

District of Columbia Employment Situation Summary

National Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, more than 6 million jobs have been created nationwide, an average of 565,000 created each month.
- In the month of December, the latest for which national data are available, 199,000 jobs were created, and the unemployment rate dropped to 3.9%, outperforming expectations and reaching a new pandemic-era low.
- The unemployment rate went down for adult men (3.6%), adult women (3.6%), white workers (3.2%), Hispanic workers (4.9%) and Asian workers (3.8%), and rose for Black workers (7.1%).

State Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, 27,100 jobs have been created in the District.
- In the month of December, the latest for which state-level data are available, 1,900 jobs were created in the District.

Sector	Change in Total Jobs in December	Jobs Recovered	Change in Total Jobs Since January 2021
Total Nonfarm, District of Columbia	1,900	49%	27,100
Leisure and Hospitality, District of Columbia	1,400	55%	21,600
Professional and Business Services, District of Columbia	600	74%	6,200
Education and Health Services, District of Columbia	300	43%	1,700
Construction, District of Columbia	200	135%	800
Manufacturing, District of Columbia	0	33%	0
Retail Trade, District of Columbia	-100	46%	0
Government, District of Columbia	-300	425%	-1,000

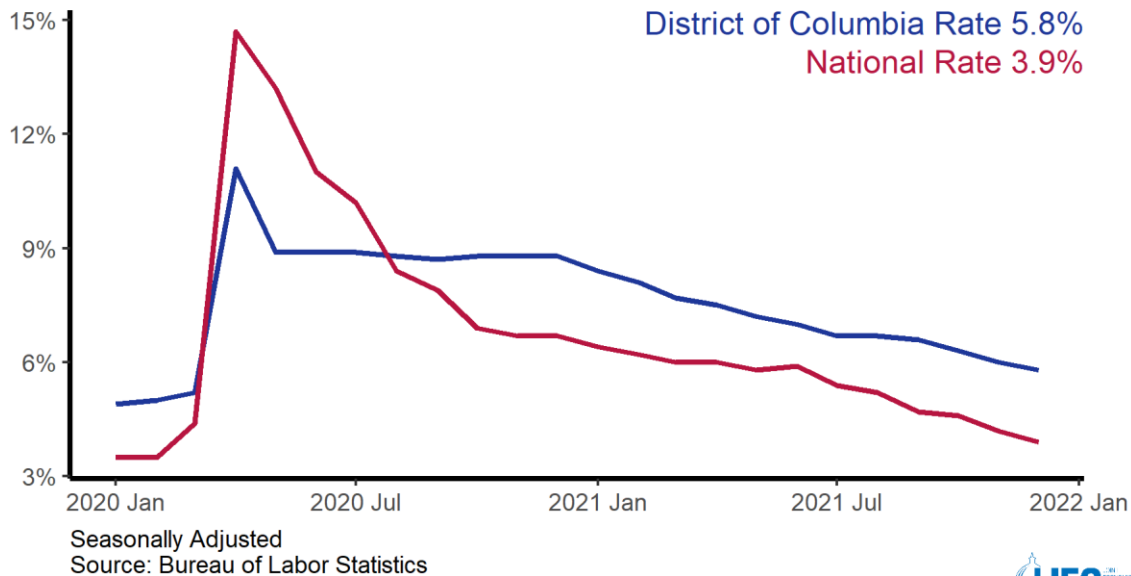
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Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Note: Positive change reflects net job creation. "Recovered" refers to the share of jobs recovered since the pandemic low point as a share of jobs lost during the pandemic. Jobs lost during the pandemic are measured as the difference between the number of jobs in the industry in February 2020 and the number at the "low point" of the pandemic--the month with the fewest people employed in a given industry. The month of the low point varies by industry.

District of Columbia Unemployment Rate

State and national unemployment rates, since January 2020



District of Columbia Jobs Recovery

Total employment since January 2020, in thousands

