D.C. Labor Market Indicators: September 2018

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• From January 2015 to September 2018:
  ❖ 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 2.7 percentage points (20.9% decrease) and 2.9 percentage points (18.0% decrease) respectively;
  ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by 27,400;
  ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by 44,300;
  ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants increased by 16.76%;
  ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by 5,600 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 22.8 weeks;
  ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by 43,000 new jobs or 8.27% increase from January 2015;
  ❖ Leisure and Hospitality has the highest employment increase by industry with 9,800 since January 2015;
  ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers, Applications with an average monthly opening of 3,329;
  ❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor’s degree is Computer User Support Specialists with an average monthly opening of 1,787.
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Sept. 2018
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Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - September 2018)

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Difference (Jan-15 - Sept-18):
- USA: -2.0%
- D.C.: -1.7%
Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - September 2018)

Ward 1: 4.3% (Jan-15), 5.9% (Sep-18), -1.6% difference
Ward 2: 4.1% (Jan-15), 5.3% (Sep-18), -1.2% difference
Ward 3: 4.0% (Jan-15), 5.0% (Sep-18), -1.0% difference
Ward 4: 5.2% (Jan-15), 7.3% (Sep-18), -2.1% difference
Ward 5: 5.1% (Jan-15), 6.6% (Sep-18), -1.5% difference
Ward 6: 6.6% (Jan-15), 7.3% (Sep-18), -0.7% difference
Ward 7: 10.2% (Jan-15), 12.9% (Sep-18), -2.7% difference
Ward 8: 13.2% (Jan-15), 16.1% (Sep-18), -2.9% difference
Unemployment Rate by Ward: September 2018

- Ward 1: 4.3%
- Ward 2: 4.1%
- Ward 3: 4.0%
- Ward 4: 5.2%
- Ward 5: 7.3%
- Ward 6: 5.1%
- Ward 7: 10.2%
- Ward 8: 13.2%
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Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Sept. 2018)

- **Jan-15**: 755,500
  - Total Number of Jobs in D.C.: 520,000
  - Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C.: 44,300

- **Sep-18**: 799,800
  - Total Number of Jobs in D.C.: 563,000
  - Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C.: 43,000

Difference (Jan-15 - Sept-18):
- Total Number of Jobs in D.C.: 44,300
- Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C.: 43,000
Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - Sept. 2018)

- **Jan-15**: Median duration of unemployment for White = 12.8, Black = 42.5, Hispanic = 19.5, All Races = 28.5
- **Sep-18**: Median duration of unemployment for White = 11.2, Black = 19.7, Hispanic = 22.3, All Races = 16.4
- **Difference**: Median duration of unemployment for White = -1.6, Black = 22.8, Hispanic = -22.8, All Races = -12.1

Legend:
- Blue = White
- Brown = Black
- Orange = Hispanic
- Gray = All Races

- Leisure and Hospitality: +9,800
- Professional and Business Services: +9,400
- Educational and Health Services: +9,400
- Other Services: +4,700
- Information: +2,600
- Mining, Logging & Construction: +2,600
Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - Sept. 2018)

- Difference: -5,600
- Sep-18: Number Unemployed in D.C. = 23,000, Number of Job Openings = 47,471
- Jan-15: Number Unemployed in D.C. = 28,600, Number of Job Openings = 52,221

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

- Software Developers, Applications: 3,329 jobs, $112,830 median wage
- Computer Occupations, All Other: 2,820 jobs, $116,150 median wage
- Information Security Analysts: 2,273 jobs, $119,560 median wage
- Management Analysts: 2,199 jobs, $98,260 median wage
- Network and Computer Systems Administrators: 2,170 jobs, $93,320 median wage
Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor’s Degree: January 2017 - September 2018 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)
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