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

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• From January 2015 to May 2021:
  ❖ The unemployment rate in DC decreased by -0.2 percentage points (or 2.7% decrease);
  ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by -1.5 percentage points (-11.6% decrease) and decreased by -1.2 percentage points (-7.5% decrease) respectively;
  ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by 18,800;
  ❖ Total number of jobs in DC decreased by 8,500;
  ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants increased by 269%;
  ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents increased by 800 people;
  ❖ In DC there are 1.5 jobs available (advertised) for 1 unemployed DC resident;
  ❖ The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by 19.1 weeks;
  ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District decreased by -13,200 jobs or -2.58% decrease from January 2015;
  ❖ Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase by industry with 8,100 since January 2015;
  ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers and Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers with an average monthly opening of 5,473;
  ❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor’s degree is Computer User Support Specialists with an average monthly opening of 2,161.
DC Annual Average Unemployment Rate (2015-2020)
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - May. 2021
Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - May 2021)

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Difference (Jan-15 - May-21): USA -0.1%, D.C. -0.2%
Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - May 2021)

- Ward 8: -1.2%, Ward: 14.9%, Jan-15: 16.1%
- Ward 7: -1.5%, Ward: 11.4%, Jan-15: 12.9%
- Ward 6: -1.0%, Ward: 5.6%, Jan-15: 6.6%
- Ward 5: -1.4%, Ward: 8.2%, Jan-15: 9.6%
- Ward 4: -0.2%, Ward: 7.1%, Jan-15: 7.3%
- Ward 3: -2.1%, Ward: 2.9%, Jan-15: 5.0%
- Ward 2: -2.3%, Ward: 3.0%, Jan-15: 5.3%
- Ward 1: -1.3%, Ward: 4.6%, Jan-15: 5.9%
Unemployment Rate by Ward: May 2021

- Ward 3: 2.9%
- Ward 4: 7.1%
- Ward 1: 4.6%
- Ward 2: 3.0%
- Ward 5: 8.2%
- Ward 6: 5.6%
- Ward 7: 11.4%
- Ward 8: 14.9%
Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - May. 2021)

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-8,500
-13,200

Legend:
- Green: Total Number of Jobs in D.C.
- Blue: Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C.
The District's Labor Force (Jan. 2015 - May. 2021) (In Thousands)
Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - May 2021)

- White: Jan-15 (12.8), May-21 (15.0), Difference (-2.2)
- Black: Jan-15 (19.5), May-21 (23.4), Difference (3.9)
- Hispanic: Jan-15 (28.5), May-21 (24.4), Difference (-4.1)
- All Races: Jan-15 (42.5), May-21 (20.4), Difference (-22.1)
Top 5 Industry with Highest Employment Increase (Jan.2015 – May 2021)

- Professional and Business Services: +8,100
- Government: +4,700
- Educational and Health Services: +4,000
- Information: +2,600
- Mining, Logging & Construction: +1,900
Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - May 2021)

- **Jan-15**
  - Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs): 52,221
  - Number Unemployed in D.C.: 28,400
  - Difference: 8,969

- **May-21**
  - Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs): 43,252
  - Number Unemployed in D.C.: 29,200
  - Difference: -800
Top 5 Job Openings: January 2018 - May 2021 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)
Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2018 - May 2021 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- **Computer User Support Specialists**: $68,240, 2,161 openings
- **Web Developers and Digital Interface Designers**: $82,640, 1,747 openings
- **First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers**: $75,220, 1,209 openings
- **Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants**: $72,590, 982 openings
- **Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive**: $49,240, 958 openings
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