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Unemployment Rates Seasonally Adjusted

	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.
	7.7	7.5	7.1
Michigan.	6.1	6.3	6.6
Alaska	6.1	6.4	6.7
Mississippi	5.9	5.9	5.5
Ohio	5.8	5.7	6.1
District of Columbia	5.8	5.7	6.6
South Carolina	5.7	5.7	5.4
Arkansas	5.6	5.6	4.8
California	5.6	6.1	5.7
Kentucky	5.6	5.3	5.1
Missouri	5.5	5.3	5.4
Oregon	5.3	5.1	4.1
Illinois	5.2	5.1	4.3
Nevada	5.2	5.2	4.7
Wisconsin	5.0	4.8	5.2
West Virginia	4.9	4.9	5.1
Rhode Island	4.8	4.8	4.7
Maine	4.8	4.9	4.9
North Carolina	4.8	4.8	5.0
Washington	4.7	4.5	4.3
Connecticut	4.7	4.5	4.6
Georgia	4.7	4.9	4.0
Minnesota	4.6	4.5	4.9
Indiana	4.6	4.6	4.2
New York	4.6	4.7	5.1
Tennessee	4.5	4.5	4.7
Pennsylvania	4.4	4.3	4.0
Oklahoma	4.3	4.4	5.1
Massachusetts	4.3	4.2	3.7
Vermont	4.2	4.0	3.2
Florida	4.1	4.3	4.4
New Jersey	4.1	4.3	4.8
Texas	4.0	3.9	3.9
Maryland.	3.9	3.9	3.5
Iowa	3.8	4.5	4.5
Kansas	3.7	3.9	4.2
Colorado	3.5	3.3	4.1
Arizona	3.4	3.0	3.5
Delaware	3.4	3.4	3.3
North Dakota	3.3	4.4	4.3
Louisiana	3.2	3.1	3.0
Nebraska	3.2	3.5	3.5
New Hampshire	3.1	3.7	3.6
Alabama	3.1	2.9	3.0
Montana	3.1	3.4	3.9
New Mexico	3.1	2.9	3.0
Virginia	2.9	3.1	3.3
South Dakota	2.9	3.1	3.6
Wyoming	2.8	2.7	2.6
Utah	2.7	2.6	2.1
Hawaii	2.5	2.3	3.3
Idaho	2.3	2.4	3.3

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, D.C. Department of Employment Services, Office of Labor Market Research and Information

National Unemployment Rates

The October 2007 national unemployment rate of 4.4 percent (not seasonally adjusted) was 0.1 percent lower than the rate in September 2007 and 0.3 percent higher than the rate in October 2006.

The seasonally adjusted national unemployment rate in October 2007 was 4.7 percent; unchanged from the September 2007 rate and 0.3 percent higher than the October 2006, seasonally adjusted, national unemployment rate.

State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In October, the District of Columbia along with South Carolina had the fifth highest unemployment rate at 5.8 percent. Michigan recorded the highest jobless rate at 7.7 percent followed by Alaska and Mississippi, at 6.1 percent each and Ohio, at 5.9 percent. Idaho, at 2.5 percent, posted the lowest unemployment rate, followed by Hawaii, at 2.7 percent, Utah, at 2.8 percent, and South Dakota and Wyoming, at 2.9 percent each. Fourteen additional states recorded rates of 4.0 percent or below including Virginia, at 3.1 percent and Maryland, at 4.0 percent.

Over the month, unemployment rates were higher in the District of Columbia and 22 states, lower in 17 states, and unchanged in 11 states. The largest rate increases were in Delaware (up 0.4 percentage point) and Missouri (up 0.3 percentage point). Louisiana (down 1.1 percentage points), Kansas (down 0.7 percentage point), Alabama (down 0.6 percentage point), and Kentucky (down 0.5 percentage point each) registered the largest rate decreases.

Compared to a year earlier, unemployment rates were lower in the District of Columbia and 25 states and higher in another 25 states. Louisiana (down 1.0 percentage point) recorded the largest over-the-year unemployment rate decrease followed by Idaho, Massachusetts, New Mexico, and South Carolina (down 0.8 percentage point each). The largest over-the-year unemployment rate increases were in Illinois (up 1.2 percentage points), Florida (up 1.0 percentage point), and Nevada (up 0.9 percentage point).

Unemployment Rates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Oct. 07	Sept. 07	Oct. 06 a
U.S.A.	4.4	4.5	4.1
Washington, DC MSA	3.1	3.0	2.9
Washington, DC MD	3.1	3.0	2.9
D.C.	5.6	5.9	5.6

D.C. Ward	1	4.8	5.1	4.8
	2	2.7	2.9	2.7
	3	1.4	1.5	1.4
	4	4.5	4.8	4.5
	5	7.5	8.0	7.6
	6	5.5	5.8	5.5
	7	9.8	10.3	9.8
	8	14.9	15.8	15.0

Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

U.S.A.	4.7	4.7	4.4
D.C.	5.8	5.7	6.1

a: Reflecting 2006 benchmark revisions

Note: Estimates for the latest year are subject to revision early the following calendar year. Ward laborforce statistics based on Census 2000 household data.

District of Columbia's Unemployment Rate

The District of Columbia's seasonally adjusted October 2007 unemployment rate was 5.8 percent, up 0.1 percent from the September 2007 rate. The October 2007 rate was 0.3 percent lower than the rate in October 2006.

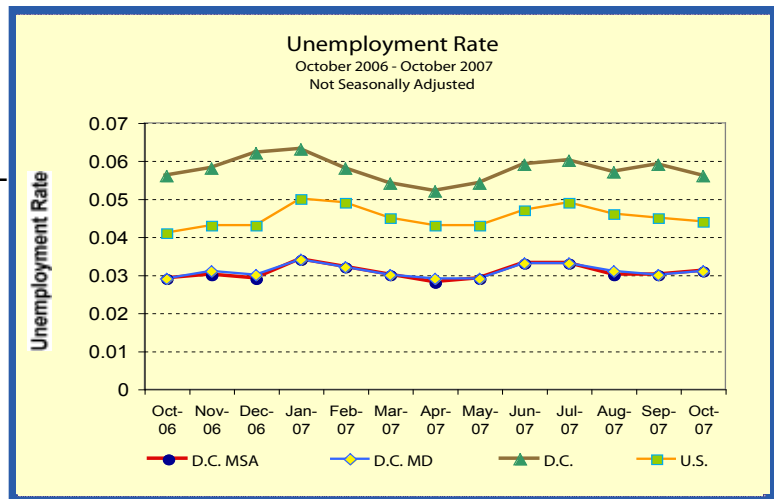
The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October 2007 was 5.6 percent; down 0.3 percent from the rate in September 2007 and equal to the rate in October 2006.



District of Columbia's Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

Over the month, the District's civilian labor force decreased by 400 to 317,300. A total of 299,600 residents were employed and 17,700 were unemployed in October 2007. A 700 increase in the number of employed residents along with a 1,200 decrease in the number of unemployed residents resulted in the 0.3 percent decrease in the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate.

From October 2006 to October 2007, the District's civilian labor force increased by 100 as the number of employed residents rose by 100 and the number of unemployed residents was unchanged. The District's October 2007 unemployment rate was equal to the rate in October 2006.



Unemployment Insurance Benefit Statistics

In October 2007, initial claims filed for Unemployment Insurance (UI) in the District of Columbia rose 14.5 percent from the September 2007 level of 1,153 to 1,320. Over the year, UI initial claims were down 2 percent from the 1,347 level in October 2006. The October 2007 initial claims for all programs were up from September 2007 by 152 to 1,337 and lower by 55 or 4 percent from the October 2006 level of 1,392.

For the all programs total, most other benefit statistics were higher in October 2007 compared to September 2007. Weeks claimed rose 7.1 percent to 18,742, weeks compensated were up 13.5 percent to 32,303, benefits paid increased 13.4 percent to \$9,070,706, while the average weekly benefit amount (A.W.B.A.) fell 0.1 percent to \$280.80. First payments were up 14.7 percent to 1,523 and final payments increased 17.8 percent to 902.



Over the year, most other benefit statistics were higher in October 2007 compared to October 2006. Weeks claimed were down 7.2 percent while weeks compensated rose 7.2 percent. Benefits paid increased by 9.0 percent and the average weekly benefit amount rose 1.6 percent from the \$276.24 October 2006 amount. First payments were up 12.5 percent and final payments were 9.3 percent higher.

Washington Metropolitan Division Civilian Labor Force Employment and Unemployment Rate

The civilian labor force in the Washington Metropolitan Division increased by 6,300 in October 2007 as employment rose by 4,300 and the number unemployed increased by 2,000. The unemployment rate in the Washington Metropolitan Division, at 3.1 percent in October, was up 0.1 percent from the rate in September 2007.

Over the last twelve months, the number of employed residents in the Washington Metropolitan Division rose by 8,000. With 4,100 more unemployed division residents, the division civilian labor force rose by 12,100. The metropolitan division's October 2007 unemployment rate was up 0.2 percent from the rate in October 2006.

Washington Metropolitan Area Civilian Labor Force Employment and Unemployment Rate

The civilian labor force in the suburban ring of communities surrounding the District of Columbia increased by 10,400 in October 2007 as employment rose by 6,100 and the number unemployed increased by 4,400. The unemployment rate in the suburban ring, at 2.8 percent in October, was up 0.2 percent from the rate in September 2007.

Over the last twelve months, the number of employed residents in the suburban ring rose by 3,500. With 5,500 more unemployed suburban residents, the suburban

Employment Status for the Civilian Population District of Columbia, Washington Metropolitan Division and Statistical Area October 2007/a

	July 2007	June 2007	July/b 2006	June/b 2006	Net Change From	
					June 2007	July 2006
Seasonally Adjusted						
Washington, D.C.						
Civilian Labor Force	318,100	318,200	317,800	314,900	-100	300
Total Employed	299,700	299,900	298,600	295,800	-200	1,100
Total Unemployed	18,400	18,300	19,300	19,100	100	-900
Unemployment Rate	5.8	5.7	6.1	6.1	0.1	-0.3
Not Seasonally Adjusted						
Washington, D.C.						
Civilian Labor Force	317,300	317,700	317,200	313,900	-400	100
Total Employed	299,600	298,900	299,500	294,800	700	100
Total Unemployed	17,700	18,900	17,700	19,100	-1,200	0
Unemployment Rate	5.6	5.9	5.6	6.1	-0.3	0.0
Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Division						
Civilian Labor Force	2,347,500	2,341,200	2,335,400	2,322,100	6,300	12,100
Total Employed	2,274,900	2,270,600	2,266,900	2,247,900	4,300	8,000
Total Unemployed	72,600	70,600	68,500	74,200	2,000	4,100
Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.0	2.9	3.2	0.1	0.2
Suburban Ring						
Civilian Labor Force	2,677,400	2,667,000	2,668,400	2,652,400	10,400	9,000
Total Employed	2,603,400	2,597,300	2,599,900	2,579,600	6,100	3,500
Total Unemployed	74,000	69,600	68,500	72,800	4,400	5,500
Unemployment Rate	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.7	0.2	0.2
Washington, D.C. MSA						
Civilian Labor Force	2,994,700	2,984,700	2,985,600	2,966,300	10,000	9,100
Total Employed	2,903,000	2,896,200	2,899,400	2,874,400	6,800	3,600
Total Unemployed	91,700	88,500	86,200	91,900	3,200	5,500
Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.0	2.9	3.1	0.1	0.2

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

b/ Data reflect 2006 benchmark revisions.

na: Not available. Estimates for 2005 based on the 2006 benchmark revisions will not be available until May 2007.

Note: Estimates for the latest year are subject to revision early the following calendar year. 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, Fauquier, 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.

civilian labor force rose by 9,000. The suburban ring's October 2007 unemployment rate was up 0.2 percent from the rate in October 2006.

For the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area, the number of persons in the civilian labor force increased by 10,000 in October 2007. The number of employed residents in the metropolitan area rose by 6,800 and the number of unemployed residents increased by 3,200. The metropolitan area's unemployment rate at 3.1 percent in October 2007 was up 0.1 percent from the rate in September 2007.

Compared to October 2006, the metropolitan area's civilian labor force rose by 9,100. Employment increased by 3,600 and unemployment rose by 5,500. The Washington Metropolitan Area's October 2007 unemployment rate was up 0.2 percent from the October 2006 rate of 2.9 percent.



Selected Unemployment Insurance Benefit Statistics (Regular Programs) District of Columbia October 2007

	% Change From				
	Sept. 2007	Aug. 2007	Sept. 2006	Aug. 2007	Sept. 2006
State UI Program a/					
Initial Claims	1,320	1,153	1,347	14.5	-2.0
Weeks Claimed	17,970	16,601	19,495	8.2	-7.8
Weeks Compensated	30,812	26,950	28,918	14.3	6.5
Benefits Paid	\$8,601,143	\$7,523,537	\$7,938,205	14.3	8.4
A.W.B.A.	\$279.15	\$279.17	\$274.51	0.0	1.7
First Payments	1,474	1,290	1,309	14.3	12.6
Final Payments	825	687	787	20.1	4.8
Beneficiaries	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Program b/					
Initial Claims	16	27	31	-40.7	-48.4
Weeks Claimed	637	773	579	-17.6	10.0
Weeks Compensated	1,340	1,386	1,103	-3.3	21.5
Benefits Paid	\$419,541	\$433,223	\$347,121	-3.2	20.9
A.W.B.A.	\$313.09	\$312.57	\$314.71	0.2	-0.5
First Payments	40	33	37	21.2	8.1
Final Payments	74	76	31	-2.6	138.7
Beneficiaries	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Ex-Servicemen Program c/					
Initial Claims	1	5	14	-80.0	-92.9
Weeks Claimed	135	125	120	8.0	12.5
Weeks Compensated	151	126	115	19.8	31.3
Benefits Paid	\$50,022	\$41,905	\$39,527	19.4	26.6
A.W.B.A.	\$331.27	\$332.58	\$343.71	-0.4	-3.6
First Payments	9	5	8	80.0	12.5
Final Payments	3	3	7	0.0	-57.1
Beneficiaries	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total - All Programs					
Initial Claims	1,337	1,185	1,392	12.8	-4.0
Weeks Claimed	18,742	17,499	20,194	7.1	-7.2
Weeks Compensated	32,303	28,462	30,136	13.5	7.2
Benefits Paid	\$9,070,706	\$7,998,665	\$8,324,853	13.4	9.0
A.W.B.A.	\$280.80	\$281.03	\$276.24	-0.1	1.6
First Payments	1,523	1,328	1,354	14.7	12.5
Final Payments	902	766	825	17.8	9.3
Beneficiaries	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

a/ Includes joint claims with Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) and/or Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Servicemen (UCX).

b/ Includes joint claims with Unemployment Compensation of Ex-Servicemen (UCX).

c/ No joint claims.

District of Columbia Job Growth

The number of District wage and salary jobs increased by 2,300 in October 2007. The private sector gained 2,700 jobs while the public sector lost 400 jobs. In the private sector, educational and health services increased by 3,100 jobs, trade, transportation and utilities gained 200 jobs, and professional and business services added 100 jobs. Meanwhile, financial activities lost 300 jobs, natural resources and construction and information shed 200 jobs each. Manufacturing, leisure and hospitality, and other services were unchanged over the month. In the public sector, the Federal Government lost 800 jobs; the District Government added 300 jobs; and transportation gained 100 jobs.

In the last twelve months, the District gained a total of 10,300 jobs. The private sector added 8,300 jobs and the public sector gained 2,000 jobs. The private sector growth occurred in professional and business services (up by 5,500 jobs), leisure and hospitality and other services (up by 900 jobs each), financial activities (up by 700 jobs), information (up by 400 jobs), and trade, transportation and utilities (up by 200 jobs). Manufacturing, natural resources and construction, and educational and health services lost 100 jobs each. In the public sector, the District Government gained 1,500 jobs, the Federal Government added 300 jobs, and transportation gained 200 jobs.



Wage and Salary Employment by Industry and Place of Work a/ (In Thousands)

INDUSTRY	District of Columbia			Metropolitan Division		
	Oct. b/ 2007	Sept. c/ 2007	Oct. 2006	Oct. b/ 2007	Sept. c/ 2007	Oct. 2006
TOTAL	700.3	698.0	690.0	2,436.0	2,426.2	2,402.6
Total Private Sector	468.1	465.4	459.8	1,885.3	1,882.3	1,854.6
Total Government	232.2	232.6	230.2	550.7	543.9	548.0
Total Goods Producing	14.4	14.6	14.6	194.4	195.9	192.6
Manufacturing	1.6	1.6	1.7	42.9	43.4	42.9
Durable Goods	na	na	na	26.7	26.9	26.0
Non-Durable Goods	na	na	na	16.2	16.5	16.9
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	12.8	13.0	12.9	151.5	152.5	149.7
Construction of Buildings	na	na	na	35.7	35.9	35.0
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	na	na	na	18.2	18.4	18.0
Specialty Trade Contractors	na	na	na	96.4	97.2	95.6
Total Service Providing	685.9	683.4	675.4	2,241.6	2,230.3	2,210.0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	28.2	28.0	28.0	325.7	323.4	321.2
Wholesale Trade	4.7	4.7	4.7	54.5	54.8	54.3
Retail Trade	18.4	18.1	18.1	213.9	211.8	209.0
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	na	na	na	24.4	24.7	25.0
Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies Dealers	na	na	na	17.0	17.2	16.9
Food & Beverage Stores	na	na	na	39.7	39.4	38.6
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	na	na	na	26.2	25.4	24.4
Department Stores	na	na	na	24.3	24.0	24.4
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	5.1	5.2	5.2	57.3	56.8	57.9
Utilities	na	na	na	7.5	7.5	7.4
Transportation & Warehousing	na	na	na	49.8	49.3	50.5
Air Transportation	na	na	na	11.4	11.7	11.7
Information	23.0	23.2	22.6	80.2	80.6	81.1
Publishing industries (except Internet)	8.9	8.8	8.7	na	na	na
Financial Activities	30.2	30.5	29.5	118.2	118.9	116.1
Finance and insurance	18.9	19.0	18.3	76.6	77.0	75.0
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	9.4	9.4	8.8	45.1	45.3	44.2
Depository Credit Intermediation	na	na	na	19.7	19.6	19.2
Nondepository Credit Intermediation	na	na	na	19.4	19.5	19.6
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	11.3	11.5	11.2	41.6	41.9	41.1
Professional and Business Services	160.7	160.6	155.2	563.0	560.7	545.9
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	105.1	105.0	103.3	372.6	371.0	361.8
Legal Services	36.6	35.9	35.4	48.9	48.1	48.0
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping, & Payroll Services	na	na	na	18.2	18.2	18.4
Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services	na	na	na	48.7	48.4	47.8
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	na	na	na	128.6	128.0	122.9
Management, Scientific, and Technical Consulting Services	na	na	na	67.4	66.9	63.3
Scientific Research and Development Services	15.3	15.3	15.3	na	na	na
Management of Companies and Enterprises	na	na	na	32.3	32.2	31.6
Administrative & Support & Waste Management & Remediation Services	54.5	54.3	50.4	158.1	157.5	152.5

Wage and Salary Employment by Industry and Place of Work a/ (In Thousands) continued

Employment Services	12.5	12.7	12.3	31.7	31.3	32.0
Investigation and Security Services	8.4	8.4	8.4	na	na	na
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	13.4	13.2	12.7	52.5	52.0	51.3
Educational and Health Services	96.2	93.1	96.3	250.9	247.7	250.4
Educational Services	43.3	40.2	43.7	73.6	70.7	75.9
Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools	33.7	30.6	33.4	43.5	40.7	46.2
Health Care and Social Assistance	52.9	52.9	52.6	177.3	177.0	174.5
Ambulatory Health Care Services	10.9	10.7	10.7	62.7	62.4	60.8
Offices of Physicians	na	na	na	25.5	25.6	25.2
Outpatient Care Centers	na	na	na	8.0	7.9	7.9
Hospitals	24.9	24.8	24.6	56.2	56.1	55.4
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	6.5	6.6	6.8	27.5	27.7	27.2
Social Assistance	na	na	na	30.9	30.8	31.1
Child Day Care Services	na	na	na	14.9	14.6	14.6

Wage and Salary Employment by Industry and Place of Work a/ (In Thousands)

INDUSTRY	District of Columbia			Metropolitan Division		
	Oct. b/ 2007	Sept. c/ 2007	Oct. 2006	Oct. b/ 2007	Sept. c/ 2007	Oct. 2006
Leisure and Hospitality	55.0	55.0	54.1	205.7	208.5	202.9
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	5.9	5.8	5.9	27.3	29.1	27.1
Accommodation and Food Services	49.1	49.2	48.2	178.4	179.4	175.8
Accommodation	15.7	15.6	15.5	34.9	34.9	35.1
Food Services and Drinking Places	33.4	33.6	32.7	143.5	144.5	140.7
Full-Service Restaurants	17.4	17.5	16.8	74.4	74.8	72.8
Limited-Service Eating Places	10.1	10.0	9.9	55.9	56.3	54.6
Special Food Services	4.8	4.8	4.7	12.2	12.2	11.2
Other Services	60.4	60.4	59.5	147.2	146.6	144.4
Personal and Laundry Services	na	na	na	26.3	26.2	26.2
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, & Similar Organizations	53.3	53.3	52.6	104.4	103.7	101.9
Business, Professional, Labor, Political, & Similar Organizations	26.4	26.4	26.3	43.2	43.1	42.4
Government	232.2	232.6	230.2	550.7	543.9	548.0
Federal Government	192.9	193.7	192.6	297.3	297.6	297.6
State Government & Local Government / Public Transportation	39.3	38.9	37.6	na	na	na
State Government	34.1	33.8	32.6	77.8	73.8	75.3
Local Government	na	na	na	175.6	172.5	175.1
Public Transportation	5.2	5.1	5.0	na	na	na

a/ Data may not equal totals due to independent rounding. Data reflect 2006 benchmark revisions.

b/ Preliminary.

c/ Revised.

Data includes all full and part-time employees who worked or received pay for any part of pay period which includes the 12th of the month.

Proprietors, self-employed, unpaid family workers, and private household workers are excluded.

The Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Division includes the District of Columbia; Calvert County, MD; Charles County, MD; Prince George's County, MD; Arlington County, VA; Clarke County, VA; Fairfax County, VA; Fauquier County, VA; Loudoun County, VA; Prince William County, VA; Spotsylvania County, VA; Stafford County, VA; Warren County, VA; Alexandria city, VA; Fairfax city, VA; Falls Church city, VA; Fredericksburg city, VA; Manassas city, VA; Manassas Park city, VA; and Jefferson County, WV

SOURCE: Prepared by the Department of Employment Services Office of Labor Market Research and Information in cooperation with the Virginia Employment Commission, the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, the West Virginia Bureau of Employment Programs and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Washington Metropolitan Division Job Growth

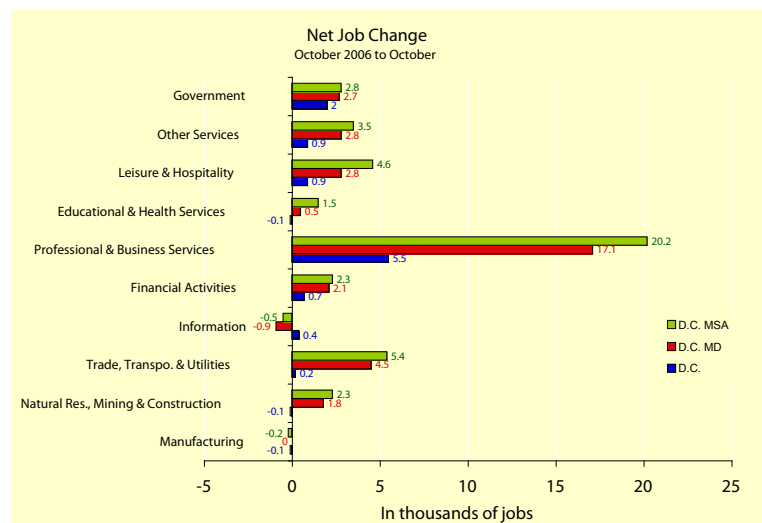
Total wage and salary employment in the Washington Metropolitan Division increased over the month in October 2007 by 9,800. The private sector increased by 3,000 jobs and the public sector gained 6,800 jobs. Within the private sector, gains were registered in educational and health services (up by 3,200 jobs), trade, transportation, and utilities and professional and business services (up by 2,300 jobs each), and other services (up by 600 jobs). Losses were registered in leisure and hospitality (down by 2,800 jobs), natural resources, mining and construction (down by 1,000 jobs), financial activities (down by 700 jobs), manufacturing (down by 500 jobs), and information (down by 400 jobs). In the public sector, state government gained 4,000 jobs; local government added 3,100 jobs; and the federal government shed 300 jobs.

During the past twelve months, the Washington Metropolitan Division gained 33,400 jobs. The private sector added 30,700 jobs and the public sector gained 2,700 jobs. Private sector gains were registered in professional and business services (up by 17,100 jobs), trade, transportation, and utilities (up by 4,500 jobs), leisure and hospitality and other services (up by 2,800 jobs each), financial activities (up by 2,100 jobs), natural resources, mining and construction (up by 1,800 jobs), and educational and health services (up by 500 jobs). Manufacturing was unchanged while a loss was registered in information (down by 900 jobs). In the public sector, state government gained 2,500 jobs and local government added 500 jobs while the federal government lost 300 jobs.

Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area Job Growth

Total wage and salary employment in the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area increased over the month in October 2007 by 12,200. The private sector increased by 4,600 jobs and the public sector gained 7,600 jobs. Within the private sector, gains were registered in educational and health services (up by 4,300 jobs), trade, transportation, and utilities (up by 3,100 jobs), professional and business services (up by 2,200 jobs), and other services (up by 600 jobs). Losses were noted in leisure and hospitality (down by 3,200 jobs), natural resources, mining and construction (down by 1,000 jobs), financial activities (down by 600 jobs), and manufacturing and information (down by 400 jobs each). In the public sector, the federal government lost 800 jobs.

During the past twelve months, the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area gained 41,900 jobs. The private sector added 39,100 jobs and the public sector gained 2,800 jobs. Private sector gains were registered in professional and business services (up by 20,200 jobs), trade, transportation, and utilities (up by 5,400 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 4,600 jobs), other services (up by 3,500 jobs), natural resources, mining and construction and financial activities (up by 2,300 jobs each), and educational and health services (up by 1,500 jobs). Losses occurred in information (down by 500 jobs) and manufacturing (down by 200 jobs). In government, the federal government lost 500 jobs over the year.



Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Statistical Area

Wage and Salary Employment by Industry and Place of Work a/ (In Thousands)

INDUSTRY	CHANGE FROM				
	Oct. b/ 2007	Sept. c/ 2007	Oct. 2006	Sept. 2007	Oct. 2006
TOTAL	3024.2	3012.0	2982.3	12.2	41.9
Total Private Sector	2378.1	2373.5	2339.0	4.6	39.1
Total Government	646.1	638.5	643.3	7.6	2.8
Total Goods Producing	258.4	259.8	256.3	-1.4	2.1
Manufacturing	62.6	63.0	62.8	-0.4	-0.2
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	195.8	196.8	193.5	-1.0	2.3
Specialty Trade Contractors	121.9	123.3	121.6	-1.4	0.3
Total Service Providing	2765.8	2752.2	2726.0	13.6	39.8
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	410.4	407.3	405.0	3.1	5.4
Wholesale Trade	70.2	70.5	70.0	-0.3	0.2
Retail Trade	275.3	272.4	269.7	2.9	5.6
Food & Beverage Stores	52.5	52.2	51.5	0.3	1.0
Department Stores	31.4	31.1	31.5	0.3	-0.1
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	64.9	64.4	65.3	0.5	-0.4
Information	97.7	98.1	98.2	-0.4	-0.5
Financial Activities	163.5	164.1	161.2	-0.6	2.3
Finance and insurance	106.8	107.1	105.6	-0.3	1.2
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	59.9	60.1	59.0	-0.2	0.9
Professional and Business Services	692.5	690.3	672.3	2.2	20.2
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	450.6	448.8	438.6	1.8	12.0
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	149.7	149.0	144.1	0.7	5.6
Administrative & Support & Waste Management & Remediation Services	201.8	201.7	194.8	0.1	7.0
Employment Services	46.2	46.0	46.0	0.2	0.2
Educational and Health Services	323.2	318.9	321.7	4.3	1.5
Health Care and Social Assistance	238.7	238.0	234.3	0.7	4.4
Ambulatory Health Care Services	88.5	88.0	85.6	0.5	2.9
Offices of Physicians	36.2	36.3	35.6	-0.1	0.6
Hospitals	68.9	68.6	67.9	0.3	1.0
Leisure and Hospitality	253.8	257.0	249.2	-3.2	4.6
Accommodation and Food Services	218.1	219.1	214.6	-1.0	3.5
Food Services and Drinking Places	179.1	179.8	175.5	-0.7	3.6
Other Services	178.6	178.0	175.1	0.6	3.5
Government	646.1	638.5	643.3	7.6	2.8
Federal Government	340.4	341.2	340.9	-0.8	-0.5

a/ Data may not equal totals due to independent rounding. Data reflect 2005 benchmark revisions. • b/ Preliminary. • c/ Revised.

Data includes all full and part-time employees who worked or received pay for any part of pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Proprietors, self-employed, unpaid family workers, and private household workers are excluded. The Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Statistical Area includes The Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Division and the Bethesda-Frederick-Gaithersburg, MD Metropolitan Division. The Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Division includes the District of Columbia; Calvert County, MD; Charles County, MD; Prince George's County, MD; Arlington County, VA; Clarke County, VA; Fairfax County, VA; Fauquier County, VA; The Bethesda-Frederick-Gaithersburg, MD Metropolitan Division includes the counties of Frederick and Montgomery in Maryland.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Table prepared by the Department of Employment Services Office of Labor Market Research and Information.

**D.C. Metro Division Average Hours and Earnings
(of production workers in manufacturing)**

In October 2007, average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in the Washington metropolitan division increased by \$7.15 over the month to \$686.54. A rise in average hourly earnings was responsible for the increase. Average hourly earnings were up by twenty three cents to \$17.74 while average weekly hours were down 0.1 hour to 38.7.

From October 2006 to October 2007, average weekly earnings increased by \$13.55. This increase was due to a rise in average hourly earnings. Average hourly earnings rose thirty five cents while average weekly hours were unchanged.

**D.C. Metro Division Average Hours & Earnings
(of Production Workers in Manufacturing)**

	Oct. '07 p	Sept. '07 r	Oct. '06 a
Weekly Earnings	\$686.54	\$679.39	\$672.99
Weekly Hours	38.7	38.8	38.7
Hourly Earnings	\$17.74	\$17.51	\$17.39

*p: Preliminary
r: Revised
a: Reflecting 2006 benchmark revisions*

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