

# Labor Market Trends

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## Unemployment Rates Seasonally Adjusted

	Jan. 2008	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2007
Michigan	7.1	7.4	7.0
Alaska	6.5	6.3	6.1
District of Columbia	6.2	5.7	5.7
South Carolina	6.1	6.2	6.0
Mississippi	6.0	6.3	6.3
<b>California</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>5.0</b>
Rhode Island	5.7	5.2	4.9
Arkansas	5.6	5.5	5.3
Illinois	5.6	5.3	4.6
Missouri	5.5	5.3	4.7
Nevada	5.5	5.2	4.5
Ohio	5.5	5.8	5.4
Oregon	5.5	5.4	5.1
Kentucky	5.2	5.3	5.7
Maine	5.0	4.9	4.5
New York	5.0	4.6	4.4
Georgia	4.9	4.5	4.3
North Carolina	4.9	4.7	4.5
Tennessee	4.9	5.0	4.6
Wisconsin	4.9	4.8	4.9
Connecticut	4.8	4.8	4.4
Pennsylvania	4.8	4.4	4.3
Florida	4.6	4.5	3.6
Indiana	4.5	4.5	4.8
Massachusetts	4.5	4.3	4.7
Minnesota	4.5	4.7	4.5
New Jersey	4.5	4.2	4.3
Washington	4.5	4.6	4.6
West Virginia	4.4	4.6	4.3
Arizona	4.3	4.2	3.9
Texas	4.3	4.2	4.5
Colorado	4.2	4.0	3.9
Vermont	4.2	3.9	4.0
Alabama	4.0	3.7	3.4
Louisiana	4.0	4.0	3.8
Delaware	3.8	3.5	3.3
Kansas	3.8	4.2	4.0
Iowa	3.6	3.8	3.7
Oklahoma	3.6	4.1	4.2
Maryland	3.5	3.6	3.6
New Hampshire	3.5	3.4	3.7
Virginia	3.4	3.2	2.8
Montana	3.2	3.2	3.1
North Dakota	3.2	3.2	3.1
Hawaii	3.1	3.1	2.4
New Mexico	3.1	3.2	3.8
Utah	3.0	2.9	2.5
Nebraska	2.9	2.8	2.9
Idaho	2.8	2.7	2.8
Wyoming	2.7	3.1	2.9
South Dakota	2.6	2.9	3.0

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

## National Unemployment Rates

The January 2008 national unemployment rate of 5.4 percent (not seasonally adjusted) was 0.6 percent higher than the rate in December 2007 and 0.4 percent higher than the rate in January 2007.

The seasonally adjusted national unemployment rate in January 2008 was 4.9 percent; down 0.1 percent from the December 2007 rate and

## State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In January, the District of Columbia had the third highest unemployment rate at 6.2 percent. Michigan recorded the highest jobless rate at 7.1 percent followed by Alaska, at 6.5 percent. South Dakota, at 2.6 percent, posted the lowest unemployment rate, followed by Wyoming, at 2.7 percent, and Idaho, at 2.8 percent. Fifteen additional states recorded rates of 4.0 percent or below including Virginia, at 3.4 percent and Maryland, at 3.5 percent.

Over the month, unemployment rates were higher in the District of Columbia and 27 states, lower in 16 states, and unchanged in 7 states. The largest rate increases were in the District of Columbia and Rhode Island (up 0.5 percentage point each), and Georgia, New York, and Pennsylvania (up 0.4 percentage point each). Oklahoma (down 0.5 percentage point) registered the largest rate decrease followed by Kansas and Wyoming (down 0.4 percentage point each).

Compared to a year earlier, unemployment rates were higher in the District of Columbia and 32 states, lower in 14 states, and unchanged in 4 states. Florida, Illinois, and Nevada (up 1.0 percentage point each) recorded the largest over-the-year unemployment rate increases followed by California (up 0.9 percentage point), and Missouri and Rhode Island (up 0.8 percentage point). New Mexico (down 0.7 percentage point) recorded the largest over-the-year unemployment rate decrease.

## Unemployment Rates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Jan. 08	Dec. 07 a	Jan. 07 a
<b>U.S.A.</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>5.0</b>
<b>Washington, DC MSA</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.3</b>
<b>Washington, DC MD</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.3</b>
<b>D.C.</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>6.0</b>

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D.C. Ward	1	5.8	5.0	5.1
	2	3.3	2.8	2.9
	3	1.8	1.5	1.5
	4	5.5	4.7	4.9
	5	9.1	7.8	8.1
	6	6.6	5.7	5.9
	7	11.7	10.1	10.4
	8	17.7	15.5	15.9

## Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

<b>U.S.A.</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>4.6</b>
<b>D.C.</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>5.7</b>

*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

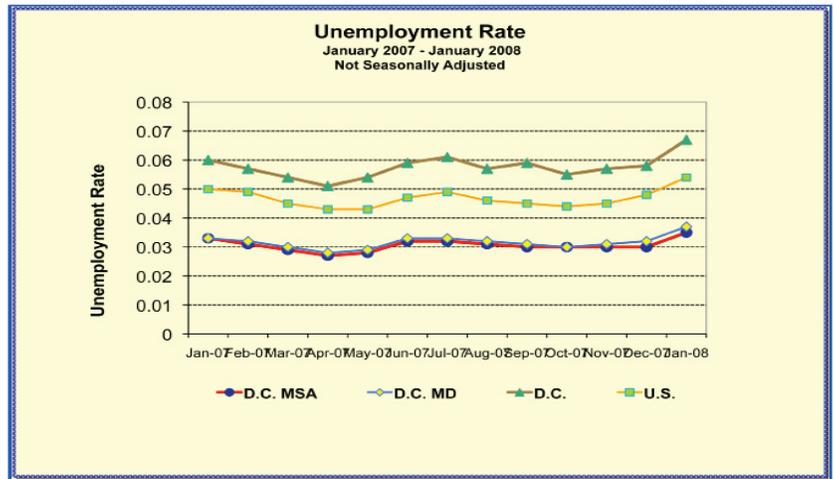
The District of Columbia's seasonally adjusted January 2008 unemployment rate was 6.2 percent, up 0.5 percent from the December 2007 rate. The January 2008 rate was 0.5 percent higher than the rate in January 2007.

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for January 2008 was 6.7 percent; up 0.9 percent from the rate in December 2007 and 0.7 percent higher than the rate in January 2007.



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

Over the month, the District's civilian labor force increased by 100 to 325,900. A total of 303,900 residents were employed and 22,000 were unemployed in January 2008. A 3,100 decrease in the number of employed residents along with a 3,100 increase in the number of unemployed residents resulted in a 0.9 percent rise in the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate.



From January 2007 to January 2008, the District's civilian labor force increased by 4,500 as the number of employed residents rose by 1,800 and the number of unemployed residents increased by 2,700. The District's January 2008 unemployment rate was 0.7 percent higher than the rate in January 2007.

## Unemployment Insurance Benefit Statistics

In January 2008, initial claims filed for Unemployment Insurance (UI) in the District of Columbia rose 18.5 percent from the December 2007 level of 1,383 to 1,639. Over the year, UI initial claims were up 15.7 percent from the 1,417 level in January 2007. The January 2008 initial claims for all programs were up from December 2007 by 269 to 1,671 and higher by 13 or 0.8 percent from the January 2007 level of 1,658.

For the all programs total, other benefit statistics were mixed in January 2008 compared to December 2007. Weeks claimed fell 6.9 percent to 18,841, weeks compensated were up 30 percent to 37,055, benefits paid increased 30 percent to \$10,459,594, and the average weekly benefit amount (A.W.B.A.) fell 0.1 percent to \$282.27. First payments were up 36.3 percent to 2,080 while final payments decreased 8.2 percent to 871.



Over the year, most other benefit statistics were higher in January 2008 compared to January 2007. Weeks claimed were down 3.1 percent while weeks compensated rose 10.7 percent. Benefits paid increased by 11.8 percent and the average weekly benefit amount rose 1 percent from the \$279.37 January 2007 amount. First payments were up 10.5 percent while final payments were 4.6 percent lower.

## Washington Metropolitan Division Civilian Labor Force Employment and Unemployment Rate

The civilian labor force in the Washington Metropolitan Division increased by 4,300 in January 2008 as employment declined by 7,600 and the number unemployed increased by 12,000. The unemployment rate in the Washington Metropolitan Division, at 3.7 percent in January, was up 0.5 percent from the rate in December 2007.

Over the last twelve months, the number of employed residents in the Washington Metropolitan Division rose by 17,000. With 9,600 more unemployed division residents, the division civilian labor force rose by 26,600. The metropolitan division's January 2008 unemployment rate was up 0.4 percent from the rate in January 2007.

## Washington Metropolitan Area Civilian Labor Force Employment and Unemploy- ment Rate

The civilian labor force in the suburban ring of communities surrounding the District of Columbia increased by 4,600 in January 2008 as employment declined by 6,400 and the number unemployed increased by 11,100. The unemployment rate in the suburban ring, at 3.1 percent in January, was up 0.4 percent from the rate in December 2007.

Over the last twelve months, the number of employed residents in the suburban ring increased by 13,300. With 5,800 more unemployed suburban residents, the

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

	Jan. 2008	Dec./b 2007	Jan./b 2007	Net Change From	
				Dec. 2007	Jan. 2007
<b>Seasonally Adjusted</b>					
<b>Washington, D.C.</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	328,900	328,300	323,900	600	5,000
Total Employed	308,400	309,600	305,400	-1,200	3,000
Total Unemployed	20,500	18,700	18,600	1,800	1,900
Unemployment Rate	6.2	5.7	5.7	0.5	0.5
<b>Not Seasonally Adjusted</b>					
<b>Washington, D.C.</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	325,900	325,800	321,400	100	4,500
Total Employed	303,900	307,000	302,100	-3,100	1,800
Total Unemployed	22,000	18,900	19,300	3,100	2,700
Unemployment Rate	6.7	5.8	6.0	0.9	0.7
<b>Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Division</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	2,351,700	2,347,400	2,325,100	4,300	26,600
Total Employed	2,265,400	2,273,000	2,248,400	-7,600	17,000
Total Unemployed	86,300	74,300	76,700	12,000	9,600
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.2	3.3	0.5	0.4
<b>Suburban Ring</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	2,658,700	2,654,100	2,639,600	4,600	19,100
Total Employed	2,575,900	2,582,300	2,562,600	-6,400	13,300
Total Unemployed	82,800	71,700	77,000	11,100	5,800
Unemployment Rate	3.1	2.7	2.9	0.4	0.2
<b>Washington, D.C. MSA</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	2,984,600	2,979,900	2,961,000	4,700	23,600
Total Employed	2,879,800	2,889,300	2,864,700	-9,500	15,100
Total Unemployed	104,800	90,600	96,300	14,200	8,500
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.0	3.3	0.5	0.2

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

b/ Data reflect 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 19,100. The suburban ring's January 2008 unemployment rate was up 0.2 percent from the rate in January 2007.

For the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area, the number of persons in the civilian labor force increased by 4,700 in January 2008. The number of employed residents in the metropolitan area fell by 9,500 and the number of unemployed residents increased by 14,200. The metropolitan area's unemployment rate at 3.5 percent in January 2008 was up 0.5 percent from the rate in December 2007.

Compared to January 2007, the metropolitan area's civilian labor force rose by 23,600. Employment increased by 15,100 and unemployment rose by 8,500. The Washington Metropolitan Area's January 2008 unemployment rate was up 0.2 percent from the January 2007 rate of 3.3 percent.



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

	% Change From				
	Jan. 2008	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2007
<b>State UI Program a/</b>					
Initial Claims	1,639	1,383	1,417	18.5	15.7
Weeks Claimed	18,388	19,623	18,620	-6.3	-1.2
Weeks Compensated	35,854	27,431	32,215	30.7	11.3
Benefits Paid	\$10,076,678	\$7,713,401	\$8,960,198	30.6	12.5
A.W.B.A.	\$281.05	\$281.19	\$278.14	-0.1	1.0
First Payments	2,024	1,493	1,721	35.6	17.6
Final Payments	823	894	882	-7.9	-6.7
Beneficiaries	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Federal Program b/</b>					
Initial Claims	28	17	233	64.7	-88.0
Weeks Claimed	361	489	668	-26.2	-46.0
Weeks Compensated	1,067	950	1,092	12.3	-2.3
Benefits Paid	\$336,740	\$295,729	\$334,183	13.9	0.8
A.W.B.A.	\$315.60	\$311.29	\$306.03	1.4	3.1
First Payments	49	29	155	69.0	-68.4
Final Payments	41	51	29	-19.6	41.4
Beneficiaries	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Ex-Servicemen Program c/</b>					
Initial Claims	4	2	8	100.0	-50.0
Weeks Claimed	92	125	161	-26.4	-42.9
Weeks Compensated	134	112	173	19.6	-22.5
Benefits Paid	\$46,176	\$38,200	\$58,871	20.9	-21.6
A.W.B.A.	\$344.60	\$341.07	\$340.29	1.0	1.3
First Payments	7	4	7	75.0	0.0
Final Payments	7	4	2	75.0	250.0
Beneficiaries	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Total - All Programs</b>					
Initial Claims	1,671	1,402	1,658	19.2	0.8
Weeks Claimed	18,841	20,237	19,449	-6.9	-3.1
Weeks Compensated	37,055	28,493	33,480	30.0	10.7
Benefits Paid	\$10,459,594	\$8,047,330	\$9,353,252	30.0	11.8
A.W.B.A.	\$282.27	\$282.43	\$279.37	-0.1	1.0
First Payments	2,080	1,526	1,883	36.3	10.5
Final Payments	871	949	913	-8.2	-4.6
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).

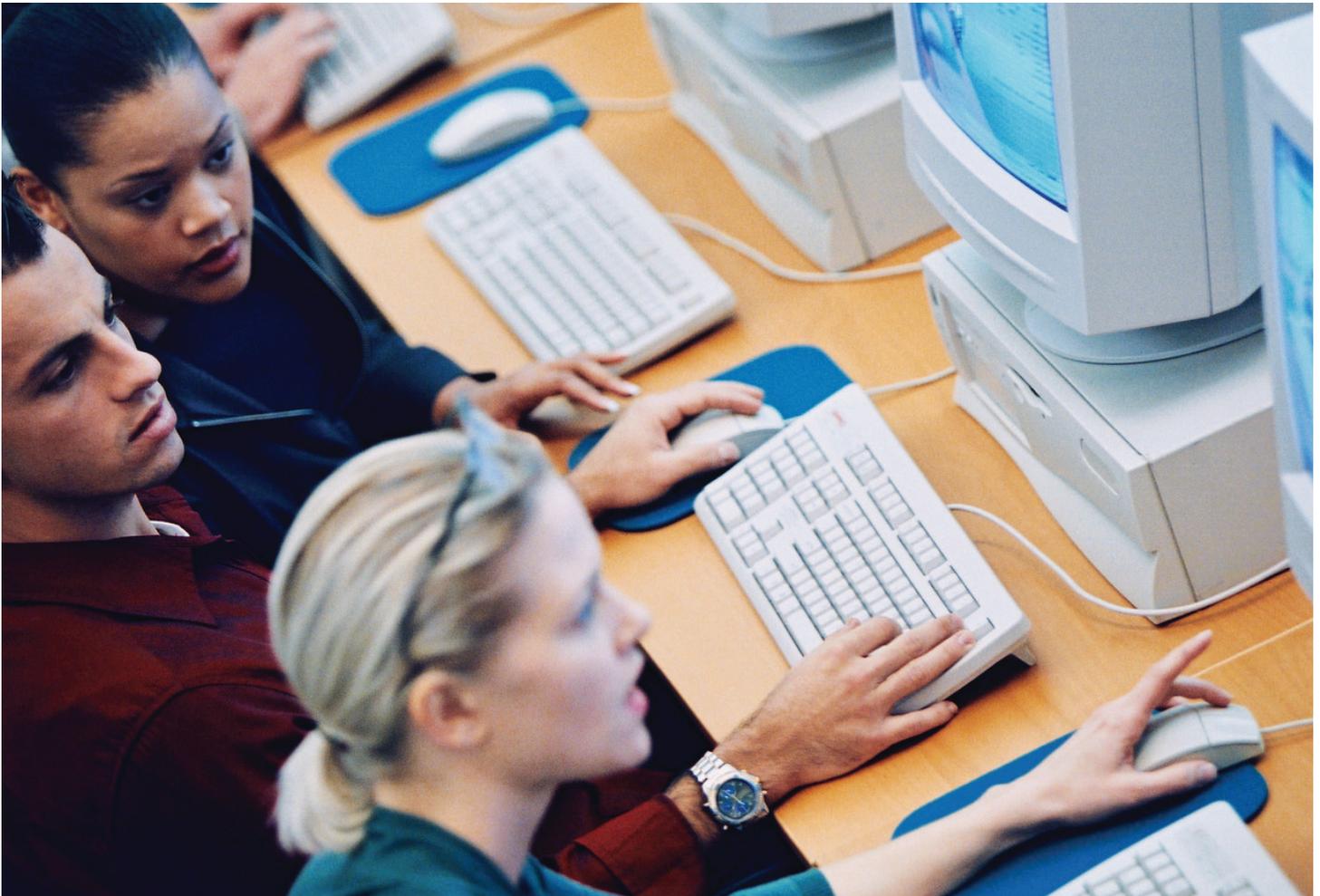
b/ Includes joint claims with Unemployment Compensation of Ex-Servicemen (UCX).

c/ No joint claims.

## District of Columbia Job Growth

The number of District wage and salary jobs decreased by 13,800 in January 2008. The private sector lost 11,500 jobs and the public sector shed 2,300 jobs. In the private sector, educational and health services decreased by 3,400 jobs, professional and business services lost 2,800 jobs, leisure and hospitality shed 2,400 jobs, other services lost 1,300 jobs, trade, transportation and utilities decreased by 600 jobs, natural resources and construction lost 500 jobs, financial activities declined by 400 jobs, and information shed 100 jobs. Meanwhile, manufacturing was unchanged over the month. In the public sector, the District Government shed 1,200 jobs; the Federal Government lost 1,100 jobs; and transportation was unchanged.

In the last twelve months, the District gained a total of 9,000 jobs. The private sector added 6,000 jobs and the public sector gained 3,000 jobs. The private sector growth occurred in professional and business services (up by 2,700 jobs), educational and health services (up by 2,500 jobs), other services (up by 2,100 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 800 jobs), and trade, transportation and utilities (up by 100 jobs). Losses were noted in information (down by 1,100 jobs), financial activities (down by 900 jobs), and manufacturing and natural resources and construction (down by 100 jobs each). In the public sector, the Federal Government increased by 1,500 jobs, the District Government gained 1,300 jobs, and transportation added 200 jobs.



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

INDUSTRY	District of Columbia			Metropolitan Division		
	Jan. b/ 2008	Dec. c/ 2007	Jan./c 2007	Jan. b/ 2008	Dec. c/ 2007	Jan./c 2007
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>690.8</b>	<b>704.6</b>	<b>681.8</b>	<b>2,403.0</b>	<b>2,443.8</b>	<b>2,374.2</b>
<b>Total Private Sector</b>	<b>459.8</b>	<b>471.3</b>	<b>453.8</b>	<b>1,851.4</b>	<b>1,883.3</b>	<b>1,832.4</b>
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>231.0</b>	<b>233.3</b>	<b>228.0</b>	<b>551.6</b>	<b>560.5</b>	<b>541.8</b>
<b>Total Goods Producing</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>177.7</b>	<b>181.5</b>	<b>182.9</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>41.9</b>
Durable Goods	na	na	na	24.3	24.8	25.1
Non-Durable Goods	na	na	na	16.6	16.9	16.8
<b>Natural Resources, Mining &amp; Construction</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>136.8</b>	<b>139.8</b>	<b>141.0</b>
Construction of Buildings	na	na	na	30.2	30.5	33.9
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	na	na	na	15.4	16.0	15.8
Specialty Trade Contractors	na	na	na	90.2	92.3	90.3
<b>Total Service Providing</b>	<b>677.1</b>	<b>690.4</b>	<b>667.9</b>	<b>2,225.3</b>	<b>2,262.3</b>	<b>2,191.3</b>
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>28.2</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>323.2</b>	<b>333.9</b>	<b>320.6</b>
Wholesale Trade	4.7	4.7	4.8	55.3	55.1	54.8
Retail Trade	18.2	18.7	18.0	211.0	220.9	209.9
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	na	na	na	24.7	25.1	24.9
Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies Dealers	na	na	na	15.4	15.8	15.8
Food & Beverage Stores	na	na	na	38.2	38.8	38.0
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	na	na	na	26.4	28.4	25.3
Department Stores	na	na	na	25.4	27.6	25.7
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	4.7	4.8	4.7	56.9	57.9	55.9
Utilities	na	na	na	7.6	7.7	7.5
Transportation & Warehousing	na	na	na	49.3	50.2	48.4
Air Transportation	na	na	na	12.3	12.4	11.9
<b>Information</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>75.8</b>	<b>76.2</b>	<b>78.3</b>
Publishing industries (except Internet)	7.6	7.6	8.7	na	na	na
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>28.6</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>111.9</b>	<b>112.9</b>	<b>115.4</b>
Finance and insurance	17.3	17.5	18.1	71.1	71.5	74.8
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	8.4	8.4	8.9	41.2	41.5	44.0
Depository Credit Intermediation	na	na	na	19.3	19.6	19.0
Nondepository Credit Intermediation	na	na	na	17.6	17.5	19.5
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	11.3	11.5	11.4	40.8	41.4	40.6
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>153.4</b>	<b>156.2</b>	<b>150.7</b>	<b>553.3</b>	<b>559.4</b>	<b>538.9</b>
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	104.3	105.5	102.1	373.0	374.4	363.2
Legal Services	35.8	36.3	35.2	48.4	48.9	47.8
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping, & Payroll Services	na	na	na	20.6	20.0	20.7
Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services	na	na	na	48.1	48.5	47.9
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	na	na	na	128.6	128.9	125.4
Management, Scientific, and Technical Consulting Services	na	na	na	67.8	67.7	63.5
Scientific Research and Development Services	13.1	13.3	13.8	na	na	na
Management of Companies and Enterprises	na	na	na	32.2	32.4	31.6
Administrative & Support & Waste Management & Remediation Services	47.6	49.1	47.3	148.1	152.6	144.1

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

Employment Services	8.9	8.9	8.8	na	na	na
Investigation and Security Services	11.2	11.3	12.0	46.7	48.2	45.2
Services to Buildings and Dwellings						
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>103.2</b>	<b>97.3</b>	<b>261.0</b>	<b>264.3</b>	<b>253.3</b>
Educational Services	<b>45.1</b>	<b>47.7</b>	<b>43.6</b>	<b>79.3</b>	<b>81.5</b>	<b>76.2</b>
Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools	34.3	36.3	32.3	47.1	49.9	44.8
Health Care and Social Assistance	54.7	55.5	53.7	181.7	182.8	177.1
Ambulatory Health Care Services	12.0	12.2	11.4	64.3	64.7	61.6
Offices of Physicians	na	na	na	25.3	25.5	25.2
Outpatient Care Centers	na	na	na	8.1	8.3	8.1
Hospitals	24.1	24.6	23.8	56.2	56.6	55.2
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	6.8	6.9	6.9	27.8	28.0	27.3
Social Assistance	na	na	na	33.4	33.5	33.0
Child Day Care Services	na	na	na	14.4	14.5	14.7

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INDUSTRY	District of Columbia			Metropolitan Division		
	Jan. b/ 2008	Dec. c/ 2007	Jan./c 2007	Jan. b/ 2008	Dec. c/ 2007	Jan./c 2007
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>52.3</b>	<b>54.7</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>199.2</b>	<b>204.8</b>	<b>195.2</b>
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	5.8	6.1	5.5	25.7	26.3	24.2
Accommodation and Food Services	46.5	48.6	46.0	173.5	178.5	171.0
Accommodation	13.4	14.4	14.6	32.2	33.5	32.9
Food Services and Drinking Places	33.1	34.2	31.4	141.3	145.0	138.1
Full-Service Restaurants	17.4	17.9	16.5	71.0	72.9	71.2
Limited-Service Eating Places	10.5	11.0	9.7	57.4	58.4	54.8
Special Food Services	3.9	4.1	4.1	10.9	11.5	10.3
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>63.1</b>	<b>64.4</b>	<b>61.0</b>	<b>149.3</b>	<b>150.3</b>	<b>147.8</b>
Personal and Laundry Services	na	na	na	26.4	26.9	26.0
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, & Similar Organizations	56.7	57.7	54.2	106.6	107.6	103.9
Business, Professional, Labor, Political, & Similar Organizations	27.4	27.9	25.8	42.7	43.6	42.0
<b>Government</b>	<b>231.0</b>	<b>233.3</b>	<b>228.0</b>	<b>551.6</b>	<b>560.5</b>	<b>541.8</b>
Federal Government	191.4	192.5	189.9	296.9	298.7	297.7
State Government & Local Government / Public Transportation	39.6	40.8	38.1	na	na	na
State Government	34.4	35.6	33.1	73.7	79.3	70.0
Local Government	na	na	na	181.0	182.5	174.1
Public Transportation	5.2	5.2	5.0	na	na	na

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## Washington Metropolitan Division Job Growth

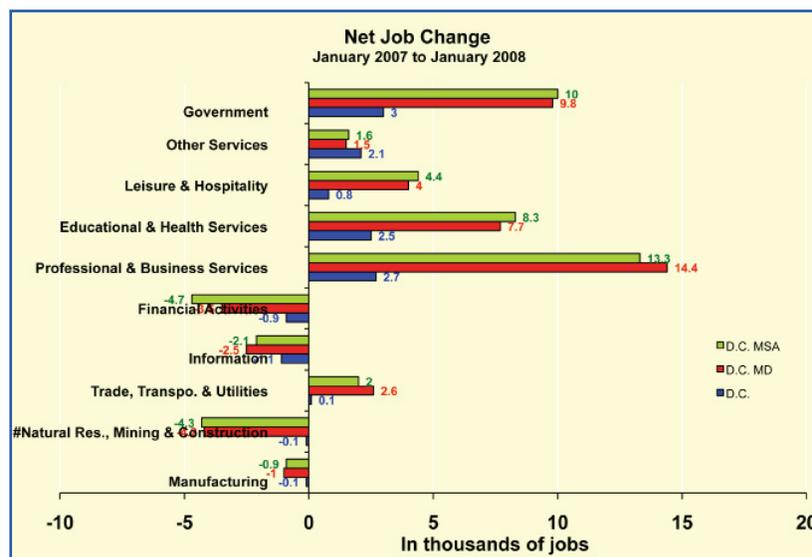
Total wage and salary employment in the Washington Metropolitan Division decreased over the month in January 2008 by 40,800. The private sector decreased by 31,900 jobs and the public sector declined by 8,900 jobs. Within the private sector, losses were registered in trade, transportation, and utilities (down by 10,700 jobs), professional and business services (down by 6,100 jobs), leisure and hospitality (down by 5,600 jobs), educational and health services (down by 3,300 jobs), natural resources, mining and construction (down by 3,000 jobs), financial activities and other services (down by 1,000 jobs each), manufacturing (down by 800 jobs), and information (down by 400 jobs). In the public sector, state government lost 5,600 jobs; the federal government shed 1,800 jobs; and local government lost 1,500 jobs.

During the past twelve months, the Washington Metropolitan Division gained 28,800 jobs. The private sector added 19,000 jobs and the public sector gained 9,800 jobs. Private sector gains were registered in professional and business services (up by 14,400 jobs), educational and health services (up by 7,700 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 4,000 jobs), trade, transportation, and utilities (up by 2,600 jobs), and other services (up by 1,500 jobs). Losses were registered in natural resources, mining and construction (down by 4,200 jobs), financial activities (down by 3,500 jobs), information (down by 2,500 jobs), and manufacturing (down by 1,000 jobs). In the public sector, local government added 6,900 jobs and state government gained 3,700 jobs while the federal government lost 800 jobs.

## Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area Job Growth

Total wage and salary employment in the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area decreased over the month in January 2008 by 57,100. The private sector decreased by 45,500 jobs and the public sector lost 11,600 jobs. Within the private sector, losses were registered in trade, transportation, and utilities (down by 14,300 jobs), professional and business services (down by 10,400 jobs), leisure and hospitality (down by 7,400 jobs), natural resources, mining and construction (down by 4,500 jobs), educational and health services (down by 4,400 jobs), financial activities (down by 1,700 jobs), other services (down by 1,500 jobs), manufacturing (down by 800 jobs), and information (down by 500 jobs). In the public sector, the federal government lost 1,900 jobs.

During the past twelve months, the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area gained 27,600 jobs. The private sector added 17,600 jobs and the public sector gained 10,000 jobs. Private sector gains were registered in professional and business services (up by 13,300 jobs), educational and health services (up by 8,300 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 4,400 jobs), trade, transportation, and utilities (up by 2,000 jobs), and other services (up by 1,600 jobs). Losses occurred in financial activities (down by 4,700 jobs), natural resources, mining and construction (down by 4,300 jobs), information (down by 2,100 jobs), and manufacturing (down by 900 jobs). In government, the federal government lost 400 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				
	Jan. b/ 2008	Dec. c/ 2007	Jan. 2007	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2007
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2970.8</b>	<b>3027.9</b>	<b>2943.2</b>	<b>-57.1</b>	<b>27.6</b>
<b>Total Private Sector</b>	<b>2323.5</b>	<b>2369.0</b>	<b>2305.9</b>	<b>-45.5</b>	<b>17.6</b>
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>647.3</b>	<b>658.9</b>	<b>637.3</b>	<b>-11.6</b>	<b>10.0</b>
<b>Total Goods Producing</b>	<b>239.0</b>	<b>244.3</b>	<b>244.2</b>	<b>-5.3</b>	<b>-5.2</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>61.1</b>	<b>61.9</b>	<b>62.0</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>-0.9</b>
<b>Natural Resources, Mining &amp; Construction</b>	<b>177.9</b>	<b>182.4</b>	<b>182.2</b>	<b>-4.5</b>	<b>-4.3</b>
Specialty Trade Contractors	114.7	117.5	115.0	-2.8	-0.3
<b>Total Service Providing</b>	<b>2731.8</b>	<b>2783.6</b>	<b>2699.0</b>	<b>-51.8</b>	<b>32.8</b>
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>406.2</b>	<b>420.5</b>	<b>404.2</b>	<b>-14.3</b>	<b>2.0</b>
Wholesale Trade	70.7	70.7	70.2	0.0	0.5
Retail Trade	272.0	285.1	271.4	-13.1	0.6
Food & Beverage Stores	50.9	51.7	50.5	-0.8	0.4
Department Stores	33.8	36.4	33.9	-2.6	-0.1
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	63.5	64.7	62.6	-1.2	0.9
<b>Information</b>	<b>92.4</b>	<b>92.9</b>	<b>94.5</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-2.1</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>155.5</b>	<b>157.2</b>	<b>160.2</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>-4.7</b>
Finance and insurance	101.4	102.2	105.7	-0.8	-4.3
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	55.3	55.7	58.9	-0.4	-3.6
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>673.2</b>	<b>683.6</b>	<b>659.9</b>	<b>-10.4</b>	<b>13.3</b>
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	446.6	450.2	438.0	-3.6	8.6
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	149.0	149.4	145.3	-0.4	3.7
Administrative & Support & Waste Management & Remediation Services	186.7	193.1	182.5	-6.4	4.2
Employment Services	42.7	46.4	42.8	-3.7	-0.1
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	<b>332.6</b>	<b>337.0</b>	<b>324.3</b>	<b>-4.4</b>	<b>8.3</b>
Health Care and Social Assistance	241.2	242.7	236.5	-1.5	4.7
Ambulatory Health Care Services	89.5	90.3	86.3	-0.8	3.2
Offices of Physicians	36.0	36.4	35.6	-0.4	0.4
Hospitals	68.6	68.9	67.4	-0.3	1.2
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>244.1</b>	<b>251.5</b>	<b>239.7</b>	<b>-7.4</b>	<b>4.4</b>
Accommodation and Food Services	211.4	217.5	208.3	-6.1	3.1
Food Services and Drinking Places	175.2	179.7	171.3	-4.5	3.9
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>180.5</b>	<b>182.0</b>	<b>178.9</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>647.3</b>	<b>658.9</b>	<b>637.3</b>	<b>-11.6</b>	<b>10.0</b>
<b>Federal Government</b>	<b>340.7</b>	<b>342.6</b>	<b>341.1</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>-0.4</b>

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

In January 2008, average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in the Washington metropolitan division decreased \$5.00 to \$690.02. A drop in average weekly hours was responsible for the decrease. Average weekly hours were down 0.5 hour to 38.7 while average hourly earnings were up by ten cents to \$17.83.

From January 2007 to January 2008, average weekly earnings increased by \$12.03. This increase was due to rises in both average weekly hours and average hourly earnings. Average weekly hours rose 0.2 hour and average hourly earnings were up twenty two cents.

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

	Jan. '08 p	Dec. '07 a	Jan. '07 a
<b>Weekly Earnings</b>	<b>\$690.02</b>	<b>\$695.02</b>	<b>\$677.99</b>
<b>Weekly Hours</b>	<b>38.7</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>38.5</b>
<b>Hourly Earnings</b>	<b>\$17.83</b>	<b>\$17.73</b>	<b>\$17.61</b>

*p: Preliminary*

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