

# Labor Market *and other* Economic Trends

## A Snapshot

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## Unemployment Rates *(Not Seasonally Adjusted)*

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

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

### Unemployment Rates *(Seasonally Adjusted)*

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

a: Reflecting 2006 benchmark revisions

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

## Employment Status for the D.C. Civilian Population

*(Not Seasonally Adjusted)*

	Oct. 07	Sept. 07	Oct. 06a
Civilian Labor Force	317,300	317,700	317,200
Employment	299,600	298,900	299,500
Unemployment	17,700	18,900	17,700

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## D.C. Unemployment Insurance Benefits

*(Total - All Regular Programs)*

	Oct. 2007	Sept. 2007	Oct. 2006
Initial Claims	1,337	1,185	1,392

## Consumer Price Index, Annual Change in %

*All items. All urban consumers*

	Oct.07	Sept.07	Oct.06	Sept.06
Wash.-Balt. DC-MD-VA-WV	na	3.4	na	2.8
U.S.A.	3.5	2.8	1.3	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

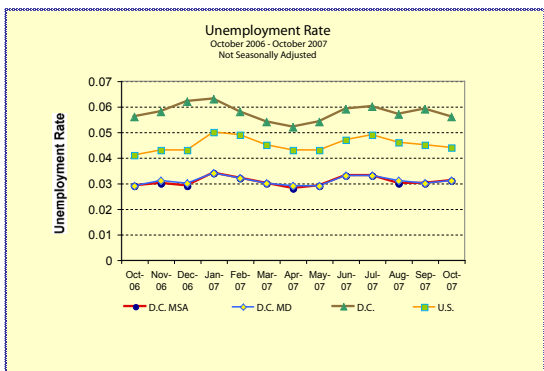
*(of Production Workers in Manufacturing)*

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

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

## Unemployment Rate

Oct. 2006 to Oct. 2007 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



## D.C. Wage and Salary Employment by Industry

(Not Seasonally Adjusted; In Thousands of Jobs)

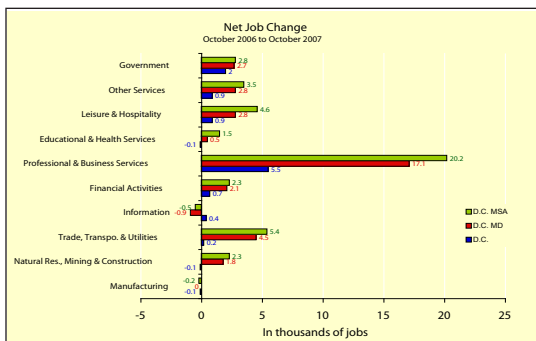
	Oct. 07p	Sept. 07r	Oct. 06 a
<b>Total</b>	700.3	698.0	690.0
<b>Total Private</b>	468.1	465.4	459.8
<b>Goods-Producing Industries</b>	14.4	14.6	14.6
Manufacturing	1.6	1.6	1.7
Natural Res., Mining & Construction	12.8	13.0	12.9
<b>Service-Providing Industries</b>	685.9	683.4	675.4
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	28.2	28.0	28.0
Wholesale Trade	4.7	4.7	4.7
Retail Trade	18.4	18.1	18.1
Trans, Warehouse & Utilities	5.1	5.2	5.2
Information	23.0	23.2	22.6
Financial Activities	30.2	30.6	29.5
Professional & Bus. Serv	160.7	160.6	155.2
Educational & Health Serv	96.2	93.1	96.3
Leisure & Hospitality	55.0	55.0	54.1
Accommodation & Food	49.1	49.2	48.2
<b>Other Services</b>	60.4	60.4	59.5
<b>Government</b>	232.2	232.6	230.2
Federal Government	192.9	193.7	192.6
D.C. Government	34.1	33.8	32.6
Public Transportation	5.2	5.1	5.0

(Subtotals may not equal totals due to rounding.)

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## Net Job Changes

Oct. 2006 to Oct. 2007



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

(Not Seasonally Adjusted; In Thousands of Jobs)

	Oct. 07p	Sept. 07r	Oct. 06 a
<b>Total</b>	2,436.0	2,426.2	2,402.6
<b>Total Private</b>	1,885.3	1,882.3	1,854.6
<b>Goods-Producing Industries</b>	194.4	195.9	192.6
Manufacturing	42.9	43.4	42.9
Natural Res., Mining & Construction	151.5	152.5	149.7
<b>Service-Providing Industries</b>	2,241.6	2,230.3	2,210.0
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	325.7	323.4	321.2
Wholesale Trade	54.5	54.8	54.3
Retail Trade	213.9	211.8	209.0
Trans, Warehouse & Utilities	57.3	56.8	57.9
Information	80.2	80.6	81.1
Financial Activities	118.2	118.9	116.1
Professional & Bus. Serv	563.0	560.7	545.9
Educational & Health Serv	250.9	247.7	250.4
Leisure & Hospitality	205.7	208.5	202.9
Accommodation & Food	178.4	179.4	175.8
<b>Other Services</b>	147.2	146.6	144.4
<b>Government</b>	550.7	543.9	548.0
Federal Government	297.3	297.6	297.6
State Government	77.8	73.8	75.3
Local Government	175.6	172.5	175.1

(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)

	Oct. 07p	Sept. 07r	Oct. 06 a
<b>Total</b>	3,024.2	3,012.0	2,982.3
<b>Total Private</b>	2,378.1	2,373.5	2,339.0
<b>Goods-Producing Industries</b>	258.4	259.8	256.3
Manufacturing	62.6	63.0	62.8
Natural Res., Mining & Construction	195.8	196.8	193.5
<b>Service-Providing Industries</b>	2,765.8	2,752.2	2,726.0
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	410.4	407.3	405.0
Wholesale Trade	70.2	70.5	70.0
Retail Trade	275.3	272.4	269.7
Trans, Warehouse & Utilities	64.9	64.4	65.3
Information	97.7	98.1	98.2
Financial Activities	163.5	164.1	161.2
Professional & Bus. Serv	692.5	690.3	672.3
Educational & Health Serv	323.2	318.9	321.7
Leisure & Hospitality	253.8	257.0	249.2
Accommodation & Food	218.1	219.1	214.6
<b>Other Services</b>	178.6	178.0	175.1
<b>Government</b>	646.1	638.5	643.3
Federal Government	340.4	341.2	340.9

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## Top 30 High Demand Occupations in D.C.

	<b>Average Annual Openings</b>	<b>Mean Hourly Wage</b>
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 Indicator

	<i>D.C.</i>	<i>U.S.A.</i>
Population, July 1, 2006 estimate	581,530	299,398,484
Population, percent change (April 1, 2000-July 1, 2006)	1.7%	6.4%
Persons under 18 years old, 2000	20.1%	25.7%
High School graduates (Persons age 25+, 2000)	77.8%	80.4%
Homeownership rate, 2000	40.8%	66.2%
Median household money income, 1999	\$40,127	\$41,994
Per capita money income, 1999	\$28,659	\$21,587
Persons below poverty, 1999	20.2%	12.4%
Retail per capita, 1997	\$5,274	\$9,190
Private nonfarm employment, percent change (Average annual rate; 1996-2006)	1.9%	1.4%
Person per square mile, 2000	9,316.4	79.6

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

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Employer</b>
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	Howard University Hospital
10	Providence Hospital
11	Catholic University of America
12	The Washington Post
13	Marriot Hotel Services
14	Sibley Memorial Hospital
15	Corporate Advisory Board
16	George Washington University Hospital
17	American National Red Cross
18	National Rehabilitation Hospital
19	Safeway Inc.
20	Gallaudet University

*(Based on employment levels reported to the District's  
Unemployment Compensation Program as of September 2005.  
Ranked by size of workforce.)*

## **District of Columbia Job Activity September 2007**

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

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

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## **Washington Metropolitan Division September 2007**

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

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

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