
- Blue: Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs)
Top 5 Job Openings: January 2017 - June 2018 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- **Software Developers, Applications**: 3,240 postings, $112,830 median wage
- **Computer Occupations, All Other**: 2,722 postings, $116,150 median wage
- **Information Security Analysts**: 2,165 postings, $119,560 median wage
- **Registered Nurses**: 2,153 postings, $80,010 median wage
- **Network and Computer Systems Administrators**: 2,151 postings, $93,320 median wage
Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2017 - June 2018 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- **Computer User Support Specialists**: 1,753 openings, $60,480 annual median wage
- **Web Developers**: 1,558 openings, $85,300 annual median wage
- **First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers**: 990 openings, $73,280 annual median wage
- **Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants**: 830 openings, $66,080 annual median wage
- **Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive**: 771 openings, $46,760 annual median wage
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