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Unemployment Rates *(Not Seasonally Adjusted)*

	Feb. 08	Jan. 08r	Feb. 07a
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 2006 benchmark revisions

Note: Estimates for the latest year are subject to revision early the following calendar year. Ward Labor Force Statistics — based on Census 2000 household data.

Employment Status for the D.C. Civilian Population

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Feb. 08p	Jan. 08r	Feb. 07a
Civilian Labor Force	329,200	325,800	323,500
Employment	310,000	304,000	305,100
Unemployment	19,200	21,800	18,400

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D.C. Unemployment Insurance Benefits

(Total - All Regular Programs)

	Feb. 2008	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2007
Initial Claims	1,152	1,639	988

Consumer Price Index, Annual Change in %

All items. All urban consumers

	Feb.08	Jan.08	Feb.07	Jan.07
Wash.-Balt. DC-MD-VA-WV	na	4.9	na	2.9
U.S.A.	4.0	4.3	2.4	2.1

(All items. All urban consumers. Not Seasonally Adjusted.)

(1982-84=100 for U.S. Nov.1996=100 for Wash.-Balt., DC-MD-VA-WV)

na: not available

D.C. Metro Division Average Hours & Earnings

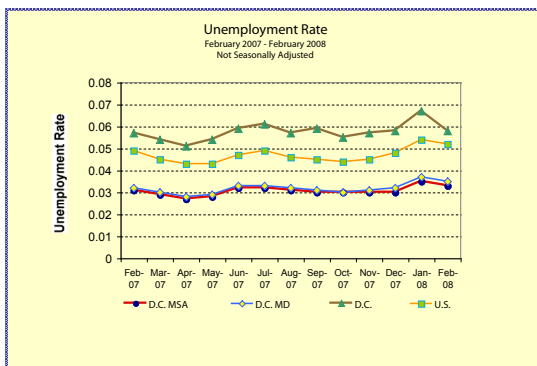
(of Production Workers in Manufacturing)

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

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Unemployment Rate

Feb. 2007 to Feb. 2008 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



D.C. Wage and Salary Employment by Industry

(Not Seasonally Adjusted; In Thousands of Jobs)

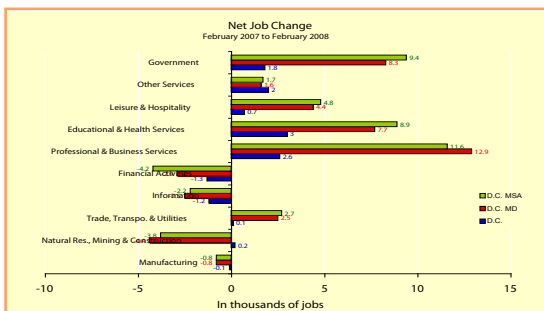
	Feb. 08p	Jan. 08r	Feb. 07 a
Total	698.1	691.0	690.3
Total Private	467.4	459.7	461.4
Goods-Producing Industries	13.8	13.7	13.7
Manufacturing	1.6	1.6	1.7
Natural Res., Mining & Construction	12.2	12.1	12.0
Service-Providing Industries	684.3	677.3	676.6
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	27.3	27.4	27.2
Wholesale Trade	4.8	4.7	4.8
Retail Trade	17.8	18.0	17.8
Trans, Warehouse & Utilities	4.7	4.7	4.6
Information	21.3	21.2	22.5
Financial Activities	28.4	28.5	29.7
Professional & Bus. Serv	154.9	153.4	152.3
Educational & Health Serv	104.6	99.9	101.6
Leisure & Hospitality	53.5	52.5	52.8
Accommodation & Food	47.6	46.7	47.4
Other Services	63.6	63.1	61.6
Government	230.7	231.3	228.9
Federal Government	189.7	190.3	189.3
D.C. Government	35.9	35.8	34.6
Public Transportation	5.1	5.2	5.0

(Subtotals may not equal totals due to rounding.)

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Net Job Changes

Feb. 2007 to Feb. 2008



Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Division Wage and Salary Employment by Industry

(Not Seasonally Adjusted; In Thousands of Jobs)

	Feb. 08p	Jan. 08r	Feb. 07 a
Total	2,409.1	2,400.1	2,382.3
Total Private	1,853.4	1,848.7	1,834.9
Goods-Producing Industries	175.4	177.1	180.6
Manufacturing	41.2	41.0	42.0
Natural Res., Mining & Construction	134.2	136.1	138.6
Service-Providing Industries	2,233.7	2,223.0	2,201.7
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	317.6	323.0	315.1
Wholesale Trade	55.3	55.1	54.8
Retail Trade	205.3	210.8	204.3
Trans, Warehouse & Utilities	57.0	57.1	56.0
Information	75.7	76.0	78.2
Financial Activities	112.9	112.2	115.8
Professional & Bus. Serv	556.3	552.3	543.4
Educational & Health Serv	266.1	259.9	258.4
Leisure & Hospitality	199.1	198.4	194.7
Accommodation & Food	174.3	173.2	171.3
Other Services	150.3	149.8	148.7
Government	555.7	551.4	547.4
Federal Government	296.6	297.4	296.0
State Government	77.0	72.6	76.4
Local Government	182.1	181.4	175.0

(Subtotals may not equal totals due to rounding. Data reflects conversion to 2002 NAICS.)

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Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Statistical Area Wage and Salary Employment by Industry

(Not Seasonally Adjusted; In Thousands of Jobs)

	Feb. 08p	Jan. 08r	Feb. 07 a
Total	2,977.2	2,968.2	2,949.1
Total Private	2,324.6	2,320.8	2,305.9
Goods-Producing Industries	236.4	238.3	241.0
Manufacturing	61.3	61.1	62.1
Natural Res., Mining & Construction	175.1	177.2	178.9
Service-Providing Industries	2,740.8	2,729.9	2,708.1
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	399.3	406.0	396.6
Wholesale Trade	70.7	70.5	70.3
Retail Trade	264.9	271.8	263.6
Trans, Warehouse & Utilities	63.7	63.7	62.7
Information	92.4	92.6	94.6
Financial Activities	156.4	155.8	160.6
Professional & Bus. Serv	676.5	672.2	664.9
Educational & Health Serv	338.2	331.5	329.3
Leisure & Hospitality	243.8	243.4	239.0
Accommodation & Food	211.7	211.1	208.4
Other Services	181.6	181.0	179.9
Government	652.6	647.4	643.2
Federal Government	340.5	341.3	339.2

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Top 30 High Demand Occupations in D.C.

	Average Annual Openings	Mean Hourly Wage
Lawyers	754	\$66.75
Management Analysts	560	\$36.19
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	542	\$9.67
General and Operations Managers	535	\$56.35
Waiters and Waitresses	519	\$10.10
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	433	\$11.04
Retail Salespersons	397	\$11.54
Cashiers	388	\$10.22
Office Clerks, General	377	\$14.94
Computer Systems Analysts	368	\$36.32
Security Guards	360	\$13.43
Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	350	\$22.32
Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	308	\$19.23
Accountants and Auditors	298	\$33.04
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	286	\$26.16
Registered Nurses	277	\$30.35
Administrative Service Managers	257	\$36.30
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	248	\$12.68
Receptionist and Information Clerks	242	\$13.68
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Office and Administrative Support Workers	238	\$29.59
Legal Secretaries	236	\$27.55
Chief Executives	235	\$79.59
Customer Service Representatives	223	\$16.85
Real Estate Sales Agents	171	\$38.14
Food Preparation Workers	170	\$9.98
Writers and Authors	165	\$29.66
Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, and Coffee Shop	153	\$10.78
Cooks, Restaurant	150	\$12.65
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	146	\$12.25
Economists	143	\$46.77

Openings - based on the 2004-2014 Occupational Employment Projections of the Department of Employment Services (Does not include Farm, Fishing & Forestry occupations.)

Wage data - source; Occupational Employment Survey of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, May 2006

Demographic / Economic Indicators

	D.C.	U.S.A.
Population, July 1, 2007 estimate	588,292	299,398,484
Population, percent change* (April 1, 2000-July 1, 2007)	2.8%	7.2%
Persons under 18 years old, 2006	19.8%	24.6%
High School graduates, percent (Persons age 25+, 2006)	84.3%	84.1%
Homeownership rate, 2006	45.8%	67.3%
Median household income, 2006	\$51,847	\$48,451
Per capita income, 2006	\$37,043	\$25,267
Persons below poverty, percent 2006	19.6%	13.3%
Retail sales per capita, 2002	\$5,422	\$10,615
Private nonfarm employment, percent change (Average annual rate; 1997-2007)	2.0%	1.2%
Person per square mile, 2000	9,378.0	79.6

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 Population Estimates, 2006 American Community Survey, Economics Census 2002, 2000 Census, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics Program

Top 20 Employers in the Private Sector in D.C.

Rank	Employer
1	Howard University
2	Georgetown University
3	George Washington University
4	Washington Hospital Center
5	Children's National Medical Center
6	Fannie Mae
7	Georgetown University Hospital
8	American University
9	Providence Hospital
10	Howard University Hospital
11	The Washington Post
12	Corporate Advisory Board
13	Catholic University of America
14	Sibley Memorial Hospital
15	Marriot Hotel Services
16	George Washington University Hospital
17	American National Red Cross
18	Admiral Security
19	Hyatt Regency
20	Safeway Inc.

(Based on employment levels reported to the District's Unemployment Compensation Program as of September 2006. Ranked by size of workforce.)

District of Columbia Job Activity February 2008

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.

Washington Metropolitan Division February 2008

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 governments gained 600 jobs each.

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