

# Labor Market

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# A Snapshot

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## Unemployment Rates *(Not Seasonally Adjusted)*

	Aug. 07	July 07	Aug. 06a
U.S.A.	4.6	4.9	4.6
Washington, DC MSA	3.0	3.3	3.3
Washington, DC MD	3.13	3.3	3.4
D.C.	5.7	6.0	6.3
D.C. Ward 1	4.9	5.1	5.4
2	2.7	2.9	3.1
3	1.5	1.6	1.6
4	4.6	4.9	5.1
5	7.7	8.1	8.5
6	5.6	5.9	6.2
7	9.9	10.5	11.0
8	15.2	16.0	16.7

### Unemployment Rates *(Seasonally Adjusted)*

U.S.A.	4.6	4.6	4.7
D.C.	5.6	5.7	6.0

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.

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

*(Not Seasonally Adjusted)*

	Aug. 07	July 07	Aug. 06a
Civilian Labor Force	320,300	323,4000	319,900
Employment	302,000	303,900	299,700
Unemployment	18,200	19,400	20,200

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## D.C. Unemployment Insurance Benefits

*(Total - All Regular Programs)*

	Aug. 2007	July 2007	Aug. 2006
Initial Claims	1,514	1,606	1,789

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## Consumer Price Index, Annual Change in %

*All items. All urban consumers*

	Aug.07	July07	Aug.06	July06
Wash.-Balt. DC-MD-VA-WV	na	2.9	na	4.6
U.S.A.	2.0	2.4	3.8	4.1

*(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

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## D.C. Metro Division Average Hours & Earnings

*(of Production Workers in Manufacturing)*

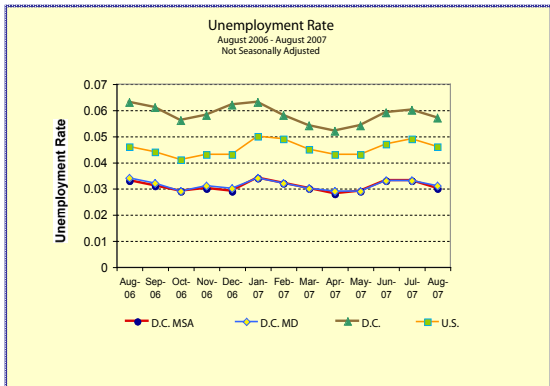
	Aug. 07p	July 07r	Aug 06a
Weekly Earnings	\$681.33	\$683.08	\$678.94
Weekly Hours	38.8	39.1	39.2
Hourly Earnings	\$17.56	\$17.47	\$17.32

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# Unemployment Rate

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



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

(Not Seasonally Adjusted; In Thousands of Jobs)

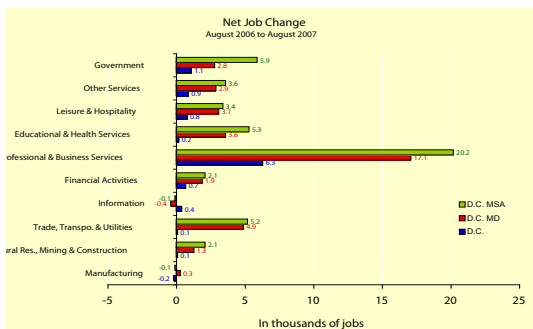
	Aug. 07p	July 07r	Aug. 06 a
<b>Total</b>	700.4	707.1	690.0
<b>Total Private</b>	458.9	462.5	449.6
<b>Goods-Producing Industries</b>	14.7	14.7	14.8
Manufacturing	1.5	1.6	1.7
Natural Res., Mining & Construction	13.2	13.1	13.1
<b>Service-Providing Industries</b>	685.7	692.4	675.2
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	27.4	27.6	27.3
Wholesale Trade	4.7	4.7	4.6
Retail Trade	17.7	17.8	17.5
Trans, Warehouse & Utilities	5.0	5.1	5.2
Information	23.2	23.1	22.8
Financial Activities	30.5	30.6	29.8
Professional & Bus. Serv	160.4	161.2	154.1
Educational & Health Serv	87.2	88.2	87.0
Leisure & Hospitality	54.5	55.3	53.7
Accommodation & Food	48.6	49.4	47.8
<b>Other Services</b>	61.0	61.8	60.1
<b>Government</b>	241.5	244.6	240.4
Federal Government	193.5	195.2	193.5
D.C. Government	42.9	44.3	42.0
Public Transportation	5.1	5.1	4.9

(Subtotals may not equal totals due to rounding.)

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## Net Job Changes

Aug. 2006 to Aug. 2007



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

(Not Seasonally Adjusted; In Thousands of Jobs)

	Aug. 07p	July 07r	Aug. 06 a
<b>Total</b>	2,429.2	2,435.4	2,391.7
<b>Total Private</b>	1,888.5	1,889.4	1,853.8
<b>Goods-Producing Industries</b>	197.7	197.0	196.1
Manufacturing	43.9	43.7	43.6
Natural Res., Mining & Construction	153.8	153.3	152.5
<b>Service-Providing Industries</b>	2,231.5	2,238.4	2,195.6
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	324.1	324.9	319.2
Wholesale Trade	54.8	55.0	54.3
Retail Trade	212.4	212.8	207.9
Trans, Warehouse & Utilities	56.9	57.1	57.0
Information	81.3	81.1	81.7
Financial Activities	119.4	119.8	117.5
Professional & Bus. Serv	564.1	564.1	547.0
Educational & Health Serv	240.1	239.9	236.5
Leisure & Hospitality	213.8	214.0	210.7
Accommodation & Food	180.8	181.3	178.6
<b>Other Services</b>	148.0	148.6	145.1
<b>Government</b>	540.7	546.0	537.9
Federal Government	299.6	301.1	299.7
State Government	79.7	80.1	77.8
Local Government	161.4	164.8	160.4

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

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

(Not Seasonally Adjusted; In Thousands of Jobs)

	Aug. 07p	July 07r	Aug. 06 a
<b>Total</b>	3,017.2	3,024.6	2,969.6
<b>Total Private</b>	2,383.9	2,386.0	2,342.2
<b>Goods-Producing Industries</b>	262.2	261.5	260.2
Manufacturing	63.7	63.5	63.8
Natural Res., Mining & Construction	198.5	198.0	196.4
<b>Service-Providing Industries</b>	2,755.0	2,763.1	2,709.4
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	408.2	409.2	2,709.4
Wholesale Trade	70.6	70.8	70.1
Retail Trade	273.2	273.8	268.7
Trans, Warehouse & Utilities	64.4	64.6	64.2
Information	98.9	98.7	99.0
Financial Activities	165.0	165.6	162.9
Professional & Bus. Serv	694.6	694.2	674.4
Educational & Health Serv	311.2	311.7	305.9
Leisure & Hospitality	264.0	264.6	260.6
Accommodation & Food	220.9	221.7	218.1
<b>Other Services</b>	179.8	180.5	176.2
<b>Government</b>	633.3	638.6	627.4
Federal Government	343.6	345.1	343.1

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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, 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 August 2007**

The number of District wage and salary jobs decreased by 6,700 in August 2007. The private sector lost 3,600 jobs and the public sector shed by 3,100 jobs. In the private sector, educational and health services declined by 1,000 jobs, professional and business services, leisure and hospitality, and other services lost 800 jobs each, trade, transportation and utilities lost 200 jobs, and manufacturing and financial activities shed 100 jobs each. Meanwhile natural resources and construction and information added 100 jobs each. In the public sector, the Federal Government lost 1,700 jobs and the District Government shed 1,400 jobs while transportation was unchanged.

In the last twelve months, the District gained a total of 10,400 jobs. The private sector added 9,300 jobs and the public sector gained 1,100 jobs. The private sector growth occurred in professional and business services (up by 6,300 jobs), other services (up by 900 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 800 jobs), financial activities (up by 700 jobs), information (up by 400 jobs), educational and health services (up by 200 jobs), and natural resources and construction and trade, transportation and utilities (up by 100 jobs each). Manufacturing lost 200 jobs. In the public sector, the District Government gained 900 jobs and transportation added 200 jobs while the Federal Government was unchanged.

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## **Washington Metropolitan Division August 2007**

Total wage and salary employment in the Washington Metropolitan Division decreased over the month in August 2007 by 6,200. The private sector decreased by 900 jobs and the public sector lost 5,300 jobs. Within the private sector, losses were registered in trade, transportation, and utilities (down by 800 jobs), other services (down by 600 jobs), financial activities (down by 400 jobs), and leisure and hospitality (down by 200 jobs). Gains were recorded in natural resources, mining and construction (up by 500 jobs), manufacturing, information, and educational and health services (up by 200 jobs each). Professional and business services was unchanged over the month. In the public sector, local government lost 3,400 jobs; the federal government shed 1,500 jobs; and state government lost 400 jobs.

During the past twelve months, the Washington Metropolitan Division gained 37,500 jobs. The private sector added 34,700 jobs and the public sector gained 2,800 jobs. Private sector gains were registered in professional and business services (up by 17,100 jobs), trade, transportation, and utilities (up by 4,900 jobs), educational and health services (up by 3,600 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 3,100 jobs), other services (up by 2,900 jobs), financial activities (up by 1,900 jobs), natural resources, mining and construction (up by 1,300 jobs), and manufacturing (up by 300 jobs). The only loss was registered in information (down by 400 jobs). In the public sector, state government added 1,900 jobs, local government gained 1,000 jobs, and the federal government lost 100 jobs.

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