D.C. Labor Market Indicators: May 2019

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From January 2015 to May 2019:

- The unemployment rate in DC decreased by 1.7 percentage points (or 23.0% decrease);
- Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by 4.3 percentage points (33.3% decrease) and 4.8 percentage points (29.8% decrease) respectively;
- Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by 30,300;
- Total number of jobs in DC increased by 39,000;
- Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants decreased by 4.82%;
- Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by 5,400 people;
- In DC there are 2.2 jobs available (advertised) for 1 unemployed DC resident;
- The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by 21.0 weeks;
- The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by 38,200 new jobs or 7.35% increase from January 2015;
- Leisure and Hospitality has the highest employment increase by industry with 13,200 since January 2015;
- The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers, Applications with an average monthly opening of 3,625;
- The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor’s degree is Computer User Support Specialists with an average monthly opening of 1,869.
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - May. 2019
Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - May 2019)

- **USA**: 5.7% in January 2015 and 3.6% in May 2019, with a difference of -2.0%.
- **D.C.**: 7.4% in January 2015, 5.7% in May 2019, and a difference of -1.7%.

The chart shows a decrease in unemployment rates over the specified period for both the USA and D.C.
Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - May 2019)

- Ward 1: -2.0%
  - 3.9% (May-19), 5.9% (Jan-15)
- Ward 2: -1.7%
  - 3.6% (May-19), 5.3% (Jan-15)
- Ward 3: -1.4%
  - 3.6% (May-19), 5.0% (Jan-15)
- Ward 4: -2.5%
  - 4.8% (May-19), 7.3% (Jan-15)
- Ward 5: -3.2%
  - 4.8% (May-19), 6.4% (Jan-15)
- Ward 6: -1.8%
  - 4.8% (May-19), 6.6% (Jan-15)
- Ward 7: -4.3%
  - 8.6% (May-19), 12.9% (Jan-15)
- Ward 8: -4.8%
  - 11.3% (May-19), 16.1% (Jan-15)
Unemployment Rate by Ward: May 2019

- Ward 1: 3.9%
- Ward 2: 3.6%
- Ward 3: 3.6%
- Ward 4: 4.8%
- Ward 5: 6.4%
- Ward 6: 4.8%
- Ward 7: 8.6%
- Ward 8: 11.3%
Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - May. 2019)

- Jan-15: 755,500 Total Number of Jobs in D.C., 520,000 Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C.
- May-19: 794,500 Total Number of Jobs in D.C., 558,200 Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C.

Difference (Jan-15 - May-19):
- Total Number of Jobs: 39,000
- Total Private Sector Jobs: 38,200
The District's Labor Force (Jan. 2015 - May. 2019) (In Thousands)
Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - May. 2019)

- **White**: Jan-15: 12.8, May-19: 16.2, Difference: 3.4
- **Black**: Jan-15: 42.5, May-19: 21.5, Difference: -21.0
- **Hispanic**: Jan-15: 19.5, May-19: 19.5, Difference: 0.0
- **All Races**: Jan-15: 28.5, May-19: 29.0, Difference: 0.5

**Difference**
- **White**: -21.0
- **Black**: -9.0
- **Hispanic**: 0.0
- **All Races**: 0.5
Top 5 Industry with Highest Employment Increase (Jan.2015 – May. 2019)

- Leisure and Hospitality: +13,200
- Professional and Business Services: +9,200
- Other Services: +6,200
- Information: +3,200
- Educational and Health Services: +2,500
Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - May. 2019)

-5,400 Difference

May-19

Number Unemployed in D.C.: 23,200
Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs): 51,333

Jan-15

Number Unemployed in D.C.: 28,600
Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs): 52,221
Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2017 - May 2019 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)
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