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Unemployment Rates Seasonally Adjusted

	Feb. 2008	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2007
Michigan	7.2	7.1	7.0
Alaska	6.6	6.4	6.0
District of Columbia	5.9	6.2	5.7
Mississippi	5.9	6.0	6.5
Rhode Island	5.8	5.7	4.9
California	5.7	5.9	5.0
Illinois	5.5	5.6	4.8
Nevada	5.5	5.5	4.5
Oregon	5.5	5.5	5.0
South Carolina	5.5	6.1	5.8
Missouri	5.3	5.5	4.9
Ohio	5.3	5.5	5.5
Tennessee	5.3	4.9	4.5
Georgia	5.2	4.9	4.2
Kentucky	5.2	5.2	5.7
Arkansas	5.0	5.6	5.3
Connecticut	5.0	4.8	4.4
North Carolina	5.0	4.9	4.5
Pennsylvania	4.9	4.8	4.3
Wisconsin	4.9	4.9	5.1
Maine	4.8	4.9	4.6
New Jersey	4.8	4.5	4.3
Florida	4.6	4.6	3.7
Indiana	4.6	4.5	4.8
Minnesota	4.6	4.5	4.6
West Virginia	4.6	4.4	4.6
Massachusetts	4.5	4.5	4.7
New York	4.5	5.0	4.4
Washington	4.5	4.5	4.5
Colorado	4.4	4.2	3.8
Vermont	4.3	4.2	4.0
Texas	4.1	4.3	4.5
Arizona	4.0	4.3	3.8
Alabama	3.7	4.0	3.3
Delaware	3.7	3.8	3.4
Kansas	3.7	3.8	4.2
Louisiana	3.7	4.0	3.8
New Hampshire	3.7	3.5	3.8
Iowa	3.5	3.6	3.7
Virginia	3.5	3.4	2.9
Maryland	3.4	3.5	3.6
Montana	3.3	3.2	3.1
Hawaii	3.2	3.1	2.4
New Mexico	3.2	3.1	3.8
Oklahoma	3.1	3.7	4.3
North Dakota	3.0	3.2	3.2
Utah	3.0	3.0	2.4
Idaho	2.8	2.8	2.8
Nebraska	2.8	2.9	3.0
Wyoming	2.7	2.7	2.8
South Dakota	2.6	2.6	3.1

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

National Unemployment Rates

The February 2008 national unemployment rate of 5.2 percent (not seasonally adjusted) was 0.2 percent lower than the rate in January 2008 and 0.3 percent higher than the rate in February 2007.

The seasonally adjusted national unemployment rate in February 2008 was 4.8 percent; down 0.1 percent from the January 2008 rate and 0.3 percent higher than the February 2007, seasonally adjusted, national unemployment rate.

State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In February, the District of Columbia and Mississippi had the third highest unemployment rates at 5.9 percent each. Michigan recorded the highest jobless rate at 7.2 percent followed by Alaska, at 6.6 percent. South Dakota, at 2.6 percent, posted the lowest unemployment rate, followed by Wyoming, at 2.7 percent, and Idaho and Nebraska, at 2.8 percent each. Fifteen additional states recorded rates of 4.0 percent or below including Maryland, at 3.4 percent and Virginia, at 3.5 percent.

Over the month, unemployment rates were lower in the District of Columbia and 20 states, higher in 19 states, and unchanged in 11 states. The largest rate decreases were in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and South Carolina (down 0.6 percentage point each), and New York (down 0.5 percentage point). Tennessee (up 0.4 percentage point) registered the largest rate increase followed by Georgia and New Jersey (up 0.3 percentage point each).

Compared to a year earlier, unemployment rates were higher in the District of Columbia and 26 states, lower in 20 states, and unchanged in 4 states. Georgia and Nevada (up 1.0 percentage point each) recorded the largest over-the-year unemployment rate increases followed by Florida and Rhode Island (up 0.9 percentage point each), and Hawaii and Tennessee (up 0.8 percentage point each). Oklahoma (down 1.2 percentage points) recorded the largest over-the-year unemployment rate decrease.

Unemployment Rates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Feb. 08 p	Jan. 08 r	Feb. 07 a
U.S.A.	5.2	5.4	4.9
Washington, DC MSA	3.3	3.5	3.1
Washington, DC MD	3.5	3.7	3.2
D.C.	5.8	6.7	5.7

D.C. Ward	1	5.0	5.7	4.9
	2	2.8	3.2	2.7
	3	1.5	1.7	1.5
	4	4.7	5.4	4.6
	5	7.9	9.0	7.7
	6	5.7	6.6	5.6
	7	10.2	11.6	9.9
	8	15.6	17.6	15.2

Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

U.S.A.	4.8	4.9	4.5
D.C.	5.9	6.2	5.7

a: Reflecting 2007 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

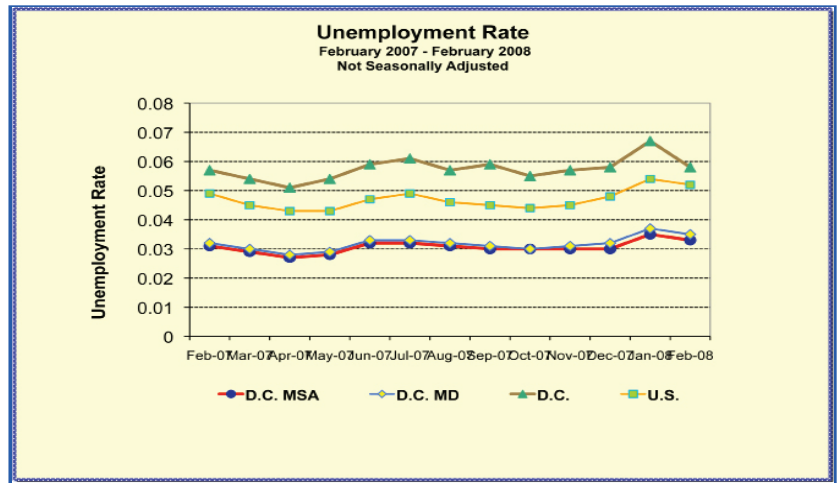
The District of Columbia's seasonally adjusted February 2008 unemployment rate was 5.9 percent, down 0.3 percent from the January 2008 rate. The February 2008 rate was 0.2 percent higher than the rate in February 2007.

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for February 2008 was 5.8 percent; down 0.9 percent from the rate in January 2008 and 0.1 percent higher than the rate in February 2007.



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

Over the month, the District's civilian labor force increased by 3,400 to 329,200. A total of 310,000 residents were employed and 19,200 were unemployed in February 2008. A 6,000 increase in the number of employed residents along with a 2,600 decrease in the number of unemployed residents resulted in a 0.9 percent drop in the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate.



From February 2007 to February 2008, the District's civilian labor force increased by 5,700 as the number of employed residents rose by 4,900 and the number of unemployed residents increased by 800. The District's February 2008 unemployment rate was 0.1 percent higher than the rate in February 2007.

Unemployment Insurance Benefit Statistics

In February 2008, initial claims filed for Unemployment Insurance (UI) in the District of Columbia fell 29.7 percent from the January 2008 level of 1,639 to 1,152. Over the year, UI initial claims were up 16.6 percent from the 988 level in February 2007. The February 2008 initial claims for all programs were down from January 2008 by 499 to 1,172 and higher by 16 or 1.4 percent from the February 2007 level of 1,156.

For the all programs total, most other benefit statistics were lower in February 2008 compared to January 2008. Weeks claimed fell 10.9 percent to 16,794, weeks compensated were down 23.1 percent to 28,502, benefits paid decreased 22.9 percent to \$8,069,172, while the average weekly benefit amount (A.W.B.A.) rose 0.3 percent to \$283.11. First payments were down 30 percent to 1,457 while final payments increased 2.2 percent to 890.

Over the year, all other benefit statistics were higher in February 2008 compared to February 2007. Weeks claimed were up 0.5 percent and weeks compensated rose 7.9 percent. Benefits paid increased by 9.4 percent and the average weekly benefit amount rose 1.3 percent from the \$279.38 February 2007 amount. First payments were up 3.6 percent and final payments were 14.1 percent higher.



Washington Metropolitan Division Civilian Labor Force Employment and Unemployment Rate

The civilian labor force in the Washington Metropolitan Division increased by 2,800 in February 2008 as employment rose by 7,300 and the number unemployed decreased by 4,500. The unemployment rate in the Washington Metropolitan Division, at 3.5 percent in February, was down 0.2 percent from the rate in January 2008.

Over the last twelve months, the number of employed residents in the Washington Metropolitan Division rose by 19,800. With 7,400 more unemployed division residents, the division civilian labor force rose by 27,300. The metropolitan division's February 2008 unemployment rate was up 0.3 percent from the rate in February 2007.

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 decreased by 2,100 in February 2008 as employment rose by 500 and the number unemployed decreased by 2,600. The unemployment rate in the suburban ring, at 3.0 percent in February, was down 0.1 percent from the rate in January 2008.

Over the last twelve months, the number of employed residents in the suburban ring increased by 15,700. With 5,700 more unemployed suburban residents, the

Employment Status for the Civilian Population District of Columbia, Washington Metropolitan Division and Statistical Area February 2008/a

	Feb./b 2008	Jan./c 2008	Feb./d 2007	Jan./d 2007	Net Change From	
					Jan./c 2008	Feb./d 2007
Seasonally Adjusted						
Washington, D.C.						
Civilian Labor Force	331,600	328,800	325,300	323,900	2,800	6,300
Total Employed	312,000	308,400	306,800	305,400	3,600	5,200
Total Unemployed	19,600	20,400	18,500	18,600	-800	1,100
Unemployment Rate	5.9	6.2	5.7	5.7	-0.3	0.2
Not Seasonally Adjusted						
Washington, D.C.						
Civilian Labor Force	329,200	325,800	323,500	321,400	3,400	5,700
Total Employed	310,000	304,000	305,100	302,100	6,000	4,900
Total Unemployed	19,200	21,800	18,400	19,300	-2,600	800
Unemployment Rate	5.8	6.7	5.7	6.0	-0.9	0.1
Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Division						
Civilian Labor Force	2,352,000	2,349,200	2,324,700	2,325,100	2,800	27,300
Total Employed	2,270,500	2,263,200	2,250,700	2,248,400	7,300	19,800
Total Unemployed	81,500	86,000	74,100	76,700	-4,500	7,400
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.7	3.2	3	-0.2	0.3
Suburban Ring						
Civilian Labor Force	2,654,400	2,656,500	2,633,000	2,639,600	-2,100	21,400
Total Employed	2,574,400	2,573,900	2,558,700	2,562,600	500	15,700
Total Unemployed	80,000	82,600	74,300	77,000	-2,600	5,700
Unemployment Rate	3.0	3.1	2.8	3	-0.1	0.2
Washington, D.C. MSA						
Civilian Labor Force						
Total Employed	2,983,600	2,982,300	2,956,500	2,961,000	1,300	27,100
Total Unemployed	2,884,400	2,877,900	2,863,800	2,864,700	6,500	20,600
Unemployment Rate	99,200	104,400	92,700	96,300	-5,200	6,500
	3.3	3.5	3.1	3	-0.2	0.2

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

b/ Preliminary Data

c/ Revised Data

d/ Data Reflects 2007 Benchmark Revisions

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.

suburban civilian labor force rose by 21,400. The suburban ring's February 2008 unemployment rate was up 0.2 percent from the rate in February 2007.

For the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area, the number of persons in the civilian labor force increased by 1,300 in February 2008. The number of employed residents in the metropolitan area rose by 6,500 and the number of unemployed residents decreased by 5,200. The metropolitan area's unemployment rate at 3.3 percent in February 2008 was down 0.2 percent from the rate in January 2008.

Compared to February 2007, the metropolitan area's civilian labor force rose by 27,100. Employment increased by 20,600 and unemployment rose by 6,500. The Washington Metropolitan Area's February 2008 unemployment rate was up 0.2 percent from the February 2007 rate of 3.1 percent.



Selected Unemployment Insurance Benefit Statistics (Regular Programs) District of Columbia February 2008

	Feb. 2008	Jan. 2008	% Change From		Feb. 2007
			Feb. 2007	Jan. 2008	
State UI Program a/					
Initial Claims	1,152	1,639	988	-29.7	16.6
Weeks Claimed	16,427	18,388	15,606	-10.7	5.3
Weeks Compensated	27,629	35,854	24,836	-22.9	11.2
Benefits Paid	\$7,791,630	\$10,076,678	\$6,880,144	-22.7	13.2
A.W.B.A.	\$282.01	\$281.05	\$277.02	0.3	1.8
First Payments	1,406	2,024	1,241	-30.5	13.3
Final Payments	857	823	746	4.1	14.9
Beneficiaries	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Program b/					
Initial Claims	16	28	159	-42.9	-89.9
Weeks Claimed	278	361	968	-23.0	-71.3
Weeks Compensated	770	1,067	1,445	-27.8	-46.7
Benefits Paid	\$242,678	\$336,740	\$453,608	-27.9	-46.5
A.W.B.A.	\$315.17	\$315.60	\$313.92	-0.1	0.4
First Payments	47	49	163	-4.1	-71.2
Final Payments	30	41	29	-26.8	3.4
Beneficiaries	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Ex-Servicemen Program c/					
Initial Claims	4	4	9	0.0	-55.6
Weeks Claimed	89	92	136	-3.3	-34.6
Weeks Compensated	103	134	126	-23.1	-18.3
Benefits Paid	\$34,864	\$46,176	\$43,713	-24.5	-20.2
A.W.B.A.	\$338.49	\$344.60	\$346.93	-1.8	-2.4
First Payments	4	7	3	-42.9	33.3
Final Payments	3	7	5	-57.1	-40.0
Beneficiaries	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total - All Programs					
Initial Claims	1,172	1,671	1,156	-29.9	1.4
Weeks Claimed	16,794	18,841	16,710	-10.9	0.5
Weeks Compensated	28,502	37,055	26,407	-23.1	7.9
Benefits Paid	\$8,069,172	\$10,459,594	\$7,377,465	-22.9	9.4
A.W.B.A.	\$283.11	\$282.27	\$279.38	0.3	1.3
First Payments	1,457	2,080	1,407	-30.0	3.6
Final Payments	890	871	780	2.2	14.1
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 7,100 in February 2008. The private sector gained 7,700 jobs while the public sector shed 600 jobs. In the private sector, educational and health services increased by 4,700 jobs, professional and business services gained 1,500 jobs, leisure and hospitality added 1,000 jobs, other services gained 500 jobs, and natural resources and construction and information added 100 jobs each. Trade, transportation and utilities and financial activities lost 100 jobs each. Meanwhile, manufacturing was unchanged over the month. In the public sector, the District Government gained 100 jobs; the Federal Government lost 600 jobs; and transportation shed 100 jobs.

In the last twelve months, the District gained a total of 7,800 jobs. The private sector added 6,000 jobs and the public sector gained 1,800 jobs. The private sector growth occurred in educational and health services (up by 3,000 jobs), professional and business services (up by 2,600 jobs), other services (up by 2,000 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 700 jobs), natural resources and construction (up by 200 jobs), and trade, transportation and utilities (up by 100 jobs). Losses were noted in financial activities (down by 1,300 jobs), information (down by 1,200 jobs), and manufacturing and (down by 100 jobs). In the public sector, the District Government gained 1,300 jobs, the Federal Government increased by 400 jobs, and transportation added 100 jobs.



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

INDUSTRY	District of Columbia			Metropolitan Division		
	Feb. b/ 2008	Jan. c/ 2008	Feb./c 2007	Feb. b/ 2008	Jan. c/ 2008	Feb./c 2007
TOTAL	698.1	691.0	690.3	2,409.1	2,400.1	2,382.3
Total Private Sector	467.4	459.7	461.4	1,853.4	1,848.7	1,834.9
Total Government	230.7	231.3	228.9	555.7	551.4	547.4
Total Goods Producing	13.8	13.7	13.7	175.4	177.1	180.6
Manufacturing	1.6	1.6	1.7	41.2	41.0	42.0
Durable Goods	na	na	na	24.5	24.4	25.2
Non-Durable Goods	na	na	na	16.7	16.6	16.8
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	12.2	12.1	12.0	134.2	136.1	138.6
Construction of Buildings	na	na	na	29.9	30.2	33.3
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	na	na	na	15.2	15.4	15.6
Specialty Trade Contractors	na	na	na	88.1	89.5	88.8
Total Service Providing	684.3	677.3	676.6	2,233.7	2,223.0	2,201.7
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	27.3	27.4	27.2	317.6	323.0	315.1
Wholesale Trade	4.8	4.7	4.8	55.3	55.1	54.8
Retail Trade	17.8	18.0	17.8	205.3	210.8	204.3
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	na	na	na	24.8	24.7	25.0
Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies Dealers	na	na	na	15.1	15.3	15.6
Food & Beverage Stores	na	na	na	38.1	38.2	37.9
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	na	na	na	25.2	26.3	23.6
Department Stores	na	na	na	24.0	25.5	24.0
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	4.7	4.7	4.6	57.0	57.1	56.0
Utilities	na	na	na	7.7	7.6	7.7
Transportation & Warehousing	na	na	na	49.3	49.5	48.3
Air Transportation	na	na	na	12.7	12.6	12.0
Information	21.3	21.2	22.5	75.7	76.0	78.2
Publishing industries (except Internet)	7.6	7.5	8.7	na	na	na
Financial Activities	28.4	28.5	29.7	112.9	112.2	115.8
Finance and insurance	17.1	17.2	18.2	71.7	71.3	75.0
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	8.2	8.3	8.9	41.3	41.1	44.0
Depository Credit Intermediation	na	na	na	19.4	19.4	19.1
Nondepository Credit Intermediation	na	na	na	17.6	17.6	19.5
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	11.3	11.3	11.5	41.2	40.9	40.8
Professional and Business Services	154.9	153.4	152.3	556.3	552.3	543.4
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	104.9	104.3	102.6	374.5	372.4	365.8
Legal Services	36.1	35.8	35.5	48.6	48.4	48.1
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping, & Payroll Services	na	na	na	21.8	20.6	21.8
Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services	na	na	na	47.9	48.0	48.0
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	na	na	na	129.1	128.5	125.9
Management, Scientific, and Technical Consulting Services	na	na	na	67.5	67.9	63.8
Scientific Research and Development Services	13.2	13.1	13.7	na	na	na
Management of Companies and Enterprises	na	na	na	32.1	32.2	31.5
Administrative & Support & Waste Management & Remediation Services	48.5	47.5	48.3	149.7	147.7	146.1

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

Employment Services	13.8	13.3	12.7	32.1	31.5	30.8
Investigation and Security Services	8.8	8.9	8.7	na	na	na
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	11.2	11.2	11.9	47.1	46.6	45.6
Educational and Health Services	104.6	99.9	101.6	266.1	259.9	258.4
Educational Services	49.0	45.1	47.7	83.7	78.6	81.0
Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools	37.7	34.3	35.9	51.7	47.0	49.0
Health Care and Social Assistance	55.6	54.8	53.9	182.4	181.3	177.4
Ambulatory Health Care Services	12.1	12.1	11.5	64.4	64.2	61.8
Offices of Physicians	na	na	na	25.5	25.3	25.1
Outpatient Care Centers	na	na	na	8.1	8.2	8.1
Hospitals	25.4	24.1	23.9	57.0	56.1	55.4
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	6.9	6.8	7.0	27.8	27.7	27.3
Social Assistance	na	na	na	33.2	33.3	32.9
Child Day Care Services	na	na	na	14.4	14.4	14.7

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

INDUSTRY	District of Columbia			Metropolitan Division		
	Feb. b/ 2008	Jan. c/ 2008	Feb./c 2007	Feb. b/ 2008	Jan. c/ 2008	Feb./c 2007
Leisure and Hospitality	53.5	52.5	52.8	199.1	198.4	194.7
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	5.9	5.8	5.4	24.8	25.2	23.4
Accommodation and Food Services	47.6	46.7	47.4	174.3	173.2	171.3
Accommodation	13.9	13.6	15.3	32.5	32.0	33.6
Food Services and Drinking Places	33.7	33.1	32.1	141.8	141.2	137.7
Full-Service Restaurants	17.6	17.3	17.0	71.2	71.0	71.4
Limited-Service Eating Places	10.7	10.5	9.8	57.8	57.5	54.5
Special Food Services	4.1	4.1	4.0	11.0	10.9	9.9
Other Services	63.6	63.1	61.6	150.3	149.8	148.7
Personal and Laundry Services	na	na	na	26.3	26.5	25.9
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, & Similar Organizations	57.2	56.6	54.8	107.5	106.8	104.7
Business, Professional, Labor, Political, & Similar Organizations	27.6	27.3	26.1	43.0	42.8	42.5
Government	230.7	231.3	228.9	555.7	551.4	547.4
Federal Government	189.7	190.3	189.3	296.6	297.4	296.0
State Government & Local Government / Public Transportation	41.0	41.0	39.6	na	na	na
State Government	35.9	35.8	34.6	77.0	72.6	76.4
Local Government	na	na	na	182.1	181.4	175.0
Public Transportation	5.1	5.2	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

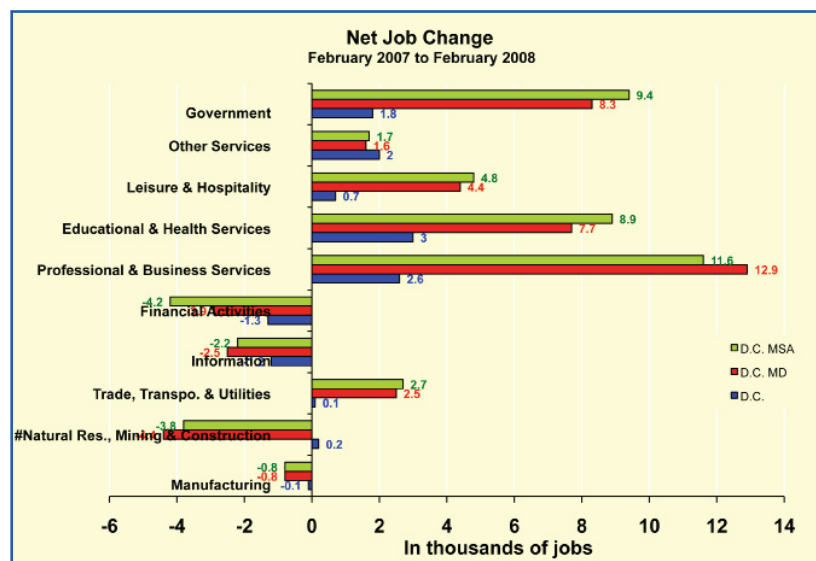
Total wage and salary employment in the Washington Metropolitan Division increased over the month in February 2008 by 9,000. The private sector increased by 4,700 jobs and the public sector gained 4,300 jobs. Within the private sector, gains were registered in educational and health services (up by 6,200 jobs), professional and business services (up by 4,000 jobs), financial activities and leisure and hospitality (up by 700 jobs each), other services (up by 500 jobs), and manufacturing (up by 200 jobs). Losses were noted in trade, transportation, and utilities (down by 5,400 jobs), natural resources, mining and construction (down by 1,900 jobs), and information (down by 300 jobs). In the public sector, state government gained 4,400 jobs; local government added 700 jobs; and the federal government shed 800 jobs.

During the past twelve months, the Washington Metropolitan Division gained 26,800 jobs. The private sector added 18,500 jobs and the public sector gained 8,300 jobs. Private sector gains were registered in professional and business services (up by 12,900 jobs), educational and health services (up by 7,700 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 4,400 jobs), trade, transportation, and utilities (up by 2,500 jobs), and other services (up by 1,600 jobs). Losses were registered in natural resources, mining and construction (down by 4,400 jobs), financial activities (down by 2,900 jobs), information (down by 2,500 jobs), and manufacturing (down by 800 jobs). In the public sector, local government added 7,100 jobs and the Federal Government and State Government gained 600 jobs each.

Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area Job Growth

Total wage and salary employment in the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area increased over the month in February 2008 by 9,000. The private sector increased by 3,800 jobs and the public sector gained 5,200 jobs. Within the private sector, gains were recorded in educational and health services (up by 6,700 jobs), professional and business services (up by 4,300 jobs), financial activities and other services (up by 600 jobs each), leisure and hospitality (up by 400 jobs), and manufacturing (up by 200 jobs). Losses were registered in trade, transportation, and utilities (down by 6,700 jobs), natural resources, mining and construction (down by 2,100 jobs), and information (down by 200 jobs). In the public sector, the federal government lost 800 jobs.

During the past twelve months, the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area gained 28,100 jobs. The private sector added 18,700 jobs and the public sector gained 9,400 jobs. Private sector gains were registered in professional and business services (up by 11,600 jobs), educational and health services (up by 8,900 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 4,800 jobs), trade, transportation, and utilities (up by 2,700 jobs), and other services (up by 1,700 jobs). Losses occurred in financial activities (down by 4,200 jobs), natural resources, mining and construction (down by 3,800 jobs), information (down by 2,200 jobs), and manufacturing (down by 800 jobs). In government, the federal government gained 1,300 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				
	Feb. b/ 2008	Jan. c/ 2008	Feb. 2007	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2007
TOTAL	2977.2	2968.2	2949.1	9.0	28.1
Total Private Sector	2324.6	2320.8	2305.9	3.8	18.7
Total Government	652.6	647.4	643.2	5.2	9.4
Total Goods Producing	236.4	238.3	241.0	-1.9	-4.6
Manufacturing	61.3	61.1	62.1	0.2	-0.8
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	175.1	177.2	178.9	-2.1	-3.8
Specialty Trade Contractors	112.6	114.0	112.9	-1.4	-0.3
Total Service Providing	2740.8	2729.9	2708.1	10.9	32.7
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	399.3	406.0	396.6	-6.7	2.7
Wholesale Trade	70.7	70.5	70.3	0.2	0.4
Retail Trade	264.9	271.8	263.6	-6.9	1.3
Food & Beverage Stores	50.7	50.9	50.4	-0.2	0.3
Department Stores	31.7	33.8	31.5	-2.1	0.2
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	63.7	63.7	62.7	0.0	1.0
Information	92.4	92.6	94.6	-0.2	-2.2
Financial Activities	156.4	155.8	160.6	0.6	-4.2
Finance and insurance	101.9	101.6	106.0	0.3	-4.1
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	55.3	55.1	58.9	0.2	-3.6
Professional and Business Services	676.5	672.2	664.9	4.3	11.6
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	448.5	446.0	441.3	2.5	7.2
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	149.5	148.9	145.9	0.6	3.6
Administrative & Support & Waste Management & Remediation Services	188.3	186.3	184.3	2.0	4.0
Employment Services	43.1	42.6	43.1	0.5	0.0
Educational and Health Services	338.2	331.5	329.3	6.7	8.9
Health Care and Social Assistance	241.9	240.8	236.4	1.1	5.5
Ambulatory Health Care Services	89.6	89.4	86.5	0.2	3.1
Offices of Physicians	36.2	36.0	35.4	0.2	0.8
Hospitals	69.5	68.5	67.4	1.0	2.1
Leisure and Hospitality	243.8	243.4	239.0	0.4	4.8
Accommodation and Food Services	211.7	211.1	208.4	0.6	3.3
Food Services and Drinking Places	175.6	175.1	170.7	0.5	4.9
Other Services	181.6	181.0	179.9	0.6	1.7
Government	652.6	647.4	643.2	5.2	9.4
Federal Government	340.5	341.3	339.2	-0.8	1.3

a/ Data may not equal totals due to independent rounding. Data reflect 2007 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 February 2008, average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in the Washington metropolitan division increased \$3.20 to \$696.46. A rise in average weekly hours was responsible for the increase. Average weekly hours were up 0.2 hour to 38.8 while average hourly earnings were down by one cent to \$17.95.

From February 2007 to February 2008, average weekly earnings increased by \$28.57. This increase

was due to rises in both average weekly hours and average hourly earnings. Average weekly hours rose 0.7 hour and average hourly earnings were up forty two cents.

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

	Feb. '08 p	Jan. '08 r	Feb. '07 a
Weekly Earnings	\$696.46	\$693.26	\$667.89
Weekly Hours	38.8	38.6	38.1
Hourly Earnings	\$17.95	\$17.96	\$17.53

p: Preliminary

r: Revised

a: Reflecting 2007 benchmark revisions

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