

# Labor Market

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## A Snapshot

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## Unemployment Rates *(Not Seasonally Adjusted)*

	May 07	April 07	May 06a
U.S.A.	4.3	4.3	4.4
Washington, DC MSA	2.9	2.8	3.1
Washington, DC MD	2.9	2.9	3.1
D.C.	5.4	5.2	6.0
D.C. Ward 1	4.6	4.4	5.2
2	2.6	2.5	2.9
3	1.4	1.3	1.6
4	4.4	4.2	4.9
5	7.3	7.0	8.1
6	5.3	5.1	5.9
7	9.4	9.1	10.5
8	14.5	14.0	16.0

## Unemployment Rates *(Seasonally Adjusted)*

U.S.A.	4.5	4.5	4.6
D.C.	5.6	5.7	5.9

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)*

	May 07	Apr. 07	May 06a
Civilian Labor Force	318,900	319,500	312,900
Employment	301,800	302,900	294,100
Unemployment	17,200	16,600	18,800

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## D.C. Unemployment Insurance Benefits

*(Total - All Regular Programs)*

	May 2007	April 2007	May 2006
Initial Claims	1,507	1,219	1,450

## Consumer Price Index, Annual Change in %

*All items. All urban consumers*

	May07	Apr.07	May06	Apr.06
Wash.-Balt. DC-MD-VA-WV	3.2	na	4.2	na
U.S.A.	2.7	2.6	4.2	3.5

*(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

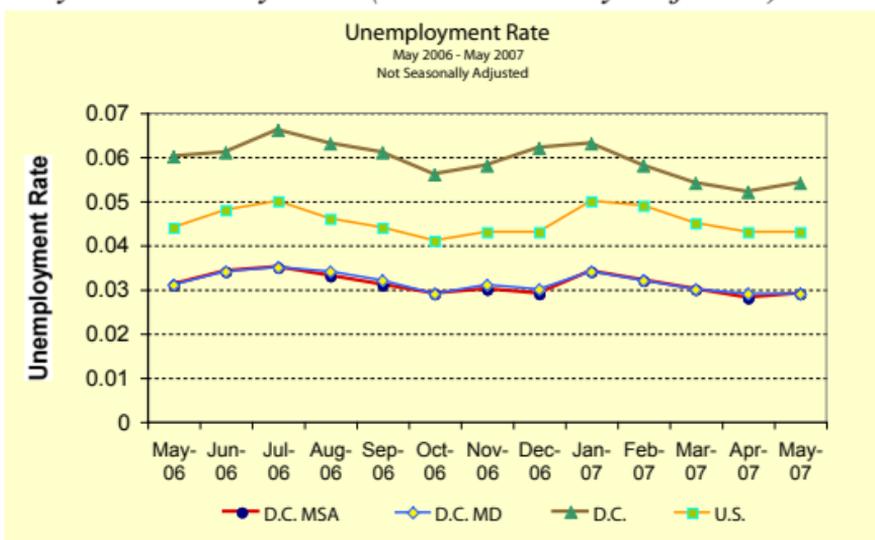
*(of Production Workers in Manufacturing)*

	May 07p	Apr. 07r	May 06a
Weekly Earnings	\$677.04	\$682.50	\$662.56
Weekly Hours	38.6	39.0	38.1
Hourly Earnings	\$17.54	\$17.50	\$17.39

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

# Unemployment Rate

May 2006 to May 2007 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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

(Not Seasonally Adjusted; In Thousands of Jobs)

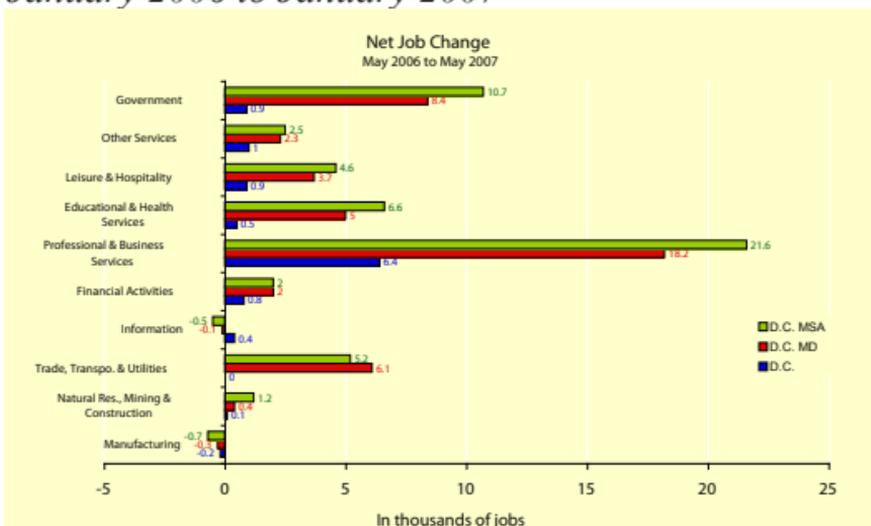
	May 07p	Apr. 07r	May 06 a
<b>Total</b>	696.4	698.9	685.6
<b>Total Private</b>	464.8	467.6	454.9
<b>Goods-Producing Industries</b>	14.3	14.0	14.4
Manufacturing	1.6	1.6	1.8
Natural Res., Mining & Construction	12.7	12.4	12.6
<b>Service-Providing Industries</b>	682.1	684.9	671.2
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	27.9	27.8	27.9
Wholesale Trade	4.8	4.8	4.8
Retail Trade	17.9	17.9	17.6
Trans, Warehouse & Utilities	5.2	5.1	5.5
Information	22.6	22.7	22.2
Financial Activities	30.2	30.1	29.4
Professional & Bus. Serv	159.5	158.9	153.1
Educational & Health Serv	93.4	97.6	92.9
Leisure & Hospitality	56.2	55.9	55.3
Accommodation & Food	50.0	49.5	49.1
<b>Other Services</b>	60.7	60.6	59.7
<b>Government</b>	231.6	231.3	230.7
Federal Government	191.9	191.6	191.4
D.C. Government	34.7	34.7	34.5
Public Transportation	5.0	5.0	4.8

(Subtotals may not equal totals due to rounding.)

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## Net Job Changes

January 2006 to January 2007



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

(Not Seasonally Adjusted; In Thousands of Jobs)

	May 07p	Apr. 07r	May 06 a
<b>Total</b>	2,439.6	2,425.7	2,393.9
<b>Total Private</b>	1,883.2	1,872.1	1,845.9
<b>Goods-Producing Industries</b>	194.0	192.2	193.9
Manufacturing	43.4	43.3	43.7
Natural Res., Mining & Construction	150.6	148.9	150.2
<b>Service-Providing Industries</b>	2,245.6	2,233.5	2,200.0
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	324.6	321.2	318.5
Wholesale Trade	55.0	54.7	54.8
Retail Trade	212.1	209.7	206.5
Trans, Warehouse & Utilities	57.5	56.8	57.2
Information	81.0	80.5	81.1
Financial Activities	118.8	117.8	116.8
Professional & Bus. Serv	557.7	556.3	539.5
Educational & Health Serv	251.5	254.2	246.5
Leisure & Hospitality	209.1	204.0	205.4
Accommodation & Food	180.3	177.0	177.6
<b>Other Services</b>	146.5	145.9	144.2
<b>Government</b>	556.4	553.6	548.0
Federal Government	297.8	297.1	296.4
State Government	81.0	80.6	76.9
Local Government	177.6	175.9	174.7

(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)

	May 07p	Apr. 07r	May 06 a
<b>Total</b>	3,024.6	3,006.6	2,971.4
<b>Total Private</b>	2,371.7	2,357.4	2,329.2
<b>Goods-Producing Industries</b>	257.7	255.4	257.2
Manufacturing	63.2	63.1	63.9
Natural Res., Mining & Construction	194.5	192.3	193.3
<b>Service-Providing Industries</b>	2,766.9	2,751.2	2,714.2
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	407.3	403.4	402.1
Wholesale Trade	70.8	70.5	70.6
Retail Trade	271.6	268.7	267.2
Trans, Warehouse & Utilities	64.9	64.2	64.3
Information	98.2	97.6	98.7
Financial Activities	163.9	162.7	161.9
Professional & Bus. Serv	686.5	684.8	664.9
Educational & Health Serv	323.4	326.0	316.8
Leisure & Hospitality	257.1	250.6	252.5
Accommodation & Food	220.1	215.8	216.2
<b>Other Services</b>	177.6	176.9	175.1
<b>Government</b>	652.9	649.2	642.2
Federal Government	341.3	340.5	339.0

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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.

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 May 2007**

The number of District wage and salary jobs decreased by 2,500 in May 2007. The private sector decreased by 2,800 jobs while the public sector added 300 jobs. In the private sector, educational and health services declined by 4,200 jobs and information lost 100 while professional and business services gained 600 jobs, natural resources and construction and leisure and hospitality added 300 jobs each, and trade, transportation and utilities, financial activities and other services added 100 jobs each. Manufacturing was unchanged. In the public sector, the federal government added 300 jobs while the District government and transportation was unchanged.

In the last twelve months, the District gained a total of 10,800 jobs. The private sector added 9,900 jobs and the public sector gained 900 jobs. The private sector growth occurred in professional and business services (up by 6,400 jobs), other services (up by 1,000 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 900 jobs), financial activities (up by 800 jobs), educational and health services (up by 500 jobs), information (up by 400 jobs), and natural resources and construction (up by 100 jobs). Trade, transportation and utilities were unchanged while manufacturing lost 200 jobs. In the public sector, the federal government gained 500 job and the District government and transportation added 200 jobs each.

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## **Washington Metropolitan Division May 2007**

Total wage and salary employment in the Washington Metropolitan Division increased over the month in May 2007 by 13,900. The private sector increased by 11,100 jobs and the public sector gained 2,800 jobs. Within the private sector, gains were registered in leisure and hospitality (up by 5,100 jobs), trade, transportation, and utilities (up by 3,400 jobs), natural resources, mining and construction (up by 1,700 jobs), professional and business services (up by 1,400 jobs), financial activities (up by 1,000 jobs), other services (up by 600 jobs), information (up by 500 jobs), and manufacturing (up by 100 jobs). Educational and health services lost 2,700 jobs over the month. In the public sector, local government gained 1,700 jobs; the federal government added 700 jobs; and state government gained 400 jobs.

During the past twelve months, the Washington Metropolitan Division gained 45,700 jobs. The private sector added 37,300 jobs and the public sector gained 8,400 jobs. Private sector gains were registered in professional and business services (up by 18,200 jobs), trade, transportation, and utilities (up by 6,100 jobs), educational and health services (up by 5,000 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 3,700 jobs), other services (up by 2,300 jobs), financial activities (up by 2,000 jobs), and natural resources, mining and construction (up by 400 jobs). Losses were registered in manufacturing (down by 300 jobs) and information (down by 100 jobs). In the public sector, state government added 4,100 jobs, local government gained 2,900 jobs, and the federal government added 1,400 jobs.

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