D.C. Labor Market Indicators: June 2019

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Highlights

From January 2015 to June 2019:

❖ 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 3.4 percentage points (26.4% decrease) and 4.0 percentage points (24.8% decrease) respectively;
❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by 31,700;
❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by 43,600;
❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants increased by 25.01%;
❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by 5,500 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 20.5 weeks;
❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by 41,000 new jobs or 7.88% increase from January 2015;
❖ Leisure and Hospitality has the highest employment increase by industry with 12,900 since January 2015;
❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers, Applications with an average monthly opening of 3,697;
❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor’s degree is Computer User Support Specialists with an average monthly opening of 1,884.
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - June 2019

Unemployment rates from January 2015 to June 2019.
Department of Employment Services
Washington, DC’s lead workforce development and labor agency

Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - June 2019)

- USA: 5.7% in Jan-15, 3.7% in Jun-19, Difference: -2.0%
- D.C.: 7.4% in Jan-15, 5.6% in Jun-19, Difference: -1.8%
Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - June 2019)

- Ward 1: -1.4%, 4.5%, 5.9%
- Ward 2: -1.2%, 4.1%, 5.3%
- Ward 3: -0.9%, 4.1%, 5.0%
- Ward 4: -2.0%, 5.3%, 7.3%
- Ward 5: -2.6%, 5.3%, 6.6%
- Ward 6: -1.3%, 5.3%, 6.6%
- Ward 7: -3.4%, 9.5%, 12.9%
- Ward 8: -4.0%, 12.1%, 16.1%

Difference: Jun-19 - Jan-15

Legend:
- Orange: Difference
- Maroon: Jun-19
- Blue: Jan-15
Unemployment Rate by Ward: June 2019

- Ward 1: 4.5%
- Ward 2: 4.1%
- Ward 3: 4.1%
- Ward 4: 5.3%
- Ward 5: 7.0%
- Ward 6: 5.3%
- Ward 7: 9.5%
- Ward 8: 12.1%
Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - June 2019)

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

- **Jun-19**:
  - Total Number of Jobs: 799,100
  - Total Private Sector Jobs: 561,000

**Difference (Jan-15 - June-19)**:
- Total Number of Jobs: 43,600
- Total Private Sector Jobs: 41,000

Legend:
- Green: Total Number of Jobs in D.C.
- Gray: Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C.
Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - June 2019)

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Top 5 Industry with Highest Employment Increase (Jan 2015 – June 2019)

- Leisure and Hospitality: +12,900
- Professional and Business Services: +12,500
- Other Services: +8,100
- Information: +3,500
- Government: +2,600
Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - June 2019)

- Difference: 2,504
- Jan-15:
  - Number Unemployed in D.C.: 28,600
  - Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs): 52,221
- Jun-19:
  - Number Unemployed in D.C.: 23,100
  - Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs): 49,717

Net Difference: -5,500
Top 5 Job Openings: January 2017 - June 2019 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- **Software Developers, Applications**: 3,697 positions, $113,750 median wage
- **Computer Occupations, All Other**: 3,040 positions, $118,800 median wage
- **Information Security Analysts**: 2,766 positions, $117,850 median wage
- **Registered Nurses**: 2,422 positions, $88,800 median wage
- **Management Analysts**: 2,402 positions, $103,300 median wage
Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2017 - June 2019 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- Computer User Support Specialists: 1,884 openings, $66,390 median wage
- Web Developers: 1,578 openings, $86,580 median wage
- First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers: 1,098 openings, $73,800 median wage
- Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants: 893 openings, $69,830 median wage
- Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive: 841 openings, $48,220 median wage
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