D.C. Labor Market Indicators: January 2015 - March 2021

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From January 2015 to March 2021:

- The unemployment rate in DC increased by 0.4 percentage points (or 5.4% increase);
- Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by 0.8 percentage points (6.2% decrease) and increased by 0.0 percentage points (0.0% increase) respectively;
- Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by 18,100;
- Total number of jobs in DC decreased by 17,200;
- Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants increased by 423%;
- Total number of unemployed DC residents increased by 3,200 people;
- In DC there are 1.3 jobs available (advertised) for 1 unemployed DC resident;
- The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by 21.1 weeks;
- The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District decreased by -21,100 jobs or -4.12% decrease from January 2015;
- Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase by industry with 5,700 since January 2015;
- The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers and Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers with an average monthly opening of 5,024;
- 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 - Mar. 2021
Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - March 2021)

- USA:
  - Jan-15: 5.7%
  - Mar-21: 6.0%
  - Difference (Jan-15 - Mar-21): -0.3%

- D.C.:
  - Jan-15: 7.4%
  - Mar-21: 7.8%
  - Difference (Jan-15 - Mar-21): 0.4%
Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - March 2021)
Unemployment Rate by Ward: March 2021

- Ward 4: 7.6%
- Ward 3: 3.3%
- Ward 2: 3.5%
- Ward 1: 5.1%
- Ward 5: 8.9%
- Ward 6: 6.3%
- Ward 7: 12.1%
- Ward 8: 16.1%
Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2021)

- Total Number of Jobs in D.C.: 748,100 (Jan-15) vs. 730,900 (Mar-21)
- Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C.: 512,300 (Jan-15) vs. 491,200 (Mar-21)

Difference: -17,200 (Jan-15) vs. -21,100 (Mar-21)

- COVID
- Total Employment (in Thousand)
- Total Private Sector Employment (in Thousand)
Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2021)

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

- **Feb-21**
  - White: 13.7
  - Black: 21.4
  - Hispanic: 18.1
  - All Races: 18.4

Difference:
- White: 0.9
- Black: -1.4
- Hispanic: -1.4
- All Races: -10.1

- Professional and Business Services: +5,700
- Government: +3,900
- Educational and Health Services: +3,600
- Information: +2,600
- Mining, Logging & Construction: +1,700
Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2021)

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<th>Month</th>
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<td>28,400</td>
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Difference: 3,200
Top 5 Job Openings: January 2018 - March 2021 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- **Software Developers and Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers**: 5,024 job openings, $117,130 annual median wage
- **Computer Occupations, All Other**: 3,856 job openings, $119,000 annual median wage
- **Information Security Analysts**: 3,139 job openings, $118,740 annual median wage
- **Management Analysts**: 2,937 job openings, $103,420 annual median wage
- **Registered Nurses**: 2,887 job openings, $91,470 annual median wage
Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2018 - March 2021 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- **Computer User Support Specialists**: 2,102 openings, $68,240 median wage
- **Web Developers and Digital Interface Designers**: 1,660 openings, $82,640 median wage
- **First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers**: 1,264 openings, $75,220 median wage
- **Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive**: 975 openings, $49,240 median wage
- **Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants**: 972 openings, $72,590 median wage
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