



Economic Overview And Outlook: The District Of Columbia

JOBS

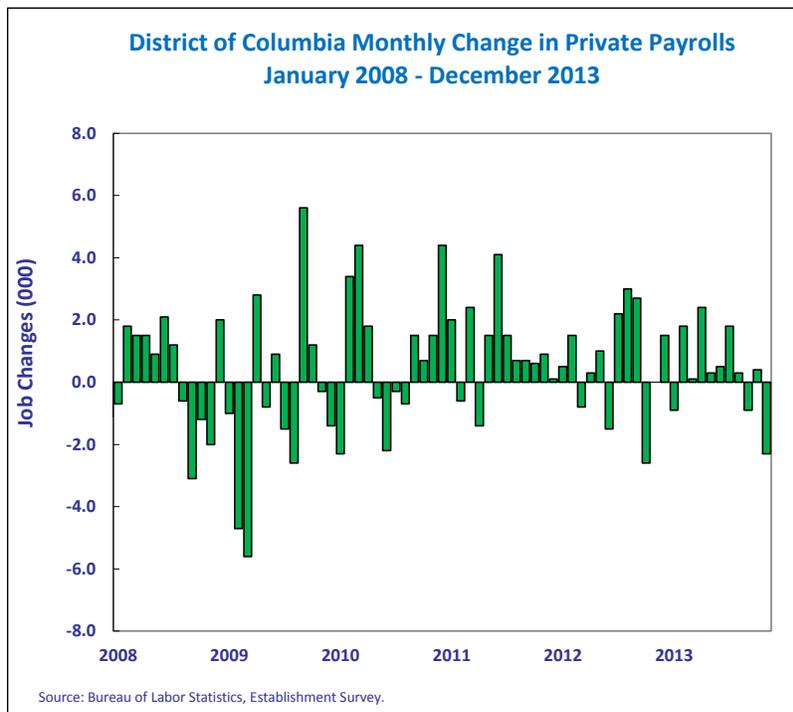
- Including December, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 46 consecutive months.
- In the District of Columbia, private sector employment fell by 1.4 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 8.2 percent.
- In the District of Columbia, employees in the information services, financial activities, and natural resources, mining, construction sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in the District of Columbia have experienced the greatest employment increases: natural resources, mining, and construction; leisure and hospitality; and education and health services.*
- As the recovery continues to take hold, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2012 and 2022. The largest gains over this period are expected to occur in the healthcare and social assistance, professional and business services, and leisure and hospitality sectors. Job gains in the goods-producing sector of the economy will be led by the construction and mining industries.

EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in the District of Columbia was 8.1 percent in December 2013, up 2.5 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 10.4 percent in January 2010.
- 30,000 residents were counted among the unemployed in District of Columbia during December 2013.
- In the District of Columbia, initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits totaled 1,909 during December, up 8.2 percent from the previous month. Since their pre-government shutdown peak of 2,526 in December 2008, initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits have declined by 24.4 percent.

EARNINGS

- Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 3.0 percent. Most recently, in the 3rd quarter of 2013, total personal income is 6.6 percent above its 4th quarter of 2007 level.



- Real per capita personal income (in 2009 \$) in the District of Columbia was \$69,866.10 in the 3rd quarter of 2013, down from \$71,722.70 in the 3rd quarter of 2011.

HOUSING

- After peaking in the first quarter of 2007, national home prices declined by 18.1 percent over 17 quarters. Between the second quarter of 2011 and the third quarter of 2013, the most recent quarter, national home prices rose by 5.9 percent.
- In District of Columbia, home prices have risen by 2.3 percent from the previous peak set in the second quarter of 2013.
- As of the 3rd quarter of 2013, 2.6 percent of all mortgages, including 11.9 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in the District of Columbia.
- Housing starts in the District of Columbia totaled 470 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in December 2013, an increase of 34.3 percent from November.
- Within the South census region, which includes the District of Columbia, sales of new single-family homes totaled 230,000 units in December 2013, a decrease of 7.3 percent from November. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 4.7 percent to 1,780,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from November to December 2013.

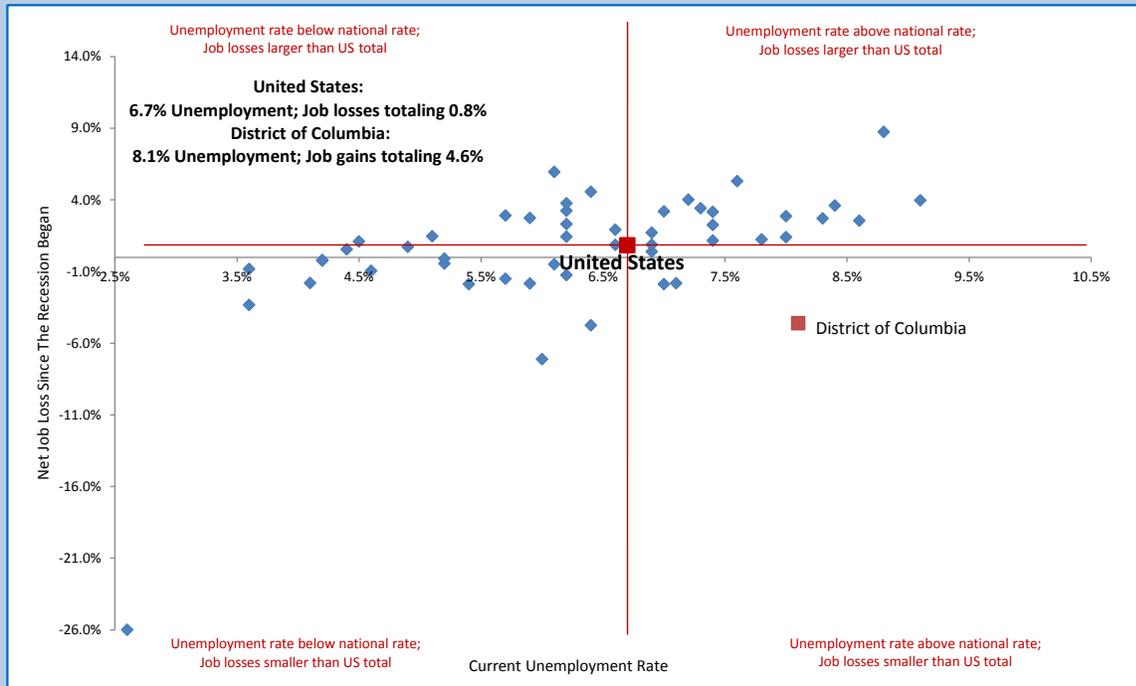
* For District of Columbia-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the District of Columbia office: <http://does.dc.gov/node/184512>

How Does The District Of Columbia Compare To The States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the recent recession. Although labor markets in many states have started recovering, employment in most states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare the District of Columbia to the states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within the District of Columbia since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in the District of Columbia.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant are experiencing lower unemployment rates and smaller job losses than the national average.



DISTRICT QUICK FACTS

		District of Columbia	United States
Unemployment Rates	December 2010	10.0%	9.4%
	December 2011	9.6%	8.5%
	December 2012	8.4%	7.9%
	December 2013	8.1%	6.7%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	2012	5.9%	9.0%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2012	5.2%	7.0%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2012	4.4%	9.9%
Median Household Income	2007	\$ 56,237	\$ 55,627
	(2012 \$)	2012	\$ 65,246
Poverty Rate	2007	18.0%	12.5%
	2012	18.4%	15.0%
No Health Insurance	2007	9.3%	14.7%
	2012	7.9%	15.4%