

**Employment Status for the Civilian Population
District of Columbia,
Washington Metropolitan Division and Statistical Area
January 2026/a**

Net Change From

	Jan/b 2026	Dec/d 2025	Jan/d 2025	Dec/d 2025	Jan/d 2025
Seasonally Unadjusted					
Washington, D.C.					
Civilian Labor Force	402,400	409,000	414,800	-6,600	-12,400
Total Employed	377,500	382,900	390,800	-5,400	-13,300
Total Unemployed	24,900	26,100	24,000	-1,200	900
Unemployment Rate	6.2	6.4	5.8	-0.2	0.4
Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Division					
Civilian Labor Force	979,800	989,500	1,009,700	-9,700	-29,900
Total Employed	924,500	939,100	962,700	-14,600	-38,200
Total Unemployed	55,300	50,500	47,000	4,800	8,300
Unemployment Rate	5.6	5.1	4.7	0.5	0.9
Suburban Ring					
Civilian Labor Force	3,035,100	3,045,800	3,107,300	-10,700	-72,200
Total Employed	2,910,400	2,939,200	3,011,700	-28,800	-101,300
Total Unemployed	124,700	106,700	95,500	18,000	29,200
Unemployment Rate	4.1	3.5	3.1	0.6	1.0
Washington, D.C. MSA					
Civilian Labor Force	3,437,500	3,454,800	3,522,100	-17,300	-84,600
Total Employed	3,287,900	3,322,100	3,402,500	-34,200	-114,600
Total Unemployed	149,600	132,800	119,500	16,800	30,100
Unemployment Rate	4.4	3.8	3.4	0.6	1.0

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, DC-MD Metroplitan Division includes the District of Columbia and MD (Charles County, MD, and Prince Georges County, MD)

Estimated Labor Force and Employment for the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Statisical Area includes Principle cities: Washington, DC; Arlington, VA; Alexandria, VA;Frederick, MD; Gaithersburg, MD; Bethesda, MD; Rockville, MD; Reston, VA; McLean, VA; North Bethesda, MD; the Arlington-Alexandria-Reston, VA-WV Metropolitan Division Arlington County, VA; Clarke County, VA;Culpeper County, VA; Fairfax County, VA;Faquier Cour Loudon, County, VA; Prince William County, VA; Rappahanock County, VA; Spotsylvania County, VA; Stafford County, VA; Warren County, VA; Alexandria city, Fairfax City; Falls church city; Fredericksburg city, VA; Manassas city, ; Manassas Park city, VA; Jefferson County, WV.

Frederick-Gaithersburg-Bethesda, MD Division wich includes Frederick county, Montgomrty county.

Washington, DC-MD Metroplolitan Division which includes the District of Columbia, DC; Charles County, MD and Prince George's County, MD.

Estimated Labor Force and Employment for the Suburban Ring includes the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Statistical Area excluding the District of Columbia

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