

Labor Market

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Unemployment Rates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

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

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)

U.S.A.	4.9	5.0	4.6
D.C.	6.2	5.7	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)

	Jan. 08	Dec. 07	Jan. 07a
Civilian Labor Force	325,900	325,800	321,400
Employment	303,900	307,000	302,100
Unemployment	22,000	18,900	19,300

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D.C. Unemployment Insurance Benefits

(Total - All Regular Programs)

	Jan. 2008	Dec. 2007	Jan. 2007
Initial Claims	1,671	1,402	1,658

Consumer Price Index, Annual Change in %

All items. All urban consumers

	Jan.08	Dec.07	Jan.07	Dec.06
Wash.-Balt. DC-MD-VA-WV	4.9	na	2.9	na
U.S.A.	4.3	4.1	2.1	2.5

(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

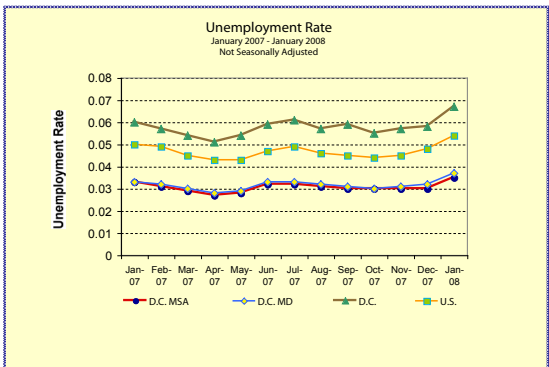
(of Production Workers in Manufacturing)

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

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Unemployment Rate

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



D.C. Wage and Salary Employment by Industry

(Not Seasonally Adjusted; In Thousands of Jobs)

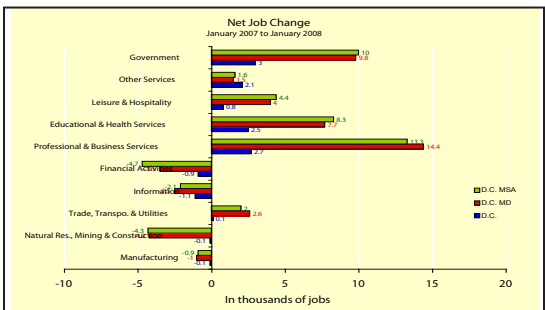
	Jan. 08p	Dec. 07a	Jan. 07 a
Total	690.8	704.6	681.8
Total Private	459.8	471.3	453.8
Goods-Producing Industries	13.7	14.2	13.9
Manufacturing	1.6	1.6	1.7
Natural Res., Mining & Construction	12.1	12.6	12.2
Service-Providing Industries	677.1	690.4	667.9
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	27.6	28.2	27.5
Wholesale Trade	4.7	4.7	4.8
Retail Trade	18.2	18.7	18.0
Trans, Warehouse & Utilities	4.7	4.8	4.7
Information	21.3	21.4	22.4
Financial Activities	28.6	29.0	29.5
Professional & Bus. Serv	153.4	156.2	150.7
Educational & Health Serv	99.8	103.2	97.3
Leisure & Hospitality	52.3	54.7	51.5
Accommodation & Food	46.5	48.6	46.0
Other Services	63.1	64.4	61.0
Government	231.0	233.3	228.0
Federal Government	191.4	192.5	189.9
D.C. Government	34.4	35.6	33.1
Public Transportation	5.2	5.2	5.0

(Subtotals may not equal totals due to rounding.)

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Net Job Changes

Dec. 2006 to Dec. 2007



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

(Not Seasonally Adjusted; In Thousands of Jobs)

	Jan. 08p	Dec. 07a	Jan. 07 a
Total	2,403.1	2,443.8	2,374.2
Total Private	1,851.4	1,883.3	1,832.4
Goods-Producing Industries	177.7	181.5	182.9
Manufacturing	40.9	41.7	41.9
Natural Res., Mining & Construction	136.8	139.8	141.0
Service-Providing Industries	2,225.3	2,262.3	2,191.3
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	323.2	333.9	320.6
Wholesale Trade	55.3	55.1	54.8
Retail Trade	211.0	220.9	209.9
Trans, Warehouse & Utilities	56.9	57.9	55.9
Information	75.8	76.2	78.3
Financial Activities	111.9	112.9	115.4
Professional & Bus. Serv	553.3	559.4	538.9
Educational & Health Serv	261.0	264.3	253.3
Leisure & Hospitality	199.2	204.8	195.2
Accommodation & Food	173.5	178.5	171.0
Other Services	149.3	150.3	147.8
Government	551.6	560.5	541.8
Federal Government	296.9	298.7	297.7
State Government	73.7	79.3	70.0
Local Government	181.0	182.5	174.1

(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)

	Jan. 08p	Dec. 07a	Jan. 07 a
Total	2,970.8	3,027.9	2,943.2
Total Private	2,323.5	2,369.0	2,305.9
Goods-Producing Industries	239.0	244.3	244.2
Manufacturing	61.1	61.9	62.0
Natural Res., Mining & Construction	177.9	182.4	182.2
Service-Providing Industries	2,731.8	2,783.6	2,699.0
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	406.2	420.5	404.2
Wholesale Trade	70.7	70.7	70.2
Retail Trade	272.0	285.1	271.4
Trans, Warehouse & Utilities	63.5	64.7	62.6
Information	92.4	92.9	94.5
Financial Activities	163.7	163.7	161.6
Professional & Bus. Serv	673.2	683.6	659.9
Educational & Health Serv	332.6	337.0	324.3
Leisure & Hospitality	244.1	251.5	208.3
Accommodation & Food	211.4	217.5	208.3
Other Services	180.5	182.0	178.9
Government	647.3	658.9	637.3
Federal Government	340.7	342.6	341.1

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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 Indicator

	<i>D.C.</i>	<i>U.S.A.</i>
Population, July 1, 2007 estimate	588,292	299,398,484
Population, percent change* <i>(April 1, 2000-July 1, 2007)</i>	2.8%	7.2%
Persons under 18 years old, 2006	19.8%	24.6%
High School graduates, percent <i>(Persons age 25+, 2006)</i>	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 <i>(Average annual rate; 1996-2006)</i>	1.9%	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 January 2008

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.

Washington Metropolitan Division January 2008

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.

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