D.C. Labor Market Indicators: July 2019

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From January 2015 to July 2019:

- 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 2.9 percentage points (22.5% decrease) and 3.0 percentage points (18.6% decrease) respectively;
- Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by 32,700;
- Total number of jobs in DC increased by 55,500;
- Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants increased by 25.98%;
- 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 20.4 weeks;
- The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by 44,300 new jobs or 8.52% increase from January 2015;
- Leisure and Hospitality has the highest employment increase by industry with 13,400 since January 2015;
- The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers, Applications with an average monthly opening of 3,799;
- The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor’s degree is Computer User Support Specialists with an average monthly opening of 1,910.
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DC Annual Unemployment Rate (2015-2018)
The District’s Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - July 2019
Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - July 2019)

- USA: 5.7% (Jan-15) vs. 3.7% (Jul-19) -2.0%
- D.C.: 7.4% (Jan-15) vs. 5.6% (Jul-19) -1.8%
Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - July 2019)

- Ward 8: -3.0% (13.1% in Jan-15, 16.1% in Jul-19)
- Ward 7: -2.9% (10.0% in Jan-15, 12.9% in Jul-19)
- Ward 6: -1.5% (6.6% in Jan-15, 8.1% in Jul-19)
- Ward 5: -2.4% (9.6% in Jan-15, 12.0% in Jul-19)
- Ward 4: -2.0% (7.3% in Jan-15, 9.3% in Jul-19)
- Ward 3: -1.0% (5.0% in Jan-15, 6.0% in Jul-19)
- Ward 2: -1.2% (5.3% in Jan-15, 6.5% in Jul-19)
- Ward 1: -1.5% (5.9% in Jan-15, 7.4% in Jul-19)
Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - July 2019)

- Total Number of Jobs in D.C.:
  - Jan-15: 755,500
  - Jul-19: 811,000

- Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C.:
  - Jan-15: 520,000
  - Jul-19: 564,300

Difference (Jan-15 - July-19):
- Total Number of Jobs: 55,500
- Total Private Sector Jobs: 44,300
The District's Labor Force (Jan. 2015 - July 2019) (In Thousands)
Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 - July 2019) (In Thousands)
Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - July 2019)

- White:
  - Jan-15: 12.8
  - Jul-19: 15.6
  - Difference: -2.8

- Black:
  - Jan-15: 42.5
  - Jul-19: 31.8
  - Difference: 10.7

- Hispanic:
  - Jan-15: 19.5
  - Jul-19: 22.1
  - Difference: 2.6

- All Races:
  - Jan-15: 28.5
  - Jul-19: 19.3
  - Difference: -9.2
Top 5 Industry with Highest Employment Increase (Jan. 2015 – July 2019)

- Professional and Business Services: +13,400
- Leisure and Hospitality: +12,700
- Government: +11,200
- Other Services: +9,000
- Information: +3,800
Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - July 2019)

-5,600
Difference
-3,345

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

Jul-19
Number Unemployed in D.C.: 23,000
Number of Job Openings (Advertised Jobs): 48,876
Top 5 Job Openings: January 2017 - July 2019 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

- **Software Developers, Applications**: 3,799 job openings, $113,750 median wage
- **Computer Occupations, All Other**: 3,100 job openings, $118,800 median wage
- **Information Security Analysts**: 2,859 job openings, $117,850 median wage
- **Registered Nurses**: 2,469 job openings, $88,800 median wage
- **Management Analysts**: 2,427 job openings, $103,300 median wage
Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2017 - July 2019 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)
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