

**Employment Status for the Civilian Population
District of Columbia,
Washington Metropolitan Division and Statistical Area
May 2012/a**

	May/ b 2012	Apr/ d 2012	May/ d 2011	Net Change From	
				Apr/ d 2012	May/ d 2011
Seasonally Unadjusted					
Washington, D.C.					
Civilian Labor Force	353,300	346,100	342,700	7,200	10,600
Total Employed	321,400	317,500	308,300	3,900	13,100
Total Unemployed	31,900	28,600	34,400	3,300	-2,500
Unemployment Rate	9.0	8.3	10.0	0.7	-1.0
Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Division					
Civilian Labor Force	2,552,500	2,531,900	2,510,300	20,600	42,200
Total Employed	2,415,100	2,402,400	2,364,600	12,700	50,500
Total Unemployed	137,400	129,500	145,700	7,900	-8,300
Unemployment Rate	5.4	5.1	5.8	0.3	-0.4
Suburban Ring					
Civilian Labor Force	2,857,400	2,838,400	2,821,000	19,000	36,400
Total Employed	2,718,000	2,705,000	2,674,500	13,000	43,500
Total Unemployed	139,400	133,400	146,400	6,000	-7,000
Unemployment Rate	4.9	4.7	5.2	0.2	-0.3
Washington, D.C. MSA					
Civilian Labor Force	3,210,700	3,184,500	3,163,700	26,200	47,000
Total Employed	3,039,400	3,022,500	2,982,800	16,900	56,600
Total Unemployed	171,300	162,000	180,800	9,300	-9,500
Unemployment Rate	5.3	5.1	5.7	0.2	-0.4

a/ Data may not add to the totals due to independent rounding.

b/ Preliminary.

c/ Revised.

d/ Data reflect benchmark revisions.

Estimated Labor Force and Employment for the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Division includes The District of Columbia, Virginia Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Fredericksburg, Manassas, and Manassas Park; the Virginia Counties of Arlington, Clarke, Fairfax, Loudon, Prince William, Spotsylvania, Stafford, and Warren; the Maryland Counties of Calvert, Charles, and Prince Georges; and the West Virginia County of Jefferson.

Estimated Labor Force and Employment for the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Statistical Area includes the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria Metropolitan Division and the Bethesda-Frederick-Gaithersburg Metropolitan Division which includes the Counties of Frederick and Montgomery in Maryland.

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