

**Employment Status for the Civilian Population
District of Columbia,
Washington Metropolitan Division and Statistical Area
February 2012/a**

	Feb/b 2012	Jan/d 2012	Feb/d 2011	Net Change From	
				Jan/d 2012	Feb/d 2011
Seasonally Unadjusted					
Washington, D.C.					
Civilian Labor Force	347,400	345,000	344,900	2,400	2,500
Total Employed	313,000	309,800	311,000	3,200	2,000
Total Unemployed	34,400	35,200	33,900	-800	500
Unemployment Rate	9.9	10.2	9.8	-0.3	0.1
Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Division					
Civilian Labor Force	2,538,100	2,525,600	2,494,700	12,500	43,400
Total Employed	2,388,900	2,380,700	2,343,000	8,200	45,900
Total Unemployed	149,200	144,900	151,700	4,300	-2,500
Unemployment Rate	5.9	5.7	6.1	0.2	-0.2
Suburban Ring					
Civilian Labor Force	2,841,900	2,830,200	2,798,200	11,700	43,700
Total Employed	2,692,000	2,686,500	2,644,300	5,500	47,700
Total Unemployed	149,900	143,600	153,800	6,300	-3,900
Unemployment Rate	5.3	5.1	5.5	0.2	-0.2
Washington, D.C. MSA					
Civilian Labor Force	3,189,300	3,175,200	3,143,100	14,100	46,200
Total Employed	3,005,000	2,996,300	2,955,300	8,700	49,700
Total Unemployed	184,300	178,800	187,700	5,500	-3,400
Unemployment Rate	5.8	5.6	6.0	0.2	-0.2

a/ Data may not add to the totals due to independent rounding.

b/ Preliminary.

c/ Revised.

d/ Data reflect benchmark revisions.

Estimated Labor Force and Employment for the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Division includes The District of Columbia, Virginia Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Fredericksburg, Manassas, and Manassas Park; the Virginia Counties of Arlington, Clarke, Fairfax, Loudon, Prince William, Spotsylvania, Stafford, and Warren; the Maryland Counties of Calvert, Charles, and Prince Georges; and the West Virginia County of Jefferson.

Estimated Labor Force and Employment for the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Statistical Area includes the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria Metropolitan Division and the Bethesda-Frederick-Gaithersburg Metropolitan Division which includes the Counties of Frederick and Montgomery in Maryland.

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