D.C. Labor Market Indicators: January 2015 - June 2022

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From January 2015 to June 2022:

❖ The unemployment rate in DC decreased by **1.9** percentage points from **7.4%** to **5.5%**;
❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 & Ward 8 decreased by **2.8** percentage points (**12.9%** to **10.1%**) and **4.7** percentage points (**16.1%** to **11.4%**) respectively;
❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by **7,900**;
❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by **16,200**;
❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants decreased by **39.1%**;
❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by **7,200** people;
❖ The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by **10.7** weeks;
❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by **17,000** jobs (**3.32%** increase) from January 2015;
❖ Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase among industries with employment increased by **16,900** since January 2015;
❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers and Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers with an average monthly opening of **1,483** jobs;
❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor’s degree is Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing with an average monthly opening of **522** jobs.
DC Annual Average Unemployment Rate (2015-2021)
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - June 2022
Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - June 2022)

- Ward 1: 3.8% (Jan-15), 5.9% (Jun-22) Difference: -2.1%
- Ward 2: 3.3% (Jan-15), 5.3% (Jun-22) Difference: -2.0%
- Ward 3: 3.6% (Jan-15), 5.0% (Jun-22) Difference: -1.4%
- Ward 4: 5.0% (Jan-15), 7.3% (Jun-22) Difference: -2.3%
- Ward 5: 6.6% (Jan-15), 9.6% (Jun-22) Difference: -3.0%
- Ward 6: 4.9% (Jan-15), 6.6% (Jun-22) Difference: -1.7%
- Ward 7: 10.1% (Jan-15), 12.9% (Jun-22) Difference: -2.8%
- Ward 8: 11.4% (Jan-15), 16.1% (Jun-22) Difference: -4.7%
Unemployment Rate by Ward: June 2022

- Ward 1: 3.8%
- Ward 2: 3.3%
- Ward 3: 3.6%
- Ward 4: 5.0%
- Ward 5: 6.6%
- Ward 6: 4.9%
- Ward 7: 10.1%
- Ward 8: 11.4%
Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - June 2022)

- Total Number of Jobs in D.C.: 748,100 (Jan-15) vs. 764,300 (Jun-22)
- Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C.: 512,300 (Jan-15) vs. 529,300 (Jun-22)

Difference (Jan-15 - June-22):
- Total Number of Jobs: 16,200
- Total Private Sector Jobs: 17,000
The District's Labor Force (Jan. 2015 - June 2022) (In Thousands)
Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - June 2022)

- **Jan-15**
  - White: 12.8
  - Black: 19.5
  - Hispanic: 28.5
  - All Races: 42.5

- **Jun-22**
  - White: 19.3
  - Black: 21.4
  - Hispanic: 23.6
  - All Races: 31.8

- **Difference**
  - White: 6.5
  - Black: 1.9
  - Hispanic: -4.9
  - All Races: -10.7
Top 5 Industry with Highest Employment Increase (Jan. 2015 – June 2022)

- Professional and Business Services: +16,900
- Other Services: +3,600
- Information: +2,800
- Mining, Logging & Construction: +2,000
- Manufacturing: +100
Top 5 Job Openings: January 2020 - June 2022 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- Software Developers and Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers: 1,483 job openings, average wage $119,960
- Personal Service Managers, All Other; Entertainment and Recreation Managers, Except Gambling; and Managers, All Other: 955 job openings, average wage $149,620
- Computer Occupations, All Other: 954 job openings, average wage $123,320
- Management Analysts: 803 job openings, average wage $109,220
- Registered Nurses: 693 job openings, average wage $89,440

Annual Median Wages:
- $160,000
- $140,000
- $120,000
- $100,000
- $80,000
- $60,000
- $40,000
- $20,000
- $0
Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2020 - June 2022 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products: 522 job openings, $57,830 annual median wage
- Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive: 412 job openings, $48,580 annual median wage
- Computer User Support Specialists: 412 job openings, $69,090 annual median wage
- Customer Service Representatives: 209 job openings, $44,190 annual median wage
- Security Guards: 194 job openings, $48,720 annual median wage
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