

**Employment Status for the Civilian Population
Washington Metropolitan Division and the Statistical Area
1996 - 2007 Annual Averages/a/d**

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Division												
Civilian Labor Force	1,913,200	1,935,200	1,964,500	2,017,600	2,071,100	2,100,200	2,138,700	2,167,600	2,213,100	2,268,000	2,319,900	2,346,400
Total Employed	1,832,400	1,861,400	1,900,300	1,960,500	2,014,100	2,028,000	2,049,700	2,080,500	2,129,200	2,187,900	2,246,300	2,273,500
Total Unemployed	80,800	73,700	64,200	57,100	57,000	72,200	89,000	87,100	83,900	80,000	73,500	72,900
Unemployment Rate	4.2	3.8	3.3	2.8	2.8	3.4	4.2	4.0	3.8	3.5	3.2	3.1
Suburban Ring												
Civilian Labor Force	2,189,000	2,214,400	2,243,500	2,290,100	2,360,700	2,396,100	2,444,300	2,475,000	2,518,400	2,579,400	2,644,000	2,656,100
Total Employed	2,117,100	2,149,500	2,189,800	2,241,900	2,305,300	2,324,400	2,354,500	2,388,800	2,437,800	2,500,500	2,570,400	2,584,300
Total Unemployed	71,900	64,800	53,700	48,200	55,300	71,700	89,700	86,300	80,600	79,000	73,700	71,900
Unemployment Rate	3.3	2.9	2.4	2.1	2.3	3.0	3.7	3.5	3.2	3.1	2.8	2.7
Washington, D.C. MSA												
Civilian Labor Force	2,479,500	2,500,900	2,537,300	2,598,200	2,670,100	2,701,900	2,749,500	2,781,900	2,829,400	2,896,600	2,963,900	2,981,700
Total Employed	2,382,800	2,412,300	2,460,000	2,529,900	2,597,200	2,611,000	2,639,100	2,674,200	2,725,400	2,796,900	2,871,500	2,891,300
Total Unemployed	96,700	88,600	77,300	68,300	72,800	90,900	110,300	107,800	104,000	99,800	92,400	90,400
Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.5	3.0	2.6	2.7	3.4	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.4	3.1	3.0

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

d/ Data for 2007 is based on 2007 benchmark.

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, 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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