D.C. Labor Market Indicators: October 2018

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From January 2015 to October 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 3.1 percentage points (24.0% decrease) and 3.2 percentage points (19.9% decrease) respectively;
- Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by 26,000;
- Total number of jobs in DC increased by 44,000;
- Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants increased by 27.58%;
- Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by 5,700 people;
- In DC there are 2.1 jobs available (advertised) for 1 unemployed DC resident;
- The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by 23.4 weeks;
- The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by 42,800 new jobs or 8.23% increase from January 2015;
- Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase by industry with 9,500 since January 2015;
- The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers, Applications with an average monthly opening of 3,388;
- The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor’s degree is Computer User Support Specialists with an average monthly opening of 1,825.
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Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - October 2018)

- USA: 5.7% (Jan-15), 3.7% (Oct-18), Difference: -2.0%
- D.C.: 7.4% (Jan-15), 5.6% (Oct-18), Difference: -1.8%
Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - October 2018)

- Ward 1: -2.0% (3.9% - 5.9%)
- Ward 2: -1.6% (3.7% - 5.3%)
- Ward 3: -1.5% (3.5% - 5.0%)
- Ward 4: -2.4% (4.9% - 7.3%)
- Ward 5: -2.6% (4.7% - 7.0%)
- Ward 6: -1.9% (6.6% - 4.7%)
- Ward 7: -3.1% (9.8% - 12.9%)
- Ward 8: -3.2% (12.9% - 16.1%)

Difference: Oct-18 - Jan-15
Unemployment Rate by Ward: October 2018

- Ward 1: 3.9%
- Ward 2: 3.7%
- Ward 3: 3.5%
- Ward 4: 4.9%
- Ward 5: 7.0%
- Ward 6: 4.7%
- Ward 7: 9.8%
- Ward 8: 12.9%
Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Oct. 2018)

- **Jan-15**: Total Number of Jobs in D.C. = 755,500, Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C. = 520,000
- **Oct-18**: Total Number of Jobs in D.C. = 799,500, Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C. = 562,800
- **Difference (Jan-15 - Oct-18)**: Total Number of Jobs in D.C. = 44,000, Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C. = 42,800

- **Total Employment (in Thousand)**
- **Total Private Sector Employment (in Thousand)**

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- Professional and Business Services: +9,500
- Leisure and Hospitality: +9,400
- Educational and Health Services: +8,500
- Other Services: +5,000
- Information: +2,900
Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - Oct. 2018)

- Number Unemployed in D.C.
- Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs)
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Top 5 Job Openings: January 2017 - October 2018 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- **Software Developers, Applications**: $112,830, 3,388 openings
- **Computer Occupations, All Other**: $116,150, 2,873 openings
- **Information Security Analysts**: $119,560, 2,351 openings
- **Management Analysts**: $98,260, 2,254 openings
- **Network and Computer Systems Administrators**: $93,320, 2,205 openings
Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor’s Degree: January 2017 - October 2018 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- Computer User Support Specialists: 1,825 openings, $60,480 median wage
- Web Developers: 1,567 openings, $85,300 median wage
- First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers: 1,058 openings, $73,280 median wage
- Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants: 881 openings, $66,080 median wage
- Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive: 813 openings, $46,760 median wage
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