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## Unemployment Rates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	July 07	June 07	July 06a
U.S.A.	4.9	4.7	5.0
Washington, DC MSA	3.3	3.3	3.5
Washington, DC MD	3.3	3.3	3.5
D.C.	6.0	5.9	6.6
D.C. Ward 1	5.1	5.1	5.7
2	2.9	2.9	3.2
3	1.6	1.5	1.7
4	4.9	4.8	5.4
5	8.1	8.0	8.9
6	5.9	5.8	6.5
7	10.5	10.3	11.5
8	16.0	15.7	17.5

### Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

U.S.A.	4.6	4.5	4.8
D.C.	5.7	5.6	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.

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

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	July 07	June 07	July 06a
Civilian Labor Force	323,400	319,700	326,500
Employment	303,900	300,800	304,800
Unemployment	19,400	18,900	21,700

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## D.C. Unemployment Insurance Benefits

(Total - All Regular Programs)

	July 2007	June 2007	July 2006
Initial Claims	1,606	1,498	1,550

## Consumer Price Index, Annual Change in %

All items. All urban consumers

	July07	June07	July06	June06
Wash.-Balt. DC-MD-VA-WV	2.9	na	4.6	na
U.S.A.	2.4	2.7	4.1	4.3

(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

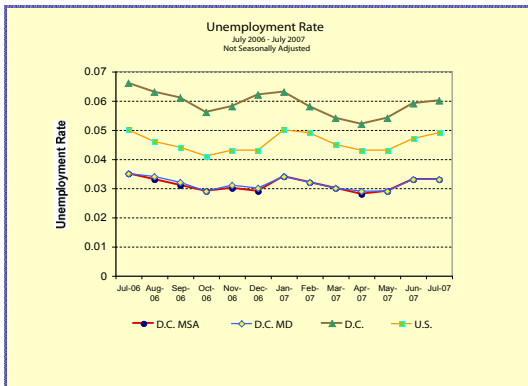
(of Production Workers in Manufacturing)

	July 07p	June 07r	July 06a
Weekly Earnings	\$676.86	\$687.77	\$677.06
Weekly Hours	38.7	39.1	38.8
Hourly Earnings	\$17.49	\$17.59	\$17.45

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

# Unemployment Rate

July 2006 to July 2007 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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

(Not Seasonally Adjusted; In Thousands of Jobs)

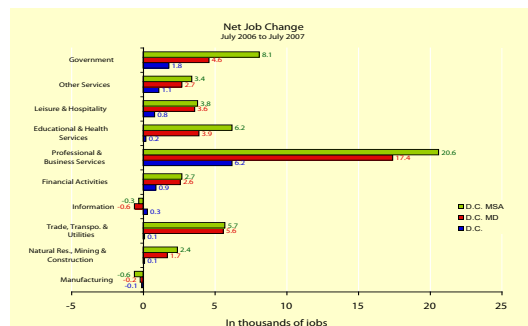
	July 07p	June 07r	July 06 a
<b>Total</b>	707.2	700.4	695.8
<b>Total Private</b>	462.6	466.4	453.0
<b>Goods-Producing Industries</b>	14.8	14.6	14.8
Manufacturing	1.6	1.7	1.7
Natural Res., Mining & Construction	13.2	12.9	13.1
<b>Service-Providing Industries</b>	692.4	685.8	681.0
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	27.6	28.1	27.5
Wholesale Trade	4.7	4.8	4.6
Retail Trade	17.8	18.1	17.6
Trans, Warehouse & Utilities	5.1	5.2	5.3
Information	23.0	22.8	22.7
Financial Activities	30.6	30.4	29.7
Professional & Bus. Serv	161.3	163.1	155.1
Educational & Health Serv	88.2	89.1	88.0
Leisure & Hospitality	55.3	56.6	54.5
Accommodation & Food	49.4	50.4	48.6
<b>Other Services</b>	61.8	61.7	60.7
<b>Government</b>	244.6	234.0	242.8
Federal Government	195.2	194.5	195.3
D.C. Government	44.3	34.4	42.6
Public Transportation	5.1	5.1	4.9

(Subtotals may not equal totals due to rounding.)

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## Net Job Changes

July 2006 to July 2007



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

(Not Seasonally Adjusted; In Thousands of Jobs)

	July 07p	June 07r	July 06 a
<b>Total</b>	2,440.5	2,450.2	2,399.2
<b>Total Private</b>	1,892.7	1,899.6	1,856.0
<b>Goods-Producing Industries</b>	198.1	197.6	196.6
Manufacturing	43.7	44.0	43.9
Natural Res., Mining & Construction	154.4	153.6	152.7
<b>Service-Providing Industries</b>	2,242.4	2,252.6	2,202.6
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	324.8	326.8	319.2
Wholesale Trade	55.0	55.3	54.4
Retail Trade	212.7	213.7	207.7
Trans, Warehouse & Utilities	57.1	57.8	57.1
Information	81.3	81.0	81.9
Financial Activities	119.9	119.6	117.3
Professional & Bus. Serv	564.7	565.4	547.3
Educational & Health Serv	240.9	245.9	237.0
Leisure & Hospitality	214.5	215.3	210.9
Accommodation & Food	181.5	182.8	179.0
<b>Other Services</b>	148.5	148.0	145.8
<b>Government</b>	547.8	550.6	543.2
Federal Government	301.2	299.9	301.8
State Government	80.3	72.1	77.8
Local Government	166.3	178.6	163.6

(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)

	July 07p	June 07r	July 06 a
<b>Total</b>	3,030.2	3,041.1	2,978.2
<b>Total Private</b>	2,389.1	2,395.4	2,345.2
<b>Goods-Producing Industries</b>	262.6	261.8	260.8
Manufacturing	63.5	63.9	64.1
Natural Res., Mining & Construction	199.1	197.9	196.7
<b>Service-Providing Industries</b>	2,767.6	2,779.3	2,717.4
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	408.8	410.9	403.1
Wholesale Trade	70.8	71.1	70.3
Retail Trade	273.4	274.6	268.5
Trans, Warehouse & Utilities	64.6	65.2	64.3
Information	98.9	98.4	99.2
Financial Activities	165.5	165.1	162.8
Professional & Bus. Serv	694.6	695.2	674.0
Educational & Health Serv	313.2	318.3	307.0
Leisure & Hospitality	265.1	265.8	261.3
Accommodation & Food	221.9	223.4	218.6
<b>Other Services</b>	180.4	179.9	177.0
<b>Government</b>	641.1	645.7	633.0
Federal Government	345.1	343.5	345.4

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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 July 2007**

The number of District wage and salary jobs increased by 6,800 in July 2007. The private sector lost 3,800 jobs while the public sector increased by 10,600 jobs. In the private sector, professional and business services lost 1,800 jobs, leisure and hospitality decreased by 1,300 jobs, educational and health services declined by 900 jobs, trade, transportation and utilities lost 500 jobs, and manufacturing shed 100 jobs. Meanwhile, natural resources and construction gained 300 jobs, information and financial activities added 200 jobs each, and other services gained 100 jobs. In the public sector, the District government added 9,900 jobs and the federal government gained 700 jobs, while transportation was unchanged.

In the last twelve months, the District gained a total of 11,400 jobs. The private sector added 9,600 jobs and the public sector gained 1,800 jobs. The private sector growth occurred in professional and business services (up by 6,200 jobs), other services (up by 1,100 jobs), financial activities (up by 900 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 800 jobs), information (up by 300 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 100 jobs. In the public sector, the District government gained 1,700 jobs and transportation added 200 jobs, while the federal government lost 100 jobs.

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## **Washington Metropolitan Division July 2007**

Total wage and salary employment in the Washington Metropolitan Division decreased over the month in July 2007 by 9,700. The private sector decreased by 6,900 jobs and the public sector lost 2,800 jobs. Within the private sector, losses were registered in educational and health services (down by 5,000 jobs), trade, transportation, and utilities (down by 2,000 jobs), leisure and hospitality (down by 800 jobs), professional and business services (down by 700 jobs), and manufacturing (down by 300 jobs). Gains were recorded in natural resources, mining and construction (up by 800 jobs), other services (up by 500 jobs), and information and financial activities (up by 300 jobs each). In the public sector, the federal government added 1,300 jobs; state government gained 8,200 jobs; and local government lost 12,300 jobs.

During the past twelve months, the Washington Metropolitan Division gained 41,300 jobs. The private sector added 36,700 jobs and the public sector gained 4,600 jobs. Private sector gains were registered in professional and business services (up by 17,400 jobs), trade, transportation, and utilities (up by 5,600 jobs), educational and health services (up by 3,900 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 3,600 jobs), other services (up by 2,700 jobs), financial activities (up by 2,600 jobs), and natural resources, mining and construction (up by 1,700 jobs). Losses was registered in information (down by 600 jobs) and manufacturing (down by 200 jobs). In the public sector, local government gained 2,700 jobs, state government added 2,500 jobs, and the federal government lost 600 jobs.

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