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Unemployment Rates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Sept. 07	Aug. 07	Sept. 06a
U.S.A.	4.5	4.6	4.4
Washington, DC MSA	3.0	3.0	3.1
Washington, DC MD	3.0	3.1	3.2
D.C.	5.9	5.7	6.1

D.C. Ward 1	5.1	4.9	5.2
2	2.9	2.7	2.9
3	1.5	1.5	1.6
4	4.8	4.6	4.9
5	8.0	7.7	8.2
6	5.8	5.6	6.0
7	10.3	9.9	10.6
8	15.8	15.2	16.1

Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

U.S.A.	4.7	4.6	4.6
D.C.	5.7	5.6	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)

	Sept. 07	Aug. 07	Sept. 06a
Civilian Labor Force	317,700	320,3000	313,900
Employment	298,900	302,000	294,800
Unemployment	18,900	18,200	19,100

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Note: Estimates for the latest year are subject to revision early the following calendar year.

D.C. Unemployment Insurance Benefits

(Total - All Regular Programs)

	Sept. 2007	Aug. 2007	Sept. 2006
Initial Claims	1,185	1,514	1,227

Consumer Price Index, Annual Change in %

All items. All urban consumers

	Sept.07	Aug.07	Sept.06	Aug.06
Wash.-Balt. DC-MD-VA-WV	3.4	na	2.8	na
U.S.A.	2.8	2.0	2.1	3.8

(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

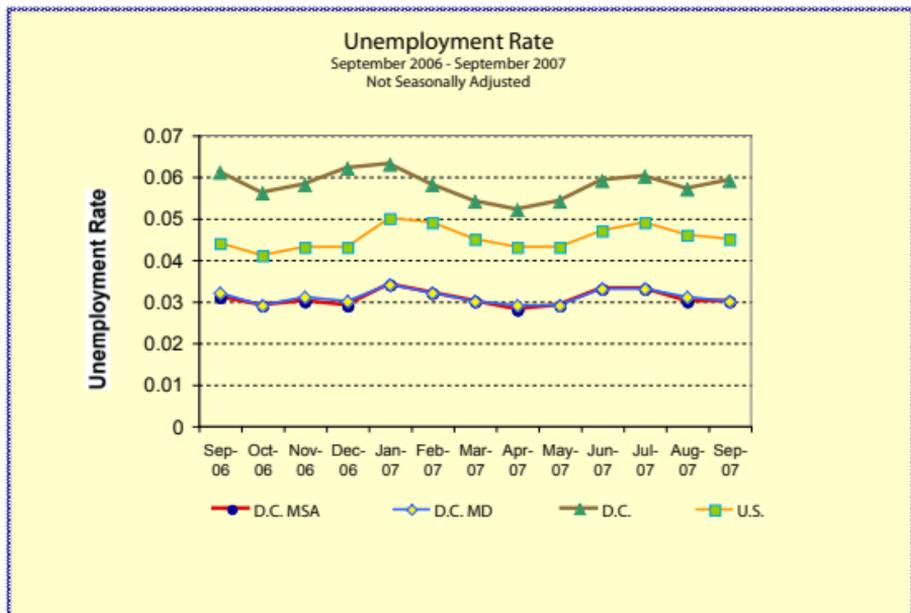
(of Production Workers in Manufacturing)

	Sept. 07p	Aug. 07r	Sept. 06a
Weekly Earnings	\$671.83	\$679.57	\$678.21
Weekly Hours	38.5	38.7	39.0
Hourly Earnings	\$17.45	\$17.56	\$17.39

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Unemployment Rate

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



D.C. Wage and Salary Employment by Industry

(Not Seasonally Adjusted; In Thousands of Jobs)

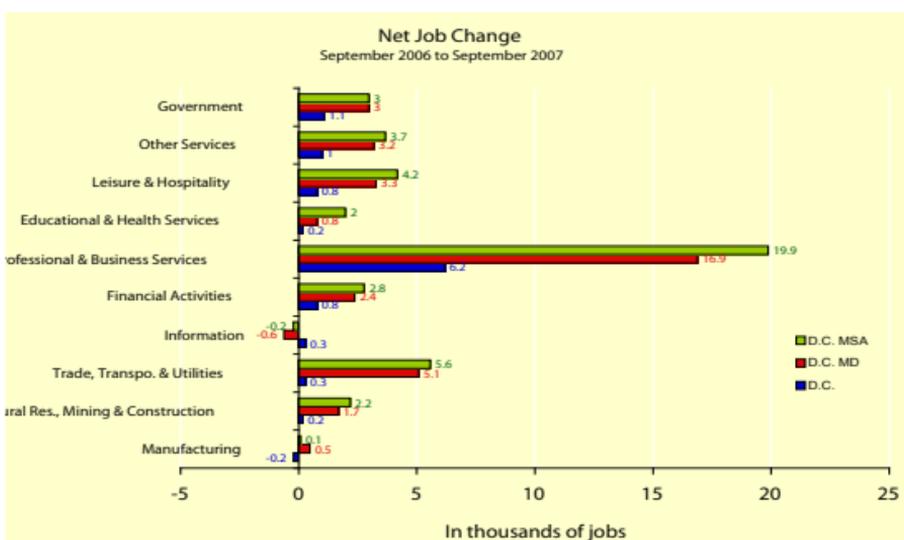
	Sept. 07p	Aug. 07r	Sept. 06 a
Total	696.3	700.9	685.6
Total Private	464.5	459.2	454.9
Goods-Producing Industries	14.6	14.7	14.6
Manufacturing	1.5	1.5	1.7
Natural Res., Mining & Construction	13.1	13.2	12.9
Service-Providing Industries	681.7	686.2	671.0
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	27.9	27.6	27.6
Wholesale Trade	4.7	4.7	4.6
Retail Trade	18.1	17.8	17.8
Trans, Warehouse & Utilities	5.1	5.1	5.2
Information	23.1	23.2	22.8
Financial Activities	30.5	30.6	29.7
Professional & Bus. Serv	160.6	160.3	154.4
Educational & Health Serv	92.4	87.1	92.2
Leisure & Hospitality	55.0	54.6	54.2
Accommodation & Food	49.2	48.7	48.4
Other Services	60.4	61.1	59.4
Government	231.8	241.7	230.7
Federal Government	193.7	193.7	193.5
D.C. Government	33.0	42.9	32.3
Public Transportation	5.1	5.1	4.9

(Subtotals may not equal totals due to rounding.)

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Net Job Changes

Sept. 2006 to Sept. 2007



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

(Not Seasonally Adjusted; In Thousands of Jobs)

	Sept. 07p	Aug. 07r	Sept. 06 a
Total	2,426.9	2,427.0	2,390.6
Total Private	1,882.8	1,887.0	1,849.5
Goods-Producing Industries	196.4	197.5	194.2
Manufacturing	43.8	43.8	43.3
Natural Res., Mining & Construction	152.6	153.7	150.9
Service-Providing Industries	2,230.5	2,229.5	2,196.4
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	323.1	324.3	318.0
Wholesale Trade	54.8	54.9	53.9
Retail Trade	211.7	212.5	206.8
Trans, Warehouse & Utilities	56.6	56.9	57.3
Information	80.7	81.2	81.3
Financial Activities	119.2	119.7	116.8
Professional & Bus. Serv	560.7	563.3	543.8
Educational & Health Serv	246.8	239.4	246.0
Leisure & Hospitality	209.0	213.6	205.7
Accommodation & Food	179.7	180.6	176.9
Other Services	146.9	148.0	143.7
Government	544.1	540.0	541.1
Federal Government	297.6	299.5	298.0
State Government	73.5	79.4	71.8
Local Government	173.0	161.1	171.3

(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)

	Sept. 07p	Aug. 07r	Sept. 06 a
Total	3,012.5	3,015.0	2,969.2
Total Private	2,373.9	2,382.4	2,333.6
Goods-Producing Industries	260.2	261.9	257.9
Manufacturing	63.3	63.5	63.2
Natural Res., Mining & Construction	196.9	198.4	194.7
Service-Providing Industries	2,752.3	2,753.1	2,711.3
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	406.9	408.5	401.3
Wholesale Trade	70.5	70.7	69.5
Retail Trade	272.3	273.4	267.2
Trans, Warehouse & Utilities	64.1	64.4	64.6
Information	98.2	98.8	98.4
Financial Activities	164.7	165.3	161.9
Professional & Bus. Serv	690.1	693.9	670.2
Educational & Health Serv	318.1	310.5	316.1
Leisure & Hospitality	257.3	263.8	253.1
Accommodation & Food	219.4	220.6	215.5
Other Services	178.4	179.7	174.7
Government	638.6	632.6	635.6
Federal Government	341.2	343.5	341.3

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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, 2006 estimate	581,530	299,398,484
Population, percent change <i>(April 1, 2000-July 1, 2006)</i>	1.7%	6.4%
Persons under 18 years old, 2000	20.1%	25.7%
High School graduates <i>(Persons age 25+, 2000)</i>	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 <i>(Average annual rate; 1996-2006)</i>	1.9%	1.4%
Person per square mile, 2000	9,316.4	79.6

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	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 decreased by 4,600 in September 2007. The private sector gained 5,300 jobs while the public sector lost 9,900 jobs. In the private sector, educational and health services increased by 5,300 jobs, leisure and hospitality added 400 jobs, and trade, transportation and utilities and professional and business services gained 300 jobs each. Meanwhile, other services lost 700 jobs, natural resources and construction, information, and financial activities shed 100 jobs each. Manufacturing was unchanged over the month. In the public sector, the District Government shed 9,900 jobs while the Federal Government and transportation were unchanged.

In the last twelve months, the District gained a total of 10,700 jobs. The private sector added 9,600 jobs and the public sector gained 1,100 jobs. The private sector growth occurred in professional and business services (up by 6,200 jobs), other services (up by 1,000 jobs), financial activities and leisure and hospitality (up by 800 jobs each), trade, transportation and utilities and information (up by 300 jobs each), and natural resources and construction and educational and health services (up by 200 jobs each). The only loss was registered in manufacturing (down by 200 jobs). In the public sector, the District Government gained 700 jobs and the Federal Government and transportation added 200 jobs each.

Washington Metropolitan Division September 2007

Total wage and salary employment in the Washington Metropolitan Division decreased over the month in September 2007 by 100. The private sector decreased by 4,200 jobs while the public sector gained 4,100 jobs. Within the private sector, losses were registered in leisure and hospitality (down by 4,600 jobs), professional and business services (down by 2,600 jobs), trade, transportation, and utilities (down by 1,200 jobs), natural resources, mining and construction and other services (down by 1,100 jobs each), and information and financial activities (down by 500 jobs each). A gain was recorded in educational and health services (up by 7,400 jobs). Manufacturing was unchanged over the month. In the public sector, local government gained 11,900 jobs; state government lost 5,900 jobs; and the federal government shed 1,900 jobs.

During the past twelve months, the Washington Metropolitan Division gained 36,300 jobs. The private sector added 33,300 jobs and the public sector gained 3,000 jobs. Private sector gains were registered in professional and business services (up by 16,900 jobs), trade, transportation, and utilities (up by 5,100 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 3,300 jobs), other services (up by 3,200 jobs), financial activities (up by 2,400 jobs), natural resources, mining and construction (up by 1,700 jobs), educational and health services (up by 800 jobs), and manufacturing (up by 500 jobs). The only loss was registered in information (down by 600 jobs). In the public sector, state government and local government gained 1,700 jobs each while the federal government lost 400 jobs.

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