D.C. Labor Market Indicators: September 2019

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Highlights

• From January 2015 to September 2019:
  ❖ The unemployment rate in DC decreased by 2.0 percentage points (or 27.0% decrease);
  ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by 4.1 percentage points (31.8% decrease) and 4.5 percentage points (28.0% decrease) respectively;
  ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by 33,300;
  ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by 44,300;
  ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants decreased by 7.98%;
  ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by 6,400 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 17.8 weeks;
  ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by 42,700 new jobs or 8.21% increase from January 2015;
  ❖ Leisure and Hospitality has the highest employment increase by industry with 12,600 since January 2015;
  ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers, Applications with an average monthly opening of 3,974;
  ❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor’s degree is Computer User Support Specialists with an average monthly opening of 1,968.
Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - September 2019)

- **January 2015 (USA):** 5.7%
- **September 2019 (USA):** 3.5%
- **Difference (USA):** -2.0%

- **January 2015 (D.C.):** 7.4%
- **September 2019 (D.C.):** 5.4%
- **Difference (D.C.):** -2.0%
Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - September 2019)

- Total Number of Jobs in D.C.: 755,500 (Jan-15) vs. 799,800 (Sep-19), Difference: 44,300
- Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C.: 520,000 (Jan-15) vs. 562,700 (Sep-19), Difference: 42,700
The District's Labor Force (Jan. 2015 - Sep. 2019) (In Thousands)
Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - Sep 2019)

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- Leisure and Hospitality: +12,600
- Professional and Business Services: +11,900
- Other Services: +7,200
- Information: +3,700
- Educational and Health Services: +3,600
Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - Sep. 2019)

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

Difference: -5,067

Jan-15:
- Number Unemployed in D.C.: 28,600
- Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs): 52,221

Sep-19:
- Number Unemployed in D.C.: 22,200
- Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs): 47,154

Difference: -6,400
Top 5 Job Openings: January 2017 - September 2019 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)
Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2017 - September 2019 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- **Computer User Support Specialists**: 1,968 openings, $66,390 median wage
- **Web Developers**: 1,620 openings, $86,580 median wage
- **First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers**: 1,173 openings, $73,800 median wage
- **Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants**: 926 openings, $69,830 median wage
- **Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive**: 878 openings, $48,220 median wage
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