D.C. Labor Market Indicators: May 2018

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Highlights

• From January 2015 to May 2018:
   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 3.8 percentage points (29.5% decrease) and 4.5 percentage points (28.0% decrease) respectively;
   Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by 28,000;
   Total number of jobs in DC increased by 42,300;
   Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants decreased by 23.89%;
   Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by 5,800 people;
   In DC there are 2.0 jobs available (advertised) for 1 unemployed DC resident;
   The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by 21.5 weeks;
   The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by 41,000 new jobs or 7.88% increase from January 2015;
   Leisure and Hospitality has the highest employment increase by industry with 10,000 since January 2015;
   The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers, Applications with an average monthly opening of 3,213;
   The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor’s degree is Computer User Support Specialists with an average monthly opening of 1,745.
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - May 2018
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Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - May 2018)

- USA: 7.4% (Jan-15) to 3.8% (May-18), Difference: -1.9%
- D.C.: 5.7% (Jan-15) to 5.6% (May-18), Difference: -0.1%
Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - May 2018)

Ward 1: Difference -2.2%, May-18: 3.7%, Jan-15: 5.9%
Ward 2: Difference -1.9%, May-18: 3.4%, Jan-15: 5.3%
Ward 3: Difference -1.7%, May-18: 3.3%, Jan-15: 5.0%
Ward 4: Difference -2.7%, May-18: 4.6%, Jan-15: 7.3%
Ward 5: Difference -3.3%, May-18: 6.3%, Jan-15: 9.6%
Ward 6: Difference -2.1%, May-18: 4.5%, Jan-15: 6.6%
Ward 7: Difference -3.8%, May-18: 9.1%, Jan-15: 12.9%
Ward 8: Difference -4.5%, May-18: 11.6%, Jan-15: 16.1%
Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - May 2018)

- **Jan-15**: Total Number of Jobs in D.C. - 755,500, Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C. - 520,000
- **May-18**: Total Number of Jobs in D.C. - 797,800, Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C. - 561,000
- **Difference (Jan-15 - May-18)**: Total Number of Jobs in D.C. - 42,300, Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C. - 41,000

Legend:
- Green: Total Number of Jobs in D.C.
- Gray: Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C.

- **Total Employment** (in Thousand)
- **Total Private Sector Employment** (in Thousand)
The District's Labor Force (Jan. 2015 - May 2018) (In Thousands)
Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 - May 2018) (In Thousands)
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Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - May 2018)
Top 5 Industry with Highest Employment Increase (Jan.2015 – May 2018)

- Leisure and Hospitality: +10,000
- Professional and Business Services: +9,900
- Educational and Health Services: +7,500
- Other Services: +5,100
- Trade, Transportation & Utilities: +2,800
Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - May 2018)

- **May-18**
  - Number Unemployed in D.C.: 22,800
  - Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs): 44,704

- **Jan-15**
  - Number Unemployed in D.C.: 28,600
  - Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs): 52,221

Total Difference: -7,517

- Difference: -5,800
Top 5 Job Openings: January 2017 - May 2018 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

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<td>Software Developers, Applications</td>
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<td>Computer Occupations, All Other</td>
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Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2017 - May 2018 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- Computer User Support Specialists: 1,745, Annual Median Wages: $60,480
- Web Developers: 1,558, Annual Median Wages: $85,300
- First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers: 980, Annual Median Wages: $73,280
- Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants: 825, Annual Median Wages: $66,080
- Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive: 765, Annual Median Wages: $46,760
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