D.C. Labor Market Indicators: December 2018

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Highlights

- From January 2015 to December 2018:
  - The unemployment rate in DC decreased by 1.9 percentage points (or 25.7% decrease);
  - Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by 4.6 percentage points (35.7% decrease) and 4.7 percentage points (29.2% decrease) respectively;
  - Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by 25,900;
  - Total number of jobs in DC increased by 43,600;
  - Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants increased by 27.96%;
  - Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by 6,300 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 22.1 weeks;
  - The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by 42,300 new jobs or 8.13% increase from January 2015;
  - Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase by industry with 10,800 since January 2015;
  - The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers, Applications with an average monthly opening of 3,480;
  - The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor’s degree is Computer User Support Specialists with an average monthly opening of 1,875.
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Dec. 2018
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Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - December 2018)

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Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - December 2018)

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Ward 8 saw the largest increase in unemployment rate, while Ward 1 had the largest decrease.
Unemployment Rate by Ward: December 2018

- Ward 1: 3.4%
- Ward 2: 3.1%
- Ward 3: 3.1%
- Ward 4: 4.4%
- Ward 5: 5.9%
- Ward 6: 4.3%
- Ward 7: 8.3%
- Ward 8: 11.4%
Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Dec. 2018)

- Jan-15: Total Number of Jobs = 755,500
  - Total Private Sector Jobs = 520,000

- Dec-18: Total Number of Jobs = 799,100
  - Total Private Sector Jobs = 562,300

Difference (Jan-15 - Dec-18):
- Total Number of Jobs: 43,600
- Total Private Sector Jobs: 42,300
Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - Dec. 2018)

- **Jan-15**:
  - White: 12.8
  - Black: 42.5
  - Hispanic: 19.5
  - All Races: 28.5

- **Dec-18**:
  - White: 12.2
  - Black: 20.4
  - Hispanic: 20.4
  - All Races: 16.3

- Difference:
  - White: -0.6
  - Black: -22.1
  - Hispanic: 0.9
  - All Races: -12.2

- Professional and Business Services: +10,800
- Educational and Health Services: +9,200
- Leisure and Hospitality: +8,300
- Other Services: +3,900
- Information: +3,000
Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - Dec. 2018)

-6,300 Difference

-10,128

Jan-15

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

28,600  52,221

Dec-18

22,300  42,093

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

- **Computer User Support Specialists**: 1,875 openings, $60,480 median wage
- **Web Developers**: 1,568 openings, $85,300 median wage
- **First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers**: 1,089 openings, $73,280 median wage
- **Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants**: 896 openings, $66,080 median wage
- **Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive**: 830 openings, $46,760 median wage
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