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Unemployment Rates Seasonally Adjusted

	Mar. 2008	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2007
Michigan	7.2	7.2	7.0
Alaska	6.7	6.5	6.0
California	6.2	5.7	5.0
District of Columbia	6.2	5.9	5.7
Rhode Island	6.1	5.9	4.9
Mississippi	6.0	5.9	6.4
Nevada	5.8	5.5	4.6
Kentucky	5.7	5.3	5.6
Missouri	5.7	5.4	4.7
Ohio	5.7	5.3	5.5
Oregon	5.7	5.4	5.0
South Carolina	5.7	5.5	5.7
Tennessee	5.6	5.3	4.5
Illinois	5.5	5.5	4.6
Connecticut	5.3	5.0	4.4
Georgia	5.3	5.1	4.2
North Carolina	5.2	5.0	4.5
Indiana	5.1	4.6	4.6
Maine	5.0	4.8	4.6
Arkansas	4.9	5.0	5.3
Florida	4.9	4.6	3.7
Pennsylvania	4.9	5.0	4.3
Washington	4.9	4.5	4.4
New Jersey	4.8	4.8	4.3
New York	4.8	4.4	4.4
Wisconsin	4.8	4.9	5.0
Minnesota	4.7	4.5	4.5
West Virginia	4.7	4.6	4.4
Vermont	4.6	4.3	4.0
Louisiana	4.5	3.7	3.9
Colorado	4.4	4.4	3.7
Massachusetts	4.4	4.4	4.6
Texas	4.3	4.1	4.4
Alabama	4.1	3.7	3.4
Kansas	4.1	3.7	4.0
Arizona	4.0	4.0	3.7
New Hampshire	3.9	3.7	3.8
Delaware	3.8	3.7	3.4
New Mexico	3.7	3.2	3.7
Virginia	3.7	3.5	2.9
Maryland	3.6	3.4	3.5
Montana	3.6	3.3	3.1
Iowa	3.5	3.5	3.7
Utah	3.3	3.0	2.4
Hawaii	3.1	3.2	2.5
North Dakota	3.1	3.1	3.2
Oklahoma	3.1	3.1	4.3
Wyoming	3.1	2.7	3.0
Idaho	3.0	2.8	2.8
Nebraska	2.9	2.8	2.7
South Dakota	2.5	2.6	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 March 2008 national unemployment rate of 5.2 percent (not seasonally adjusted) was unchanged from the rate in February 2008 and 0.7 percent higher than the rate in March 2007.

The seasonally adjusted national unemployment rate in March 2008 was 5.1 percent; up 0.3 percent from the February 2008 rate and 0.7 percent higher than the March 2007, seasonally adjusted, national unemployment rate.

State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In March, the District of Columbia and California had the third highest unemployment rates at 6.2 percent each. Michigan recorded the highest jobless rate at 7.2 percent followed by Alaska, at 6.7 percent. South Dakota, at 2.5 percent, posted the lowest unemployment rate, followed by Nebraska, at 2.9 percent, and Idaho, at 3.0 percent. Thirteen additional states recorded rates of 4.0 percent or below including Maryland, at 3.6 percent and Virginia, at 3.7 percent.

Over the month, unemployment rates were higher in the District of Columbia and 36 states, lower in 5 states, and unchanged in 9 states. Louisiana (up 0.8 percentage point) registered the largest rate increase followed by California, Indiana, and New Mexico (up 0.5 percentage point each). The largest rate decrease (0.1 percentage point) was reported by five states.

Compared to a year earlier, unemployment rates were higher in the District of Columbia and 39 states, lower in 9 states, and unchanged in 2 states. California, Florida, Nevada, and Rhode Island (up 1.2 percentage point each) recorded the largest over-the-year unemployment rate increases followed by Georgia and Tennessee (up 1.1 percentage point each). Oklahoma (down 1.2 percentage points) recorded the largest over-the-year unemployment rate decrease.

Unemployment Rates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Mar. 08 p	Feb. 08 r	Mar. 07 a
U.S.A.	5.2	5.2	4.5
Washington, DC MSA	3.4	3.3	2.9
Washington, DC MD	3.6	3.5	3.0
D.C.	6.4	5.8	5.4

D.C. Ward	1	5.5	5.0	4.6
	2	3.1	2.8	2.6
	3	1.7	1.5	1.4
	4	5.2	4.7	4.4
	5	8.7	7.8	7.3
	6	6.3	5.7	5.3
	7	11.2	10.1	9.4
	8	17.0	15.5	14.5

Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

U.S.A.	5.1	4.8	4.4
D.C.	6.2	5.9	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

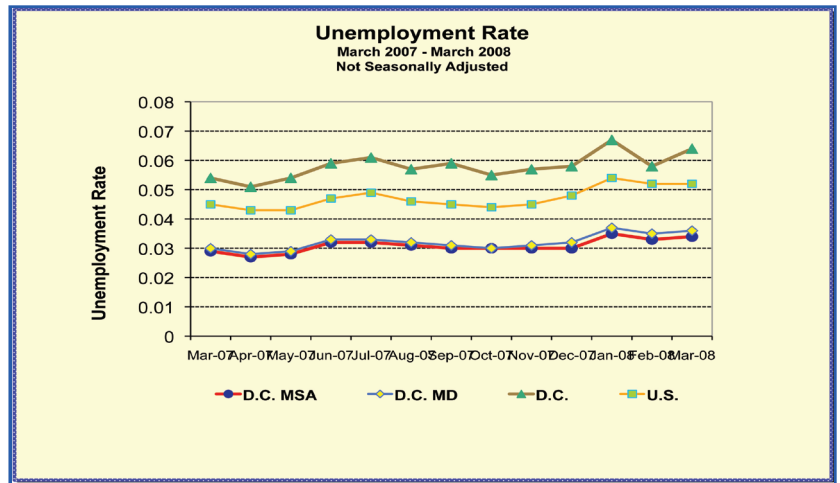
The District of Columbia's seasonally adjusted March 2008 unemployment rate was 6.2 percent, up 0.3 percent from the February 2008 rate. The March 2008 rate was 0.5 percent higher than the rate in March 2007.

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March 2008 was 6.4 percent; up 0.6 percent from the rate in February 2008 and 1.0 percent higher than the rate in March 2007



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

Over the month, the District's civilian labor force increased by 4,000 to 333,000. A total of 311,600 residents were employed and 21,500 were unemployed in March 2008. A 1,700 increase in the number of employed residents along with a 2,400 rise in the number of unemployed residents resulted in a 0.6 percent increase in the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate.



From March 2007 to March 2008, the District's civilian labor force increased by 9,000 as the number of employed residents rose by 5,000 and the number of unemployed residents increased by 4,100. The District's March 2008 unemployment rate was 1.0 percent higher than the rate in March 2007.

Unemployment Insurance Benefit Statistics

In March 2008, initial claims filed for Unemployment Insurance (UI) in the District of Columbia rose 9.2 percent from the February 2008 level of 1,152 to 1,258. Over the year, UI initial claims were up 16.9 percent from the 1,076 level in March 2007. The March 2008 initial claims for all programs were up from February 2008 by 107 to 1,279 and higher by 69 or 5.7 percent from the March 2007 level of 1,210.

For the all programs total, most other benefit statistics were lower in March 2008 compared to February 2008. Weeks claimed rose 11.8 percent to 18,768, weeks compensated were down 3.5 percent to 27,500, benefits paid decreased 2.8 percent to \$7,842,907, while the average weekly benefit amount (A.W.B.A.) rose 0.7 percent to \$285.20. First payments were down 15.1 percent to 1,237 and final payments decreased 4.9 percent to 846.



Over the year, most other benefit statistics were higher in March 2008 compared to March 2007. Weeks claimed were up 16 percent and weeks compensated rose 4.5 percent. Benefits paid increased by 6.3 percent and the average weekly benefit amount rose 1.7 percent from the \$280.35 March 2007 amount. First payments were down 9.4 percent while final payments were 7.4 percent higher.

Washington Metropolitan Division Civilian Labor Force Employment and Unemployment Rate

The civilian labor force in the Washington Metropolitan Division increased by 18,100 in March 2008 as employment rose by 15,000 and the number unemployed increased by 3,100. The unemployment rate in the Washington Metropolitan Division, at 3.6 percent in March, was up 0.1 percent from the rate in February 2008.

Over the last twelve months, the number of employed residents in the Washington Metropolitan Division rose by 19,600. With 16,100 more unemployed division residents, the division civilian labor force rose by 35,700. The metropolitan division's March 2008 unemployment rate was up 0.6 percent from the rate in March 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 15,200 in March 2008 as employment rose by 15,100 and the number unemployed decreased by 100. The unemployment rate in the suburban ring, at 3.0 percent in March, was unchanged from the rate in February 2008.

Over the last twelve months, the number of employed residents in the suburban ring increased by 13,100. With 12,600 more unemployed suburban residents, the suburban civilian labor force rose by 25,900. The suburban ring's

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

	Mar./b 2008	Feb./c 2008	Mar./d 2007	Feb./d 2007	Net Change From	
					Feb./c 2008	Mar./d 2007
Seasonally Adjusted						
Washington, D.C.						
Civilian Labor Force	333,700	331,500	325,600	325,300	2,200	8,100
Total Employed	313,100	312,000	307,100	306,800	1,100	6,000
Total Unemployed	20,600	19,500	18,500	18,500	1,100	2,100
Unemployment Rate	6.2	5.9	5.7	5.7	0.3	0.5
Not Seasonally Adjusted						
Washington, D.C.						
Civilian Labor Force	333,000	329,000	324,000	323,500	4,000	9,000
Total Employed	311,600	309,900	306,600	305,100	1,700	5,000
Total Unemployed	21,500	19,100	17,400	18,400	2,400	4,100
Unemployment Rate	6.4	5.8	5.4	5.7	0.6	1.0
Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Division						
Civilian Labor Force	2,370,900	2,352,800	2,335,200	2,324,700	18,100	35,700
Total Employed	2,285,700	2,270,700	2,266,100	2,250,600	15,000	19,600
Total Unemployed	85,200	82,100	69,100	74,100	3,100	16,100
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.5	3.0	3	0.1	0.6
Suburban Ring						
Civilian Labor Force	2,670,400	2,655,200	2,644,500	2,633,000	15,200	25,900
Total Employed	2,589,400	2,574,300	2,576,300	2,558,700	15,100	13,100
Total Unemployed	80,800	80,900	68,200	74,300	-100	12,600
Unemployment Rate	3.0	3.0	2.6	3	0.0	0.4
Washington, D.C. MSA						
Civilian Labor Force	3,003,400	2,984,200	2,968,500	2,956,500	19,200	34,900
Total Employed	2,901,000	2,884,200	2,882,900	2,863,800	16,800	18,100
Total Unemployed	102,300	100,000	85,600	92,700	2,300	16,700
Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.3	2.9	3	0.1	0.5

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.

March 2008 unemployment rate was up 0.4 percent from the rate in March 2007.

For the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area, the number of persons in the civilian labor force increased by 19,200 in March 2008. The number of employed residents in the metropolitan area rose by 16,800 and the number of unemployed residents increased by 2,300. The metropolitan area's unemployment rate at 3.4 percent in March 2008 was up 0.1 percent from the rate in February 2008.

Compared to March 2007, the metropolitan area's civilian labor force rose by 34,900. Employment increased by 18,100 and unemployment rose by 16,700. The Washington Metropolitan Area's March 2008 unemployment rate was up 0.5 percent from the March 2007 rate of 2.9 percent.



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

	Mar. 2008	Feb. 2008	% Change From		Mar. 2007
			Mar. 2007	Feb. 2008	
State UI Program a/					
Initial Claims	1,258	1,152	1,076	9.2	16.9
Weeks Claimed	18,381	16,427	15,001	11.9	22.5
Weeks Compensated	26,629	27,629	24,517	-3.6	8.6
Benefits Paid	\$7,570,328	\$7,791,630	\$6,808,306	-2.8	11.2
A.W.B.A.	\$284.29	\$282.01	\$277.70	0.8	2.4
First Payments	1,204	1,406	1,232	-14.4	-2.3
Final Payments	816	857	753	-4.8	8.4
Beneficiaries	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Program b/					
Initial Claims	17	16	126	6.3	-86.5
Weeks Claimed	278	278	1,050	0.0	-73.5
Weeks Compensated	756	770	1,664	-1.8	-54.6
Benefits Paid	\$235,095	\$242,678	\$523,232	-3.1	-55.1
A.W.B.A.	\$310.97	\$315.17	\$314.44	-1.3	-1.1
First Payments	29	47	128	-38.3	-77.3
Final Payments	25	30	31	-16.7	-19.4
Beneficiaries	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Ex-Servicemen Program c/					
Initial Claims	4	4	8	0.0	-50.0
Weeks Claimed	109	89	129	22.5	-15.5
Weeks Compensated	115	103	125	11.7	-8.0
Benefits Paid	\$37,484	\$34,864	\$43,388	7.5	-13.6
A.W.B.A.	\$325.95	\$338.49	\$347.10	-3.7	-6.1
First Payments	4	4	5	0.0	-20.0
Final Payments	5	3	4	66.7	25.0
Beneficiaries	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total - All Programs					
Initial Claims	1,279	1,172	1,210	9.1	5.7
Weeks Claimed	18,768	16,794	16,180	11.8	16.0
Weeks Compensated	27,500	28,502	26,306	-3.5	4.5
Benefits Paid	\$7,842,907	\$8,069,172	\$7,374,926	-2.8	6.3
A.W.B.A.	\$285.20	\$283.11	\$280.35	0.7	1.7
First Payments	1,237	1,457	1,365	-15.1	-9.4
Final Payments	846	890	788	-4.9	7.4
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 1,100 in March 2008. The private sector gained 1,200 jobs while the public sector shed 100 jobs. In the private sector, leisure and hospitality added 800 jobs, educational and health services and other services increased by 300 jobs each, and trade, transportation and utilities and financial activities added 100 jobs each. Professional and business services lost 300 jobs and information shed 100 jobs. Meanwhile, manufacturing and natural resources and construction were unchanged over the month. In the public sector, the District Government lost 400 jobs; the Federal Government added 200 jobs; and transportation gained 100 jobs.

In the last twelve months, the District gained a total of 5,600 jobs. The private sector added 3,300 jobs and the public sector gained 2,300 jobs. The private sector growth occurred in other services (up by 2,100 jobs), professional and business services (up by 1,900 jobs), educational and health services (up by 1,800 jobs), and natural resources and construction (up by 100 jobs). Losses were noted in information (down by 1,200 jobs), financial activities (down by 1,100 jobs), leisure and hospitality (down by 200 jobs), and manufacturing (down by 100 jobs). Trade, transportation and utilities was unchanged over the year. In the public sector, the Federal Government increased by 1,100 jobs, the District Government gained 1,000 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		
	Mar. b/ 2008	Feb. c/ 2008	Mar./c 2007	Mar. b/ 2008	Feb. c/ 2008	Mar./c 2007
TOTAL	698.7	697.6	693.1	2,424.5	2,407.8	2,400.6
Total Private Sector	468.2	467.0	464.9	1,864.3	1,851.6	1,850.8
Total Government	230.5	230.6	228.2	560.2	556.2	549.8
Total Goods Producing	13.8	13.8	13.8	176.9	175.2	183.4
Manufacturing	1.6	1.6	1.7	41.2	41.2	41.9
Durable Goods	na	na	na	24.6	24.5	25.1
Non-Durable Goods	na	na	na	16.6	16.7	16.8
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	12.2	12.2	12.1	135.7	134.0	141.5
Construction of Buildings	na	na	na	30.3	29.8	33.8
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	na	na	na	15.3	15.2	15.8
Specialty Trade Contractors	na	na	na	89.1	88.0	90.8
Total Service Providing	684.9	683.8	679.3	2,247.6	2,232.6	2,217.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	27.4	27.3	27.4	317.7	316.7	316.7
Wholesale Trade	4.8	4.8	4.8	55.4	55.2	55.0
Retail Trade	17.8	17.8	17.8	205.6	204.5	205.5
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	na	na	na	24.9	24.7	25.2
Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies Dealers	na	na	na	15.6	15.2	16.6
Food & Beverage Stores	na	na	na	38.3	38.1	37.9
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	na	na	na	25.3	25.2	23.8
Department Stores	na	na	na	24.2	24.0	24.1
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	4.8	4.7	4.8	56.7	57.0	56.2
Utilities	na	na	na	7.6	7.7	7.6
Transportation & Warehousing	na	na	na	49.1	49.3	48.6
Air Transportation	na	na	na	12.4	12.7	12.0
Information	21.2	21.3	22.4	75.3	75.7	78.0
Publishing industries (except Internet)	7.6	7.6	8.7	na	na	na
Financial Activities	28.6	28.5	29.7	112.4	112.6	116.0
Finance and insurance	17.2	17.2	18.2	71.3	71.7	75.0
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	8.3	8.3	8.9	41.1	41.3	43.9
Depository Credit Intermediation	na	na	na	19.4	19.5	19.0
Nondepository Credit Intermediation	na	na	na	17.6	17.6	19.5
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	11.4	11.3	11.5	41.1	40.9	41.0
Professional and Business Services	154.7	155.0	152.8	559.7	555.7	547.4
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	104.6	104.9	102.6	375.3	374.2	365.5
Legal Services	35.5	36.1	35.5	48.6	48.6	48.1
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping, & Payroll Services	na	na	na	21.4	21.5	21.8
Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services	na	na	na	48.0	47.9	48.1
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	na	na	na	129.4	129.1	125.7
Management, Scientific, and Technical Consulting Services	na	na	na	67.8	67.6	63.8
Scientific Research and Development Services	13.2	13.2	13.5	na	na	na
Management of Companies and Enterprises	na	na	na	32.1	32.1	31.7
Administrative & Support & Waste Management & Remediation Services	48.5	48.6	48.9	152.3	149.4	150.2

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

Employment Services	13.9	13.8	13.1	33.1	32.0	32.2
Investigation and Security Services	8.9	8.8	8.7	na	na	na
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	11.1	11.2	11.8	49.4	47.2	48.0
Educational and Health Services	104.2	103.9	102.4	267.7	265.6	260.4
Educational Services	49.1	49.0	48.4	84.7	83.7	81.8
Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools	37.6	37.7	36.3	52.1	51.7	49.4
Health Care and Social Assistance	55.1	54.9	54.0	183.0	181.9	178.6
Ambulatory Health Care Services	12.2	12.1	11.5	64.9	64.5	62.2
Offices of Physicians	na	na	na	25.4	25.3	25.2
Outpatient Care Centers	na	na	na	8.1	8.1	8.2
Hospitals	24.3	24.3	24.0	56.5	56.3	55.7
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	6.9	6.9	7.0	28.0	27.9	27.5
Social Assistance	na	na	na	33.6	33.2	33.2
Child Day Care Services	na	na	na	14.5	14.3	14.9

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

INDUSTRY	District of Columbia			Metropolitan Division		
	Mar. b/ 2008	Feb. c/ 2008	Mar./c 2007	Mar. b/ 2008	Feb. c/ 2008	Mar./c 2007
Leisure and Hospitality	54.3	53.5	54.5	202.9	199.2	199.4
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	6.1	5.9	6.3	26.1	24.9	25.4
Accommodation and Food Services	48.2	47.6	48.2	176.8	174.3	174.0
Accommodation	14.0	13.9	15.6	33.0	32.5	34.2
Food Services and Drinking Places	34.2	33.7	32.6	143.8	141.8	139.8
Full-Service Restaurants	18.1	17.8	17.1	71.9	71.2	72.2
Limited-Service Eating Places	10.9	10.7	10.0	58.6	57.8	55.7
Special Food Services	4.1	4.1	4.2	11.2	11.0	10.1
Other Services	64.0	63.7	61.9	151.7	150.9	149.5
Personal and Laundry Services	na	na	na	26.6	26.3	26.3
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, & Similar Organizations	57.5	57.2	55.1	108.3	107.8	105.1
Business, Professional, Labor, Political, & Similar Organizations	28.0	27.7	26.4	43.3	43.1	42.8
Government	230.5	230.6	228.2	560.2	556.2	549.8
Federal Government	190.0	189.8	188.9	297.1	296.5	295.4
State Government & Local Government / Public Transportation	40.5	40.8	39.3	na	na	na
State Government	35.3	35.7	34.3	79.4	77.3	78.1
Local Government	na	na	na	183.7	182.4	176.3
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

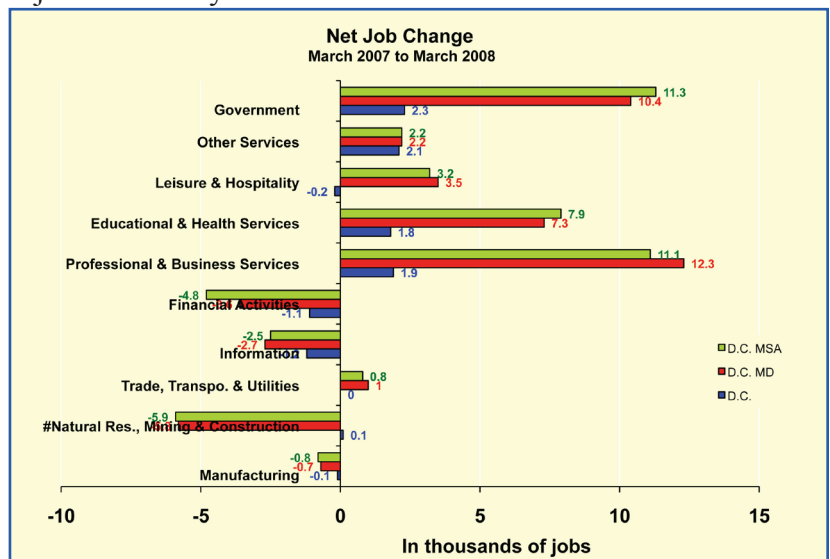
Total wage and salary employment in the Washington Metropolitan Division increased over the month in March 2008 by 16,700. The private sector increased by 12,700 jobs and the public sector gained 4,000 jobs. Within the private sector, gains were registered in professional and business services (up by 4,000 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 3,700 jobs), educational and health services (up by 2,100 jobs), natural resources, mining and construction (up by 1,700 jobs), trade, transportation, and utilities (up by 1,000 jobs), and other services (up by 800 jobs). Losses were noted in and information (down by 400 jobs) and financial activities (down by 200 jobs). Manufacturing was unchanged over the month. In the public sector, state government gained 2,100 jobs; local government added 1,300 jobs; and the federal government gained 600 jobs.

During the past twelve months, the Washington Metropolitan Division gained 23,900 jobs. The private sector added 13,500 jobs and the public sector gained 10,400 jobs. Private sector gains were registered in professional and business services (up by 12,300 jobs), educational and health services (up by 7,300 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 3,500 jobs), other services (up by 2,200 jobs), and trade, transportation, and utilities (up by 1,000 jobs). Losses were registered in natural resources, mining and construction (down by 5,800 jobs), financial activities (down by 3,600 jobs), information (down by 2,700 jobs), and manufacturing (down by 700 jobs). In the public sector, local government added 7,400 jobs, the federal government gained 1,700 jobs, and state government added 1,300 jobs.

Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area Job Growth

Total wage and salary employment in the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area increased over the month in March 2008 by 19,800. The private sector increased by 15,300 jobs and the public sector gained 4,500 jobs. Within the private sector, gains were recorded in professional and business services (up by 5,100 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 4,000 jobs), educational and health services (up by 2,300 jobs), natural resources, mining and construction (up by 2,200 jobs), trade, transportation, and utilities (up by 1,300 jobs), and other services (up by 800 jobs each). Losses were registered in and information (down by 300 jobs) and financial activities (down by 100 jobs). Manufacturing was unchanged over the month. In the public sector, the federal government gained 500 jobs.

During the past twelve months, the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area gained 22,500 jobs. The private sector added 11,200 jobs and the public sector gained 11,300 jobs. Private sector gains were registered in professional and business services (up by 11,100 jobs), educational and health services (up by 7,900 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 3,200 jobs), other services (up by 2,200 jobs), and trade, transportation, and utilities (up by 800 jobs). Losses occurred in natural resources, mining and construction (down by 5,900 jobs), financial activities (down by 4,800 jobs), information (down by 2,500 jobs), and manufacturing (down by 800 jobs). In government, the federal government gained 2,300 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				
	Mar. b/ 2008	Feb. c/ 2008	Mar. 2007	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2007
TOTAL	2995.4	2975.6	2972.9	19.8	22.5
Total Private Sector	2338.0	2322.7	2326.8	15.3	11.2
Total Government	657.4	652.9	646.1	4.5	11.3
Total Goods Producing	238.3	236.1	245.0	2.2	-6.7
Manufacturing	61.3	61.3	62.1	0.0	-0.8
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	177.0	174.8	182.9	2.2	-5.9
Specialty Trade Contractors	113.8	112.4	115.5	1.4	-1.7
Total Service Providing	2757.1	2739.5	2727.9	17.6	29.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	399.6	398.3	398.8	1.3	0.8
Wholesale Trade	70.8	70.6	70.7	0.2	0.1
Retail Trade	265.4	264.0	265.1	1.4	0.3
Food & Beverage Stores	51.0	50.8	50.5	0.2	0.5
Department Stores	31.9	31.8	31.6	0.1	0.3
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	63.4	63.7	63.0	-0.3	0.4
Information	91.9	92.2	94.4	-0.3	-2.5
Financial Activities	156.0	156.1	160.8	-0.1	-4.8
Finance and insurance	101.7	102.0	105.9	-0.3	-4.2
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	55.1	55.3	58.7	-0.2	-3.6
Professional and Business Services	681.4	676.3	670.3	5.1	11.1
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	449.5	448.4	441.1	1.1	8.4
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	149.9	149.5	145.8	0.4	4.1
Administrative & Support & Waste Management & Remediation Services	192.6	188.2	189.7	4.4	2.9
Employment Services	44.4	43.1	44.6	1.3	-0.2
Educational and Health Services	339.9	337.6	332.0	2.3	7.9
Health Care and Social Assistance	242.7	241.4	238.2	1.3	4.5
Ambulatory Health Care Services	90.3	89.7	87.2	0.6	3.1
Offices of Physicians	36.2	36.0	35.5	0.2	0.7
Hospitals	69.1	68.8	67.7	0.3	1.4
Leisure and Hospitality	247.9	243.9	244.7	4.0	3.2
Accommodation and Food Services	214.5	211.7	211.7	2.8	2.8
Food Services and Drinking Places	178.0	175.7	173.3	2.3	4.7
Other Services	183.0	182.2	180.8	0.8	2.2
Government	657.4	652.9	646.1	4.5	11.3
Federal Government	340.9	340.4	338.6	0.5	2.3

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.

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