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Highlights

• From January 2015 to November 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 3.6 percentage points (22.4% decrease) respectively;
  ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by 25,500;
  ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by 41,900;
  ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants increased by 7.45%;
  ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by 6,000 people;
  ❖ In DC there are 1.9 jobs available (advertised) for 1 unemployed DC resident;
  ❖ The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by 23.8 weeks;
  ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by 41,600 new jobs or 8.00% increase from January 2015;
  ❖ Educational and Health Services has the highest employment increase by industry with 9,700 since January 2015;
  ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers, Applications with an average monthly opening of 3,431;
  ❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor’s degree is Computer User Support Specialists with an average monthly opening of 1,848.
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Nov. 2018
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Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - November 2018)

- USA
- D.C.

Jan-15: 5.7%
Nov-18: 3.7%
Difference (Jan-15 - Nov-18): -2.0%
Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - November 2018)

- Ward 1: -2.2%, 3.7%, 5.9%
- Ward 2: -1.9%, 3.4%, 5.3%
- Ward 3: -1.7%, 3.3%, 5.0%
- Ward 4: -2.7%, 4.6%, 7.3%
- Ward 5: -3.1%, 6.5%, 9.6%
- Ward 6: -2.0%, 4.6%, 6.6%
- Ward 7: -3.8%, 9.1%, 12.9%
- Ward 8: -3.6%, 12.5%, 16.1%

- Total Employment (in Thousand)
- Total Private Sector Employment (in Thousand)
The District's Labor Force (Jan. 2015 - Nov. 2018) (In Thousands)
Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 - Nov. 2018) (In Thousands)
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- Educational and Health Services: +9,700
- Professional and Business Services: +9,600
- Leisure and Hospitality: +7,900
- Other Services: +4,500
- Information: +2,800
Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - Nov. 2018)

- Number Unemployed in D.C.
- Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs)

Jan-15: 28,600 unemployed, 52,221 job openings
Nov-18: 22,600 unemployed, 43,923 job openings

Difference: -6,000 (Jan-15) and -8,298 (Nov-18)
Top 5 Job Openings: January 2017 - November 2018 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

Software Developers, Applications: 3,431
Computer Occupations, All Other: 2,917
Information Security Analysts: 2,408
Management Analysts: 2,305
Network and Computer Systems Administrators: 2,240

Annual Median Wages:
- $112,830
- $116,150
- $119,560
- $98,260
- $93,320

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Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2017 - November 2018 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- Computer User Support Specialists: 1,848 jobs, $60,480 annual median wage
- Web Developers: 1,567 jobs, $85,300 annual median wage
- First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers: 1,073 jobs, $73,280 annual median wage
- Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants: 889 jobs, $66,080 annual median wage
- Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive: 822 jobs, $46,760 annual median wage
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