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

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Highlights

- From January 2015 to June 2020:
  - The unemployment rate in DC increased by 1.2 percentage points (or 16.2% increase);
  - Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 increased by 1.0 percentage points (7.8% increase) and 2.0 percentage points (12.4% increase) respectively;
  - Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by 3,800;
  - Total number of jobs in DC decreased by 7,800;
  - Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants increased by 636%;
  - Total number of unemployed DC residents increased by 5,300 people;
  - In DC there are 1.0 jobs available (advertised) for 1 unemployed DC resident;
  - The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by 19.7 weeks;
  - The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District decreased by 13,400 jobs or -2.62% decrease from January 2015;
  - Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase by industry with 7,000 since January 2015;
  - The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers, Applications with an average monthly opening of 4,557;
  - The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor’s degree is Computer User Support Specialists with an average monthly opening of 2,102.
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - June 2020
Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - June 2020)

- USA
- D.C.

- Jan-15:
  - USA: 5.7%
  - D.C.: 7.4%

- Jun-20:
  - USA: 11.1%
  - D.C.: 8.6%

- Difference (Jan-15 - June-20):
  - USA: 5.4%
  - D.C.: 1.2%
Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - June 2020)

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Difference: 7.4%  7.3%  7.9%  6.6%  7.9%  2.0%  1.3%  1.0%
Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - June 2020)

- **Total Number of Jobs in D.C.:**
  - Jan-15: 748,100
  - Jun-20: 740,300
  - **Difference (Jan-15 - June-20):** -7,800

- **Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C.:**
  - Jan-15: 512,300
  - Jun-20: 498,900
  - **Difference (Jan-15 - June-20):** -13,400

Legend:
- Green: Total Number of Jobs in D.C.
- Gray: Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C.
Total Employment and Private Sector Employment in D.C. (Jan. 2015 - June 2020 (In Thousands))

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COVID Impact:
- April 2020: 489
- May 2020: 499
- June 2020: 500

Note: The data shows a significant decline in total employment and private sector employment in June 2020 due to COVID-19.
The District's Labor Force (Jan. 2015 - June 2020) (In Thousands)
Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 - June 2020) (In Thousands)
Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - June 2020)

- Mean Duration of Unemployment:
  - Jan-15: 42.5 weeks
  - Jun-20: 22.8 weeks

- Difference:
  - 19.7 weeks

- Individual Race Durations:
  - White
    - Jan-15: 12.8 weeks
    - Jun-20: 10.7 weeks
    - Difference: -2.1 weeks
  - Black
    - Jan-15: 19.5 weeks
    - Jun-20: 22.8 weeks
    - Difference: 3.3 weeks
  - Hispanic
    - Jan-15: 28.5 weeks
    - Jun-20: 20.4 weeks
    - Difference: -8.1 weeks
  - All Races
    - Jan-15: 23.6 weeks
    - Jun-20: 20.4 weeks
    - Difference: -3.2 weeks
Top 5 Industry with Highest Employment Increase (Jan. 2015 – June 2020)

- Professional and Business Services: +7,000
- Other Services: +6,900
- Information: +2,100
- Mining, Logging & Construction: +1,300
- Manufacturing: +200
Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - June 2020)

- Difference:
  - Jan-15: 28,600
  - Jun-20: 33,900
  - Difference: -5,300

- Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs):
  - Jan-15: 52,221
  - Jun-20: 33,626

Legend:
- Green: Number Unemployed in D.C.
- Blue: Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs)
Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2017 - June 2020 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- Computer User Support Specialists: 2,102 openings, $66,390 annual median wage
- Web Developers: 1,581 openings, $86,580 annual median wage
- First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers: 1,327 openings, $73,800 annual median wage
- Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants: 989 openings, $69,830 annual median wage
- Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive: 968 openings, $48,220 annual median wage
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