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## Unemployment Rates Seasonally Adjusted

	Feb. 2007	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006
Mississippi	6.7	6.2	7.2
Michigan	6.6	6.9	6.8
Alaska	6.1	6.4	6.9
South Carolina	6.1	6.4	6.4
<b>District of Columbia</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>5.9</b>
Kentucky	5.7	5.6	6.0
Massachusetts	5.3	5.3	4.8
Oregon	5.3	5.2	5.4
Arkansas	5.0	5.1	5.0
Missouri	5.0	4.6	4.7
Ohio	5.0	5.3	5.3
Wisconsin	5.0	4.9	4.8
Tennessee	4.9	4.8	5.1
California	4.8	4.8	4.9
Illinois	4.8	4.6	4.9
Washington	4.8	5.1	4.8
Indian	4.7	5.1	5.1
Minnesota	4.5	4.4	4.1
North Carolina	4.5	4.6	4.7
Texas	4.5	4.5	5.1
Kansas	4.4	4.1	4.4
Maine	4.4	4.4	4.4
New York	4.4	4.3	4.7
Rhode Island	4.4	4.7	5.2
Georgia	4.3	4.5	4.7
Nevada	4.3	4.5	4.1
West Virginia	4.3	4.0	4.6
Connecticut	4.2	4.4	4.4
New Jersey	4.1	4.2	4.7
Pennsylvania	4.0	4.7	4.6
Arizona	3.9	4.2	4.2
Louisiana	3.9	3.7	4.3
Oklahoma	3.9	3.8	3.8
Vermont	3.9	4.0	3.6
Colorado	3.8	4.1	4.3
Maryland	3.8	3.8	3.7
New Hampshire	3.7	3.7	3.4
New Mexico	3.5	3.8	4.6
Delaware	3.4	3.4	3.7
South Dakota	3.4	3.3	3.2
Alabama	3.3	3.3	3.5
Florida	3.3	3.3	3.4
Iowa	3.3	3.4	3.9
North Dakota	3.2	3.2	3.2
Nebraska	2.9	3.0	2.9
Virginia	2.9	2.8	2.9
Idaho	2.8	3.0	3.6
Montana	2.5	2.7	3.5
Hawaii	2.3	2.2	2.5
Utah	2.3	2.6	3.2
Wyoming	2.3	2.6	2.8

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, D.C. Department of Employment Services, Office of Labor Market Research and Information

## National Unemployment Rates

The February 2007 national unemployment rate of 4.9 percent (not seasonally adjusted) was down 0.1 percent from the rate in January 2007 and 0.2 percent lower than the rate in February 2006.

The seasonally adjusted national unemployment rate in February 2007 was 4.5 percent; down 0.1 percent from the January 2007 rate and 0.3 percent lower than the February 2006, seasonally adjusted, national unemployment rate.

## State Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

In February, the District of Columbia had the fifth highest unemployment rate at 5.8 percent. Mississippi recorded the highest jobless rate at 6.7 percent followed by Michigan, at 6.6 percent, and Alaska and South Carolina, at 6.1 percent each. Hawaii, Utah and Wyoming posted the lowest unemployment rates, at 2.3 percent each, followed by Montana, at 2.5 percent, and Idaho, at 2.8 percent. Seventeen additional states recorded rates of 4.0 percent or below including Virginia, at 2.9 percent and Maryland, at 3.8 percent.

Over the month, unemployment rates were lower in the District of Columbia and 24 states, higher in 16 states, and unchanged in 10 states. The largest rate decreases were in Pennsylvania (down 0.7 percentage point) and Indiana (down 0.4 percentage point). Mississippi registered the largest rate increase (up 0.5 percentage point) followed by Missouri (up 0.4 percentage point).

Compared to a year earlier, unemployment rates were lower in the District of Columbia and 33 states, higher in 10 states and unchanged in 7 states. New Mexico (down 1.1 percentage points) recorded the largest over-the-year unemployment rate decrease followed

## State Unemployment

(Seasonally Adjusted) continued

by Montana (down 1.0 percentage point), Utah (down 0.9 percentage point), and Alaska, Idaho, and Rhode Island (down 0.8 percentage point each). The largest over-the-year unemployment rate increases were in Massachusetts (up 0.5 percentage point) and Minnesota (up 0.4 percentage point).



## Unemployment Rates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Feb. 07	Jan. 07	Feb. 06 a
<b>U.S.A.</b>	4.9	5.0	5.1
<b>Washington, DC MSA</b>	3.2	3.4	3.1
<b>Washington, DC MD</b>	3.2	3.4	3.2
<b>D.C.</b>	5.8	6.3	6.0
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<b>D.C. Ward</b>			
1	5.0	5.4	5.1
2	2.8	3.1	2.9
3	1.5	1.6	1.5
4	4.7	5.1	4.8
5	7.8	8.5	8.1
6	5.7	6.2	5.9
7	10.1	11.0	10.4
8	15.5	16.7	15.9

## Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

<b>U.S.A.</b>	4.5	4.6	4.8
<b>D.C.</b>	5.8	6.1	5.9

**a: Reflecting 2006 benchmark revisions**

Note: Estimates for the latest year are subject to revision early the following calendar year.

## District of Columbia's Unemployment Rate

The District of Columbia's seasonally adjusted February 2007 unemployment rate was 5.8 percent, down 0.3 percent from the January 2007 rate. The February 2007 rate was 0.1 percent lower than the rate in February 2006.

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for February 2007 was 5.8 percent; down 0.5 percent from the January 2007 rate and 0.2 percent lower than the rate in February 2006.



## District of Columbia's Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

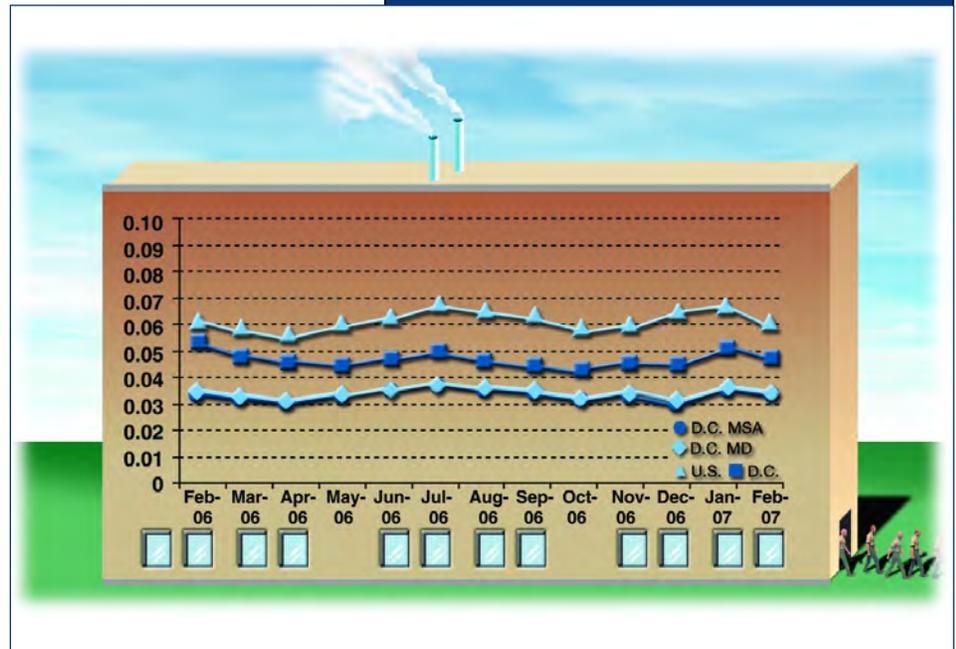
Over the month, the District's civilian labor force increased by 2,400 to 318,300. A total of 299,800 residents were employed and 18,500 were unemployed in February 2007. A 3,700 increase in the number of employed residents along with a 1,200 decrease in the number of unemployed residents resulted in the 0.5 percent decrease in the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate.

From February 2006 to February 2007, the District's civilian labor force increased by 5,600 as the number of employed residents increased by 5,800 and the number of unemployed residents decreased by 100. The District's February 2007 unemployment rate was 0.2 percent lower than the rate in February 2006.

## Unemployment Rate

February 2006 - February 2007

Not Seasonally Adjusted



## Unemployment Insurance Benefit Statistics

In February 2007, initial claims filed for Unemployment Insurance (UI) in the District of Columbia fell 30.3 percent from the January 2007 level of 1,417 to 988. Over the year, UI initial claims were down 11.1 percent from the 1,111 level in February 2006. The February 2007 initial claims for all programs were down from January 2007 by 502 to 1,156 and higher by 7 or 0.6 percent from the February 2006 level of 1,149.

For the all programs total, most other benefit statistics were lower in February 2007 compared to January 2007. Weeks

claimed fell 14.1 percent to 16,710, weeks compensated were down 21.1 percent to 26,407, benefits paid decreased by 21.1 percent to \$7,377,465, while the average weekly benefit amount (A.W.B.A.) rose one cent to \$279.38. First payments were down 25.3 percent to 1,407 and final payments decreased 14.6 percent to 780.

Over the year, most other benefit statistics were higher in February 2007 compared to February 2006. Weeks claimed were up 6.3 percent and weeks compensated rose 4.2 percent. Benefits paid increased by

4.4 percent and the average weekly benefit amount rose 0.2 percent from the \$278.77 February 2006 amount. First payments were up 16.1 percent while final payments were 1.5 percent lower.



## Washington Metropolitan Division Civilian Labor Force Employment and Unemployment Rates

The civilian labor force in the Washington Metropolitan Division decreased by 4,000 in February 2007 as employment decreased by 400 and the number unemployed decreased by 3,700. The unemployment rate in the Washington Metropolitan Division, at 3.2 percent in February, was down 0.2 percent from the rate in January 2007.

Over the last twelve months, the number of employed residents in the Washington Metropolitan Division rose by 38,800. With 1,700 more unemployed division residents, the division civilian labor force rose by 40,700. The metropolitan division's February 2007 unemployment rate was unchanged from the rate in February 2006.

### Washington Metropolitan Area Civilian Labor Force Employment and Unemployment Rates

The civilian labor force in the suburban ring of communities surrounding the District of Columbia decreased by 12,700 in February 2007 as employment fell by 8,800 and the number unemployed decreased by 4,100. The unemployment rate in the suburban ring, at 2.9 percent in February, was down 0.1 percent from the rate in January 2007.

Over the last twelve months, the number of employed residents in the suburban ring rose by 39,400. With 3,200 more unemployed suburban residents, the suburban civilian labor force rose by 42,800. The suburban ring's February 2007 unemployment rate was up 0.1 percent from the rate in February 2006.

For the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area, the number of persons in the civilian labor force decreased by 10,300 in February 2007. The number of employed residents in the metropolitan area declined by 5,100 and the number of

unemployed residents decreased by 5,300. The metropolitan area's unemployment rate at 3.2 percent in February 2007 was down 0.2 percent from the rate in January 2007.

Compared to February 2006, the metropolitan area's civilian labor force rose by 48,400.

Employment increased by 45,200 and unemployment rose by 3,100. The Washington Metropolitan Area's February 2007 unemployment rate was up 0.1 percent from the February 2006 rate of 3.1 percent.

## Employment Status for the Civilian Population

District of Columbia, Washington Metropolitan Division and Statistical Area  
February 2007/a

	Net Change From					
	Feb. 2007	Jan. 2007	Feb./b 2006	Jan./b 2006	Jan. 2007	Feb. 2006
<b>Seasonally Adjusted Washington, D.C.</b>						
Civilian Labor Force	321,000	320,200	315,700	315,300	800	5,300
Total Employed	302,400	300,500	297,000	296,600	1,900	5,400
Total Unemployed	18,600	19,600	18,700	18,700	-1,000	-100
Unemployment Rate	5.8	6.1	5.9	5.9	-0.3	-0.1
<b>Not Seasonally Adjusted Washington, D.C.</b>						
Civilian Labor Force	318,300	315,900	312,700	310,100	2,400	5,600
Total Employed	299,800	296,100	294,000	292,300	3,700	5,800
Total Unemployed	18,500	19,700	18,600	17,800	-1,200	-100
Unemployment Rate	5.8	6.3	6.0	5.7	-0.5	-0.2
<b>Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Division</b>						
Civilian Labor Force	2,326,500	2,330,500	2,285,800	2,279,500	-4,000	40,700
Total Employed	2,251,200	2,251,600	2,212,400	2,206,600	-400	38,800
Total Unemployed	75,200	78,900	73,500	72,800	-3,700	1,700
Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.4	3.2	3.2	-0.2	0.0
<b>Suburban Ring</b>						
Civilian Labor Force	2,650,700	2,663,400	2,607,900	2,603,300	-12,700	42,800
Total Employed	2,574,200	2,583,000	2,534,800	2,529,200	-8,800	39,400
Total Unemployed	76,400	80,500	73,200	74,100	-4,100	3,200
Unemployment Rate	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.8	-0.1	0.1
<b>Washington, D.C. MSA</b>						
Civilian Labor Force	2,969,000	2,979,300	2,920,600	2,913,400	-10,300	48,400
Total Employed	2,874,000	2,879,100	2,828,800	2,821,500	-5,100	45,200
Total Unemployed	94,900	100,200	91,800	91,900	-5,300	3,100
Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.4	3.1	3.2	-0.2	0.1

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

b: Data reflect 2006 benchmark revisions.

na: Not available. Estimates for 2005 based on the 2006 benchmark revisions will not be available until May 2007.

Note: Estimates for the latest year are subject to revision early the following calendar year.

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, Fauquier, 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.

SOURCE: Prepared by the Department of Employment Services, Office of Labor Market Research and Information in cooperation with the Virginia Employment Commission, the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, the West Virginia Bureau of Employment Programs, and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## District of Columbia Job Growth

The number of District wage and salary jobs increased by 7,000 in February 2007. The private sector increased by 7,300 jobs while the public sector lost 300 jobs. In the private sector,

educational and health services increased by 3,800 jobs, professional and business services gained 1,900 jobs, leisure and hospitality added 1,000 jobs, other services increased by

400 jobs, and financial activities gained 200 jobs. Manufacturing, natural resources and construction, trade, transportation and utilities, and information were all unchanged. In the public sector, the Federal Government shed 400 jobs, the District Government added 100 jobs, and transportation was unchanged.

In the last twelve months, the District gained a total of 8,300 jobs. The private sector added 9,500 jobs while the public sector lost 1,200 jobs. The private sector growth occurred in professional and business services (up by 6,600 jobs), other services (up by 1,000 jobs), educational and health services (up by 900 jobs), information (up by 500 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 400 jobs), and natural resources and construction and trade, transportation and utilities (up by 200 jobs each). Losses were noted in manufacturing (down by 200 jobs) and financial activities (down by 100 jobs). In the public sector, transportation gained 400 jobs while the Federal Government and District Government lost 800 jobs each.

### Selected Unemployment Insurance Benefit Statistics

(Regular Programs)  
District of Columbia

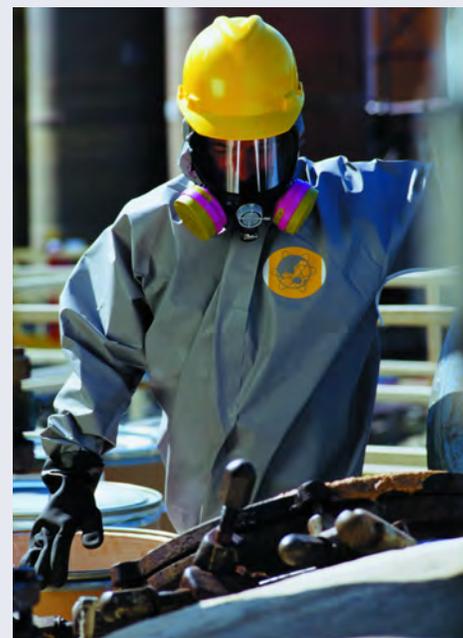
	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	% Change From	
	2007	2007	2006	Jan. 2007	Feb. 2006
<b>State UI Program<sup>a</sup></b>					
Initial Claims	988	1,417	1,111	-30.3	-11.1
Weeks Claimed	15,606	18,620	14,984	-16.2	4.2
Weeks Compensated	24,836	32,215	24,144	-22.9	2.9
Benefits Paid	\$6,880,144	\$8,960,198	\$6,673,040	-23.2	3.1
A.W.B.A.	\$277.02	\$278.14	\$276.39	-0.4	1.2
First Payments	1,241	1,721	1,167	-27.9	6.3
Final Payments	746	882	744	-15.4	0.3
Beneficiaries	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Federal Program<sup>b</sup></b>					
Initial Claims	159	233	30	-31.8	430.0
Weeks Claimed	968	668	565	44.9	71.3
Weeks Compensated	1,445	1,092	1,037	32.3	39.3
Benefits Paid	\$453,608	\$334,183	\$335,006	35.7	35.4
A.W.B.A.	\$313.03	\$306.03	\$323.05	2.6	-2.8
First Payments	163	155	38	5.2	328.9
Final Payments	29	29	42	0.0	-31.0
Beneficiaries	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Ex-Servicepersons Program<sup>c</sup></b>					
Initial Claims	9	8	8	12.5	12.5
Weeks Claimed	136	161	166	-15.5	-18.1
Weeks Compensated	126	173	161	-27.2	-21.7
Benefits Paid	\$43,713	\$58,871	\$56,556	-25.7	-22.7
A.W.B.A.	\$346.93	\$340.29	\$351.28	1.9	-1.2
First Payments	3	7	7	-57.1	-57.1
Final Payments	5	2	6	150.0	-16.7
Beneficiaries	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Total - All Programs</b>					
Initial Claims	1,156	1,658	1,149	-30.3	0.6
Weeks Claimed	16,710	19,449	15,715	-14.1	6.3
Weeks Compensated	26,407	33,480	25,342	-21.1	4.2
Benefits Paid	\$7,377,465	\$9,353,252	\$7,064,602	-21.1	4.4
A.W.B.A.	\$279.38	\$279.37	\$278.77	0.0	0.2
First Payments	1,407	1,883	1,212	-25.3	16.1
Final Payments	780	913	792	-14.6	-1.5
Beneficiaries	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

a: Includes joint claims with Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) and/or Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Servicepersons (UCX).

b: Includes joint claims with Unemployment Compensation of Ex-Servicepersons (UCX).

c: No joint claims.

Average Weekly Benefit Amount (A.W.B.A)



# Wage and Salary Employment by Industry and Place of Work<sup>a</sup>

(In Thousands)

INDUSTRY	District of Columbia			Metropolitan Division		
	Feb. b/ 2007	Jan. c/ 2007	Feb. 2006	Feb. b/ 2007	Jan. c/ 2007	Feb. 2006
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>690.1</b>	<b>683.1</b>	<b>681.8</b>	<b>2,394.4</b>	<b>2,383.3</b>	<b>2,353.2</b>
<b>Total Private Sector</b>	<b>459.9</b>	<b>452.6</b>	<b>450.4</b>	<b>1,844.0</b>	<b>1,835.1</b>	<b>1,809.3</b>
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>230.2</b>	<b>230.5</b>	<b>231.4</b>	<b>550.4</b>	<b>548.2</b>	<b>543.9</b>
<b>Total Goods Producing</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>188.3</b>	<b>187.8</b>	<b>187.7</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>42.7</b>	<b>42.7</b>	<b>43.1</b>
Durable Goods	na	na	na	26.3	26.2	26.0
Non-Durable Goods	na	na	na	16.4	16.5	17.1
<b>Natural Resources, Mining &amp; Construction</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>145.6</b>	<b>145.1</b>	<b>144.6</b>
Construction	na	na	na	144.5	144.1	143.7
Construction of Buildings	na	na	na	34.3	34.1	33.5
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	na	na	na	16.9	17.0	17.4
Specialty Trade Contractors	na	na	na	93.3	93.0	92.8
<b>Total Service Providing</b>	<b>676.1</b>	<b>669.1</b>	<b>667.8</b>	<b>2,206.1</b>	<b>2,195.5</b>	<b>2,165.5</b>
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>28.1</b>	<b>28.1</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>318.1</b>	<b>321.6</b>	<b>314.0</b>
Wholesale Trade	4.8	4.8	4.7	54.1	53.9	54.0
Retail Trade	18.2	18.2	17.9	207.9	211.2	203.5
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	na	na	na	24.3	24.4	25.2
Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies Dealers	na	na	na	15.8	16.0	15.9
Food & Beverage Stores	na	na	na	38.1	38.2	35.8
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	na	na	na	24.3	25.5	22.9
Department Stores	na	na	na	23.6	24.9	24.3
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	5.1	5.1	5.3	56.1	56.5	56.5
Utilities	na	na	na	7.4	7.3	7.5
Transportation & Warehousing	na	na	na	48.7	49.2	49.0
Air Transportation	na	na	na	11.4	11.6	11.9
<b>Information</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>81.3</b>	<b>80.8</b>	<b>80.7</b>
Publishing Industries (except Internet)	8.7	8.7	8.5	na	na	na
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>29.4</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>116.2</b>	<b>115.7</b>	<b>115.7</b>
Finance and Insurance	18.4	18.3	18.6	75.8	75.5	74.6
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	8.9	8.9	8.3	44.4	44.2	43.0
Depository Credit Intermediation	na	na	na	19.1	19.2	18.6
Nondepository Credit Intermediation	na	na	na	19.6	19.4	19.3
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	11.2	11.1	11.1	40.4	40.2	41.1



# Wage and Salary Employment by Industry and Place of Work<sup>a</sup>

(In Thousands)

INDUSTRY	District of Columbia			Metropolitan Division		
	Feb. b/ 2007	Jan. c/ 2007	Feb. 2006	Feb. b/ 2007	Jan. c/ 2007	Feb. 2006
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>155.8</b>	<b>153.9</b>	<b>149.2</b>	<b>547.0</b>	<b>541.9</b>	<b>529.1</b>
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	103.6	102.6	101.3	366.3	363.5	355.9
Legal Services	35.9	35.7	34.7	48.1	47.8	47.4
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping, & Payroll Services	na	na	na	19.8	19.2	20.1
Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services	na	na	na	47.9	47.9	47.6
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	na	na	na	125.0	124.7	121.2
Management, Scientific, and Technical Consulting Services	na	na	na	64.8	64.1	60.5
Scientific Research and Development Services	15.2	15.0	15.1	na	na	na
Management of Companies and Enterprises	na	na	na	31.7	31.5	31.1
Administrative & Support & Waste Management & Remediation Services	50.7	49.8	46.5	149.0	146.9	142.1
Employment Services	11.8	11.5	11.4	29.5	29.2	29.2
Investigation and Security Services	8.5	8.4	7.8	na	na	na
Services to Buildings and Dwellings	12.7	12.7	12.2	48.6	49.8	46.2
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	<b>96.9</b>	<b>93.1</b>	<b>96.0</b>	<b>252.7</b>	<b>248.7</b>	<b>247.7</b>
Educational Services	45.3	41.4	45.1	78.0	74.7	77.4
Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools	34.5	31.4	34.5	48.0	45.2	47.5
Health Care and Social Assistance	51.6	51.7	50.9	174.7	174.0	170.3
Ambulatory Health Care Services	10.6	10.6	10.2	61.0	60.7	58.9
Offices of Physicians	na	na	na	25.2	25.0	24.9
Outpatient Care Centers	na	na	na	7.9	7.9	7.5
Hospitals	24.3	24.2	23.5	55.4	55.3	53.9
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	6.8	6.8	7.0	27.5	27.3	26.6
Social Assistance	na	na	na	30.8	30.7	30.9
Child Day Care Services	na	na	na	14.5	14.4	14.4
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>53.1</b>	<b>52.1</b>	<b>52.7</b>	<b>196.0</b>	<b>194.6</b>	<b>192.2</b>
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	5.8	5.6	5.6	24.0	23.8	22.9
Accommodation and Food Services	47.3	46.5	47.1	172.0	170.8	169.3
Accommodation	15.3	15.0	15.3	33.7	33.1	34.2
Food Services and Drinking Places	32.0	31.5	31.8	138.3	137.7	135.1
Full-Service Restaurants	16.7	16.6	16.4	71.4	71.1	70.8
Limited-Service Eating Places	9.9	9.5	9.7	53.3	53.1	52.6
Special Food Services	4.2	4.1	4.4	10.6	10.5	9.9
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>59.6</b>	<b>59.0</b>	<b>144.4</b>	<b>144.0</b>	<b>142.2</b>
Personal and Laundry Services	na	na	na	25.7	25.8	25.6
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, & Similar Organizations	53.1	52.6	52.2	101.8	101.3	100.4
Business, Professional, Labor, Political, & Similar Organizations	26.4	26.2	26.2	42.1	42.2	42.1
<b>Government</b>	<b>230.2</b>	<b>230.5</b>	<b>231.4</b>	<b>550.4</b>	<b>548.2</b>	<b>543.9</b>
Federal Government	192.0	192.4	192.8	296.4	297.7	297.7
State Government & Local Government / Public Transportation	38.2	38.1	38.6	254.0	250.5	246.2
State Government	33.2	33.1	34.0	77.8	75.9	74.4
Local Government	na	na	na	176.2	174.6	171.8
Public Transportation	5.0	5.0	4.6	na	na	na

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## Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area Job Growth

Total wage and salary employment in the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area increased over the month in February 2007 by 11,900. The private sector increased by 8,900 jobs and the public sector gained 3,000 jobs. Within the private sector, gains were registered in professional and business services (up by 5,800 jobs), educational and health services (up by 4,200 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 1,300 jobs), financial activities (up by 700 jobs), information and other services (up by 600 jobs each), and natural resources, mining and construction (up by 300 jobs). Manufacturing was unchanged over the month while trade, transportation, and utilities lost 4,600 jobs. In the public sector, the federal government lost 1,300 jobs.

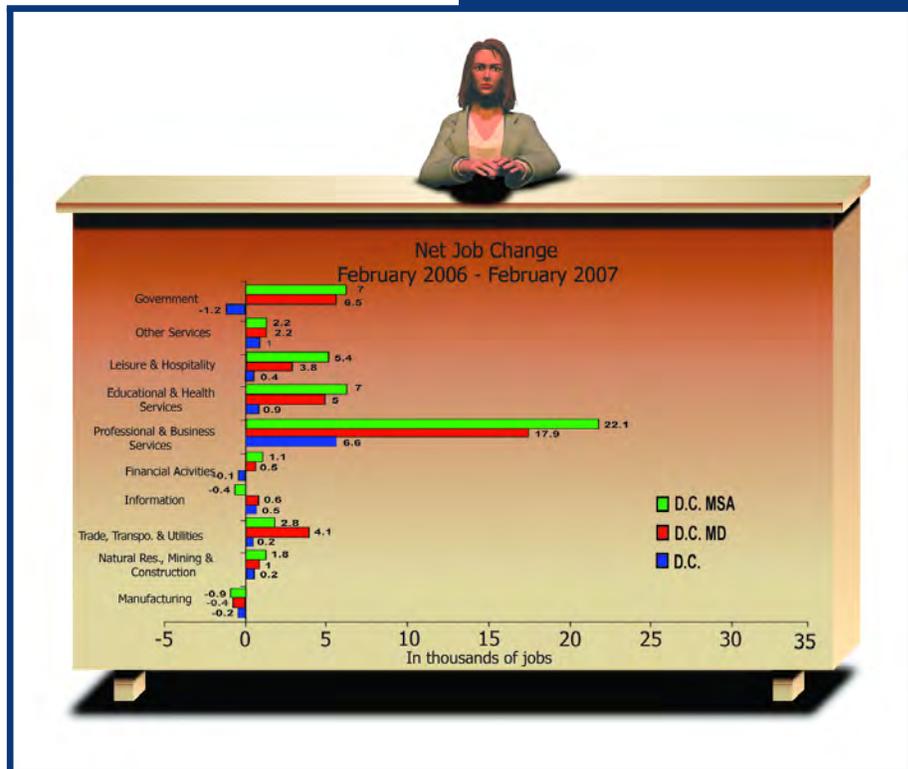
During the past twelve months, the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area gained 48,100 jobs. The private sector added 41,100 jobs and the public sector gained 7,000 jobs. Private sector gains were registered in professional and business services (up by 22,100 jobs),

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900 jobs) and information (down by 400 jobs). In government, the federal government lost 800 jobs.

### Net Job Change

In Thousands of Jobs  
Not Seasonally Adjusted  
February 2006 - February 2007



## Washington Metropolitan Division Job Growth

Total wage and salary employment in the Washington Metropolitan Division increased over the month in February 2007 by 11,100. The private sector increased by 8,900 jobs and the public sector gained 2,200 jobs. Within the private sector, gains were registered in professional and business services (up by 5,100 jobs), educational and health services (up by 4,000 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 1,400 jobs), natural resources, mining and construction, information, and financial activities (up by 500 jobs each), and other services (up by 400 jobs). Manufacturing was

unchanged over the month while trade, transportation, and utilities declined by 3,500 jobs. In the public sector, state government gained 1,900 jobs; local government added 1,600 jobs; and the federal government lost 1,300 jobs.

During the past twelve months, the Washington Metropolitan Division gained 41,200 jobs. The private sector gained 34,700 jobs and the public sector added 6,500 jobs. Private sector gains were registered in professional and business services (up by 17,900 jobs), educational and health services

(up by 5,000 jobs), trade, transportation, and utilities (up by 4,100 jobs), leisure and hospitality (up by 3,800 jobs), other services (up by 2,200 jobs), natural resources, mining and construction (up by 1,000 jobs), information (up by 600 jobs), and financial activities (up by 500 jobs). A loss was registered in manufacturing (down by 400 jobs). In government, local government gained 4,400 jobs and state government added 3,400 jobs while the federal government lost 1,300 jobs.

**Washington D.C. Metropolitan Statistical Area**  
**Wage and Salary Employment by Industry and Place of Work<sup>a</sup>**  
(In Thousands)

INDUSTRY	Net Change From				
	Feb. b/ 2007	Jan. c/ 2007	Feb. 2006	Jan. 2007	Feb. 2006
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2967.7</b>	<b>2955.8</b>	<b>2919.6</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>48.1</b>
<b>Total Private Sector</b>	<b>2322.6</b>	<b>2313.7</b>	<b>2281.5</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>41.1</b>
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>645.1</b>	<b>642.1</b>	<b>638.1</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>
<b>Total Goods Producing</b>	<b>250.0</b>	<b>249.7</b>	<b>249.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.9</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>62.5</b>	<b>62.5</b>	<b>63.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.9</b>
<b>Natural Resources, Mining &amp; Construction</b>	<b>187.5</b>	<b>187.2</b>	<b>185.7</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1.8</b>
Specialty Trade Contractors	118.5	118.3	117.5	0.2	1.0
<b>Total Service Providing</b>	<b>2717.7</b>	<b>2706.1</b>	<b>2670.5</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>47.2</b>
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>399.5</b>	<b>404.1</b>	<b>396.7</b>	<b>-4.6</b>	<b>2.8</b>
Wholesale Trade	69.8	69.6	69.6	0.2	0.2
Retail Trade	266.2	270.5	263.7	-4.3	2.5
Food & Beverage Stores	50.9	51.1	48.1	-0.2	2.8
Department Stores	30.6	32.5	31.9	-1.9	-1.3
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	63.5	64.0	63.4	-0.5	0.1
<b>Information</b>	<b>98.3</b>	<b>97.7</b>	<b>98.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>161.2</b>	<b>160.5</b>	<b>160.1</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.1</b>
Finance and Insurance	106.2	105.8	105.0	0.4	1.2
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	59.3	59.1	57.4	0.2	1.9
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>673.3</b>	<b>667.5</b>	<b>651.2</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>22.1</b>
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	441.0	440.7	431.9	3.4	12.2
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	146.1	145.7	141.7	0.4	4.4
Administrative & Support & Waste Management & Remediation Services	189.5	187.3	180.8	2.2	8.7
Employment Services	43.0	42.9	41.5	0.1	1.5
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	<b>324.0</b>	<b>319.8</b>	<b>317.0</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>7.0</b>
Health Care and Social Assistance	235.1	233.9	228.4	1.2	6.7
Ambulatory Health Care Services	86.3	85.7	83.3	0.6	3.0
Offices of Physicians	35.6	35.4	35.1	0.2	0.5
Hospitals	67.9	67.8	65.9	0.1	2.0
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>241.3</b>	<b>240.0</b>	<b>235.9</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>5.4</b>
Accommodation and Food Services	210.1	209.2	205.9	0.9	4.2
Food Services and Drinking Places	172.2	171.8	167.6	0.4	4.6
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>175.0</b>	<b>174.4</b>	<b>172.8</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>2.2</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>645.1</b>	<b>642.1</b>	<b>638.1</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>
Federal Government	339.8	341.1	340.6	-1.3	-0.8

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## D.C. Metro Area Average Hours and Earnings (of production workers in manufacturing)

In February 2007, average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in the Washington metropolitan division decreased by \$7.32 over the month to \$671.44. A decrease in average hourly earnings was responsible for the drop. Average hourly earnings were down nineteen cents to \$17.44 while average weekly hours were unchanged at 38.5.

From February 2006 to February 2007, average weekly earnings increased by \$22.20. This increase was due to a seventy-five cent rise in hourly earnings. Over the year, average weekly hours declined by 0.4 hour.

### Metro Hours and Earnings Of Production Workers in Manufacturing February 2006 - February 2007

	Feb. '07 <sup>p</sup>	Jan. '07 <sup>r</sup>	Feb. '06 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Weekly Earnings</b>	<b>\$671.44</b>	<b>\$678.76</b>	<b>\$649.24</b>
<b>Weekly Hours</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>38.9</b>
<b>Hourly Earnings</b>	<b>\$17.44</b>	<b>\$17.63</b>	<b>\$16.69</b>

p = Preliminary  
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a = Reflecting 2006 benchmark revisions

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