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### **Washington Metropolitan Area Adds 15,900 Jobs in June**

*Washington Metro Division's Unemployment Rate at 4.9 Percent*

(Washington, DC) - The District of Columbia Department of Employment Services (DOES) reported today that the preliminary June job estimates show an increase of 15,900 jobs for a total of 2,611,900 jobs in the Washington Metropolitan Division. The private sector increased by 15,300 jobs, while the public sector gained 600 jobs. The Washington Metropolitan Division's not seasonally adjusted June 2015 unemployment rate was 4.9 percent, which is up 0.2 percentage points from the May rate of 4.7 percent.

### **Over-the-Month Area Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment Data**

The total civilian labor force in the Washington Metropolitan Division for June 2015 was 2,630,500, of which 2,501,900 were employed and 128,600 were unemployed. The unemployment rate was 4.9 percent. The total civilian labor force in the Suburban Ring of the communities surrounding the District of Columbia was 2,925,400, of which 2,792,300 were employed and 133,100 were unemployed. The unemployment rate for this area was 4.5 percent. In the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area, which includes the Washington Metropolitan Division and the Bethesda-Gaithersburg-Frederick, Maryland Metropolitan Division, the civilian labor force was 3,311,200, of which 3,151,400 were employed and 159,800 were unemployed. The unemployment rate for this area was 4.8 percent. For the month, the unemployment rates for the Washington Metropolitan Division and the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area increased by 0.2 percentage points each while unemployment rate for the Suburban Ring increased by 0.1 percentage point.

### **Over-the-Year Area Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment Data**

The Washington Metropolitan Division's civilian labor force increased over the year by 18,300, while the number of employed increased by 30,000, and the number of unemployed decreased by 11,700. The civilian labor force for the Suburban Ring increased over the year by 17,300, while the number of employed increased by 27,200, and the number of unemployed decreased by 9,900. Meanwhile, the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area's civilian labor force increased by 24,000, while the number of

employed increased by 37,400 and the number of unemployed decreased by 13,400. For the year, the unemployment rates for the Washington Metropolitan Division and the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area decreased by 0.5 percentage points each while the Suburban Area decreased by 0.4 percentage points.

### **Metropolitan Division's Job Growth**

Total wage and salary employment in the Washington Metropolitan Division increased over the month by 15,900 jobs. The private sector increased by 15,300 jobs, and the public sector increased by 600 jobs over the month. Seven private sectors along with the federal and local government had over-the-month job gains. Job gains were registered in professional and business services, which gained (9,600 jobs); other services gained (1,400 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities gained (1,900 jobs); leisure and hospitality gained (7,100 jobs); financial activities gained (1,100 jobs); information gained (1,100 jobs), and manufacturing gained (200 jobs). Two private sectors along with the state government had over-the-month job losses. Job loss was registered in mining, logging and construction which lost (1,000 jobs); and educational and health services lost (6,100 jobs). Government overall gained (600 jobs) over the month. State government lost (3,300 jobs), while the federal government increased by (1,400 jobs), and the local government increased by (2,500 jobs).

During the last 12 months, employment in the Washington Metropolitan Division increased by 59,900 jobs. The private sector added 54,100 jobs, while the public sector gained 5,800 jobs. Professional and business services reported the greatest year-over growth, up 27,000 jobs. Five other private sector industries along with the federal, state and local government posted year-over job gains: Educational and health services up (14,400 jobs); mining, logging and construction up (1,800 jobs); trade, transportation and utilities up (7,000 jobs); other services up (1,200 jobs); and leisure and hospitality up (5,900 jobs). Manufacturing recorded the greatest year-over downturn, down 1,600 jobs. One other private sector industry posted a year-over job loss: financial activities down (1,600 jobs). Meanwhile, information had no over-the-year job change.

### **Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area Explanations**

**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, Manassas Park and the Virginia Counties of Arlington, Clarke, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudon, Prince William, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Warren, Rappahannock and Culpeper; the Maryland Counties of Calvert, Charles, and Prince Georges; and the West Virginia County of Jefferson.

**The estimates for the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Statistical Area** will be the summation of the estimates for the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Division (contained in this release) and the Bethesda-Gaithersburg-Frederick, MD Metropolitan Division (to be released by the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation).

Data reflects the 2014 annual benchmark revisions.

Attachments