From January 2015 to March 2022:

- The unemployment rate in DC decreased by 1.4 percentage points from 7.4% to 6.0%;
- Unemployment rate in Ward 7 & Ward 8 decreased by 3.7 percentage points (12.9% to 9.2%) and 4.1 percentage points (16.1% to 12.0%) respectively;
- Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by 5,000;
- Total number of jobs in DC increased by 11,300;
- Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants increased by 275%;
- Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by 5,400 people;
- In DC, there are 2.5 jobs available (advertised) for 1 unemployed DC resident;
- The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by 11.8 weeks;
- The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by 8,700 jobs (1.7% increase) from January 2015;
- Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase among industries with employment increased by 14,300 since January 2015;
- The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers and Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers with an average monthly opening of 1,390 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 501 jobs.
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2022
Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - March 2022)

- Ward 8: -4.1%
  - Mar-22: 12.0%
  - Jan-15: 16.1%
- Ward 7: -3.7%
  - Mar-22: 9.2%
  - Jan-15: 12.9%
- Ward 6: -1.3%
  - Mar-22: 6.6%
  - Jan-15: 7.3%
- Ward 5: -2.4%
  - Mar-22: 5.3%
  - Jan-15: 7.2%
- Ward 4: -1.9%
  - Mar-22: 5.4%
  - Jan-15: 7.3%
- Ward 3: -1.3%
  - Mar-22: 3.7%
  - Jan-15: 5.0%
- Ward 2: -1.8%
  - Mar-22: 3.5%
  - Jan-15: 5.3%
- Ward 1: -1.8%
  - Mar-22: 4.1%
  - Jan-15: 5.9%
Unemployment Rate by Ward: March 2022

- Ward 1: 4.1%
- Ward 2: 3.5%
- Ward 3: 3.7%
- Ward 4: 5.4%
- Ward 5: 7.2%
- Ward 6: 5.3%
- Ward 7: 9.2%
- Ward 8: 12.0%
Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2022)

- Total Employment (in Thousands)
- Total Private Sector Employment (in Thousands)

COVID impact on employment and private sector employment is highlighted.
The District's Labor Force (Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2022) (In Thousands)
Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2022) (In Thousands)
Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2022)
Top 5 Industry with Highest Employment Increase (Jan. 2015 – Mar. 2022)

- Professional and Business Services: +14,300
- Information: +3,000
- Government: +2,600
- Educational and Health Services: +1,700
- Other Services: +1,200
Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2022)

-5,400

5,611

23,000

28,400

Mar-22

Jan-15

5,400 Difference

Number Unemployed in D.C.  Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs)
Top 5 Job Openings: January 2020 - March 2022 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- Software Developers and Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers: 1,390 openings, $119,960 median wage
- Computer Occupations, All Other: 933 openings, $123,320 median wage
- Personal Service Managers, All Other; Entertainment and Recreation Managers, Except Gambling; and Managers, All Other: 930 openings, $149,620 median wage
- Management Analysts: 793 openings, $109,220 median wage
- Registered Nurses: 659 openings, $89,440 median wage
Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2020 - March 2022 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- **Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products**: 501 openings, $57,830 median wage
- **Computer User Support Specialists**: 396 openings, $69,090 median wage
- **Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive**: 396 openings, $48,580 median wage
- **Customer Service Representatives**: 202 openings, $44,190 median wage
- **Security Guards**: 176 openings, $48,720 median wage
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