D.C. Labor Market Indicators: March 2019

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From January 2015 to March 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 4.1 percentage points (31.8% decrease) and 4.6 percentage points (28.6% decrease) respectively;
❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by 26,900;
❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by 38,500;
❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants decreased by 10.18%;
❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by 5,900 people;
❖ In DC there are 2.3 jobs available (advertised) for 1 unemployed DC resident;
❖ The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by 20.9 weeks;
❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by 37,400 new jobs or 7.19% increase from January 2015;
❖ Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase by industry with 11,500 since January 2015;
❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers, Applications with an average monthly opening of 3,450;
❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor’s degree is Computer User Support Specialists with an average monthly opening of 1,834.
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2019
**Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - March 2019)**

- **USA**: 5.7% (Jan-15), 3.8% (Mar-19), **-1.9%** (Difference)
- **D.C.**: 7.4% (Jan-15), 5.6% (Mar-19), **-1.8%** (Difference)
Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - March 2019)

- Ward 8: Difference of -4.6%, March 2019 rate of 11.5%, January 2015 rate of 16.1%
- Ward 7: Difference of -4.1%, March 2019 rate of 8.8%, January 2015 rate of 12.9%
- Ward 6: Difference of -1.4%, March 2019 rate of 5.2%, January 2015 rate of 6.6%
- Ward 5: Difference of -3.0%, March 2019 rate of 6.6%, January 2015 rate of 9.6%
- Ward 4: Difference of -2.2%, March 2019 rate of 5.1%, January 2015 rate of 7.3%
- Ward 3: Difference of -1.1%, March 2019 rate of 3.9%, January 2015 rate of 5.0%
- Ward 2: Difference of -1.4%, March 2019 rate of 3.9%, January 2015 rate of 5.3%
- Ward 1: Difference of -1.7%, March 2019 rate of 4.2%, January 2015 rate of 5.9%
Unemployment Rate by Ward: March 2019

- Ward 1: 4.2%
- Ward 2: 3.9%
- Ward 3: 3.9%
- Ward 4: 5.1%
- Ward 5: 6.6%
- Ward 6: 5.2%
- Ward 7: 8.8%
- Ward 8: 11.5%
Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2019)

- **Jan-15**: Total Number of Jobs in D.C. 755,500, Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C. 520,000
- **Mar-19**: Total Number of Jobs in D.C. 794,000, Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C. 557,400
- **Difference (Jan-15 - Mar-19)**: Total Number of Jobs 38,500, Total Private Sector Jobs 37,400
Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2019)

- White
- Black
- Hispanic
- All Races

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

Mar-19:
- White: 14.2
- Black: 21.6
- Hispanic: 24.6
- All Races: 18.1

Difference:
- White: -20.9
- Black: -20.9
- Hispanic: -20.9
- All Races: -10.4

- Leisure and Hospitality: +11,500
- Professional and Business Services: +9,800
- Other Services: +5,400
- Educational and Health Services: +4,700
- Information: +3,300
Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2019)

- Jan-15: 28,600 unemployed, 52,221 job openings (5,900 difference)
- Mar-19: 22,700 unemployed, 51,636 job openings (585 difference)

Legend:
- Green: Number Unemployed in D.C.
- Blue: Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs)
Top 5 Job Openings: January 2017 - March 2019 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)
Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2017 - March 2019 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- **Computer User Support Specialists**: 1,834 openings, $60,480 median wage
- **Web Developers**: 1,526 openings, $85,300 median wage
- **First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers**: 1,054 openings, $73,280 median wage
- **Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants**: 864 openings, $66,080 median wage
- **Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive**: 801 openings, $46,760 median wage
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