

COG'S REGIONAL ECONOMIC MONITORING SYSTEMS (REMS) DASHBOARD AND DMV MONITOR

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Regional Economic Monitoring System (REMS)

- First Report in 1993 (~400 Monthly Reports) – U.S. Mail until 2001 (Original distribution ~300 people)

The REMS charts the region's economy with a brief overview and graphs that show:

- Inflation Rates (US and Washington MSA) – Bureau of Labor Statistics
- Job growth and at-place employment by industry group (US and Washington MSA – Bureau of Labor Statistics
- Unemployment Rates (US, Washington MSA, COG Region, and 22 of the 24 COG members– Bureau of Labor Statistics
- Number of New Housing Units Authorized by Building Permits (Building Permits Survey (Washington MSA) – U.S. Census Bureau

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The Regional Economic Monitoring System

Highlights of this month's REMS...

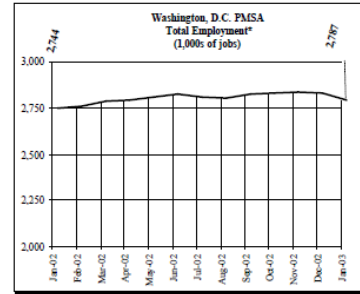
In January, over-the-year employment grew by 42,800 jobs or 1.6 percent, while national over-the-year employment declined by 0.8 percent.

Among the major sectors: Information lost nearly 13,300 jobs and Manufacturing lost nearly 3,700 jobs compared to January 2002. The Leisure & Hospitality sector lead employment growth in the region, adding 11,600 jobs and the Professional and Business Services (Prof. and Bus. Services) added 10,900 jobs during the last year.

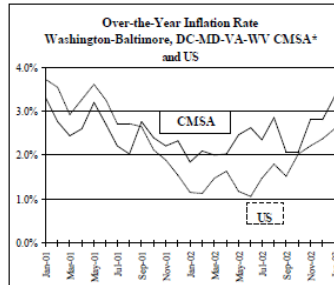
During January, the region's unemployment rate increased to 3.5 percent, while the national rate increased to 6.5 percent.

The region's inflation rate increased in January 2003 to 3.3 percent from a rate of 2.8 percent in November 2002.

The 3,141 new homes authorized during January 2003 represent a 14 percent increase from January 2002, when 2,755 new units were started.



Sources: D.C. Dept. of Employment Services and Bureau of Labor Statistics
*Industry classification is based on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Data reflect 2002 benchmark revisions



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
* The regional inflation rate is reported bi-monthly. See note 2 on page 2.

DEFINITIONS
OVER-THE-YEAR - Compares the present month with the same month last year. For example, Over-the-Year Percent Job Growth in November 1993 is the percentage change between November 1992 and November 1993 in the number of jobs.

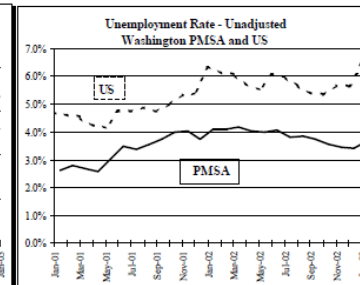
AT-PLACE EMPLOYMENT - The number of jobs within a given area. Although some employment data include the number of area residents who have jobs, at-place employment counts the actual number of jobs in an area.

MSA - The Washington DC-MD-VA Metropolitan Statistical Area, as defined by OMB in 1983. See reverse.

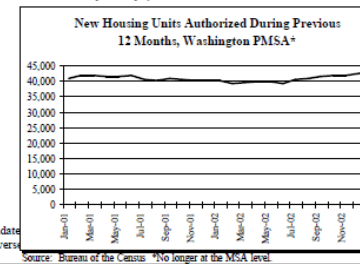
PMSA - The Washington, DC-MD-VA-WV Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area, as defined by OMB in 1992. See reverse.

CMSA - The Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area, as defined by OMB in 1992. See reverse.

NOTE: Data for the most recent month are preliminary.



Sources: D.C. Dept. of Employment Services and Bureau of Labor Statistics



Source: Bureau of the Census *No longer at the MSA level

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Washington PMSA At-Place Employment, by Industry Group* - January 2003 (1,000s of jobs)				
Industry Group	At-Place Employment		Change from Last Year	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Manufacturing	74.3	2.7	-3.7	-4.7
Durable	45.5	1.6	-2.5	-5.2
Non-durable	28.8	1.0	-1.2	-4.0
NR, Min. & Const.	161.9	5.8	1.8	1.1
Construction	161.7	5.8	2.9	1.8
T, T. & U	403.9	14.5	10.6	2.7
Wholesale	67.4	2.4	0.8	1.2
Retail	268.2	9.6	8.1	3.1
Information	108.9	3.9	-13.3	-10.9
Financial Activities	182.4	6.5	2.5	1.7
Prof. and Bus. Services	576.6	20.7	10.9	1.9
Educ. & Health Services	297.9	10.7	8.4	2.9
Leisure & Hospitality	223.4	8.0	11.6	5.5
Other Services	161.1	5.8	3.5	2.2
Government	626.1	22.5	10.5	1.7
State Govt.	75.4	2.7	1.7	2.3
Local Govt.	207.9	7.5	4.1	2.0
Federal Govt.	342.8	12.3	4.7	1.4
Total	2,786.5	100.0	42.8	1.6

Source: Preliminary data from D.C. Dept. of Employment Services.
*Industry classification is based on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Data reflect 2002 benchmark revisions
NR, Mining & Const. stands for Natural Resources, Mining & Construction
T, T. & U stands for Trade, Transportation & Utilities
Prof. and Bus. Services stands for Professional and Business Services
Educ. & Health Services stands for Educational & Health Services

The data shown here are preliminary and are subject to revision. The charts found on these pages contain the preliminary data for the month reviewed and revised data for all previous months. For a full description of the data, or to receive revised data, contact the agency listed in the appropriate source note.

The *REMS Report* (ISSN 1085-7303) is a monthly publication of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG); 12 monthly issues available for \$60. All annual statistics are found in COG's *Economic Trends in Metropolitan Washington* (#40), which reviews the region's economy by presenting a variety of data on population, employment, commercial construction, income and more. The *Economic Trends in Metropolitan Washington* report was released on July 17, 2002.

Selected Monthly Indicators: Washington PMSA				
	Number		Change from Last Year	
	Number	Month	Number	Percent
New Homes Auth.	3,141	Jan-03	386	14.0
	Rate (%)		Rate	
	Rate (%)	Month	Rate	Percent
Unemployment Rate ¹	3.5	Jan-03	3.9	
Inflation Rate ²	3.3	Jan-03	1.8	

Sources: Preliminary data from D.C. Dept. of Employment Services, Bureau of the Census, and Bureau of Labor Statistics.
¹ Indicates PMSA-level data.
² The regional inflation rate is reported bi-monthly. Beginning Jan. 1997 for the PMSA. Beginning Jan. 1999 for the CMSA. See chart at bottom of page.

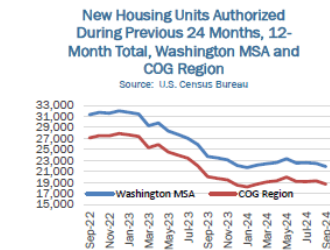
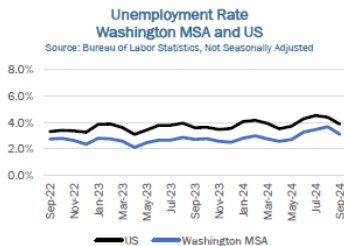
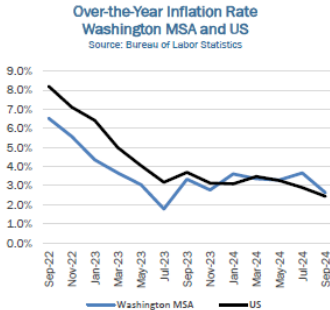
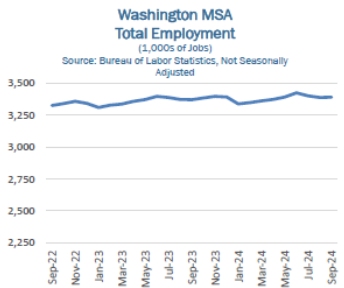
Jurisdictions of the Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV CMSA		1992 Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area (CMSA)	
1992 Washington Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA)		1992 Washington Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA)	
COG Jurisdictions*		Baltimore, MD PMSA Anne Arundel County Baltimore County Carroll County Harford County Howard County Queen Anne's County Baltimore City Hagerstown, MD PMSA	
District of Columbia	Loudoun County	Calvert County	Clarke County
Frederick County	Prince William County	Charles County	Culpeper County
Montgomery County	City of Alexandria	Stafford County	Frederick County
Prince George's County	City of Fairfax	City of Manassas Park	King George County
Arlington County	City of Falls Church	Spotsylvania County	City of Fredericksburg
Fairfax County	City of Manassas		

* The Cities of Bowie, College Park, Gaithersburg, Greenbelt, Rockville, and Takoma Park are included in the county-level data.

Regional Economic Monitoring System (REMS)

THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC MONITORING SYSTEM (REMS) REPORT – OCTOBER 2024

In September, over-the-year employment increased by 21,100 jobs or 0.6 percent in the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), while the national over-the-year employment increased by about 2.3 million jobs or 1.5 percent. Locally, the Leisure & Hospitality Sector gained 5,300 jobs and the Educational & Health Services Sector gained 7,800 jobs and the Professional & Business Sector gained 600 jobs during the last year. (374,000 jobs were lost between March 2020 and April 2020) The Washington region has gained 428,500 jobs between April 2020 and September 2024 – 101.6 percent. The region's inflation decreased in September to 2.6 percent from a rate of 3.7 percent in July. During September, the region's unemployment rate decreased to 3.1 percent, while the national rate decreased to 3.9 percent. The 900 new housing units authorized during September 2024 represent a 39.0 percent decrease from September 2023, when 1,475 new units were started. For a list of jurisdictions in the MSA, visit mwcof.org/REMS.



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Washington MSA At-Place Employment, by Industry Group* - September 2024
(1,000s of Jobs)
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Not Seasonally Adjusted

Industry Group	At-Place Employment		Change from Last Year	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Manufacturing	59.8	1.8	2.0	3.5
Mining, Logging & Construction	166.7	4.9	3.2	2.0
T.T. & U	404.1	11.9	3.6	0.9
[Retail]	257.7	7.6	1.7	0.7
Information	79.4	2.3	-0.1	-0.1
Financial Activities	150.3	4.4	-2.8	-1.8
Prof. and Bus. Services	812.9	24.0	0.6	0.1
Educ. & Health Services	467.4	13.8	7.8	1.7
Leisure & Hospitality	329.1	9.7	5.3	1.6
[Accom. and Food Services]	278.4	8.2	2.5	0.9
Other Services	200.2	5.9	6.0	3.1
Government	721.5	21.3	-4.5	-0.6
[Federal]	372.0	11.0	-1.4	-0.4
Total	3,391.4	100.0	21.1	0.6

Sources: Preliminary data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
*Industry classification is based on the North American Industry Classification (NAICS). Data reflects inputs, re-estimation, and new statewide controls. Data have been revised to reflect 2024 benchmarks. Data from April 2012 are subject to revision.
T.T. & U stands for Trade, Transportation & Utilities; Prof. and Bus. Services stands for Professional and Business Services; Educ. & Health Services stands for Educational & Health Services; Accom. and Food Services stands for Accommodation and Food Services

Selected Monthly Indicators Washington MSA

	Number		Change from Last Year	
		Month	Number	Percent
New Homes Auth.	900	Sep-24	-575	-39.0
Unemployment Rate ¹	3.1	Sep-24	2.7	
Inflation Rate ²	2.6	Sep-24	3.3	

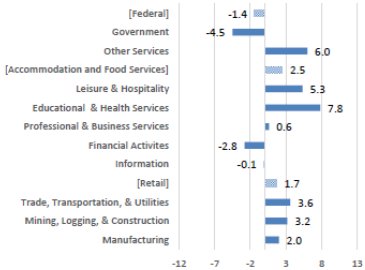
Sources: Preliminary data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

¹Indicates MSA-level Data

²The regional inflation rate is reported bi-monthly.

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Washington MSA Over-the-Year Employment Change by Industry Group* September 2024
(1,000s of Jobs)
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Not Seasonally Adjusted



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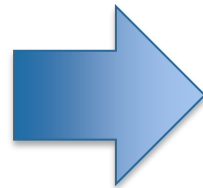
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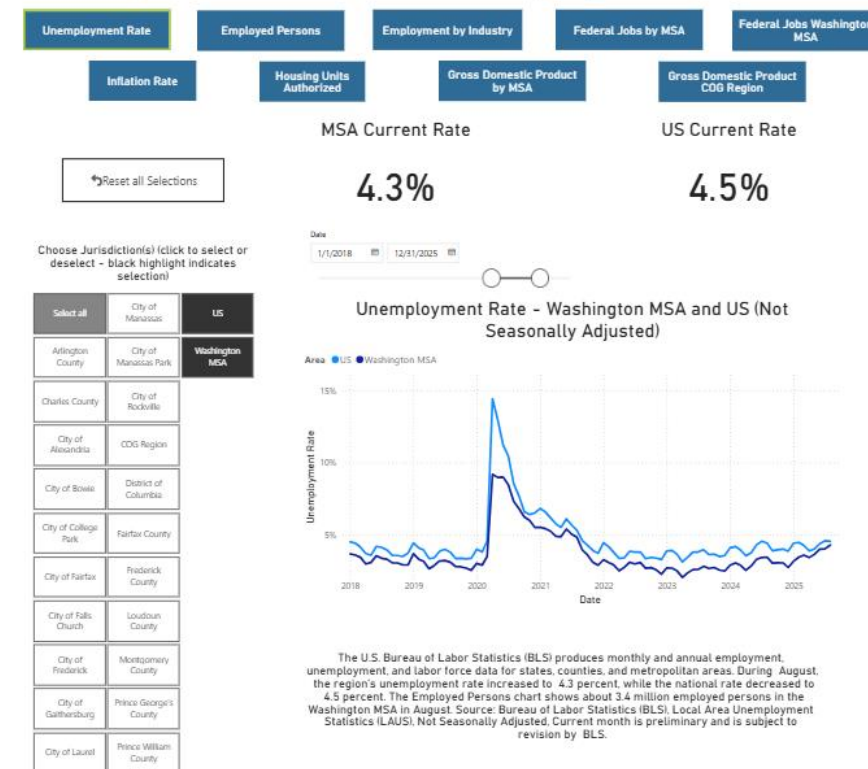
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Regional Economic Monitoring System (REMS) Dashboard

For more than three decades, COG has measured economic growth through the Regional Economic Monitoring System (REMS) Report, which is now available as an online, interactive dashboard. The report and dashboard include data and information on the unemployment rate and total employed persons; employment by industry; the inflation rate, housing units authorized, gross domestic product, and federal employment. In addition to exploring the dashboard, which is continually updated, users can view the monthly Regional Economic Monitoring System Report and subscribe to receive REMS e-newsletter updates.

COG Regional Economic Monitoring System



DMV Monitor

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Brookings and Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOCG) are tracking changes in the economy of the Greater Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia metropolitan area since January 2025. The DMV Monitor is a data interactive and set of analyses that highlight the economic and social effects of federal restructuring and other policies on the region.

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DMV Monitor – Tracking the impacts of federal spending and staffing cuts on the Washington Region

DMV Monitor contents:

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- Overall Economy
- Labor Market & Workforce
- Innovation
- Real Estate & Housing
- Destination & Travel
- Municipal Services
- Household Wellbeing
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GOAL: Provide a broad array of leaders with a common, baseline understanding of shifting trends in the region so they can make informed, proactive decisions to help the DMV region adapt and prosper.[Brookings Metro PPT]

DMV Monitor Reports

Early warning signs for DC region's economy amid federal downsizing –
September 24, 2025 Amy Liu, Tracy Hadden Loh, and Glencora Haskings

RESEARCH

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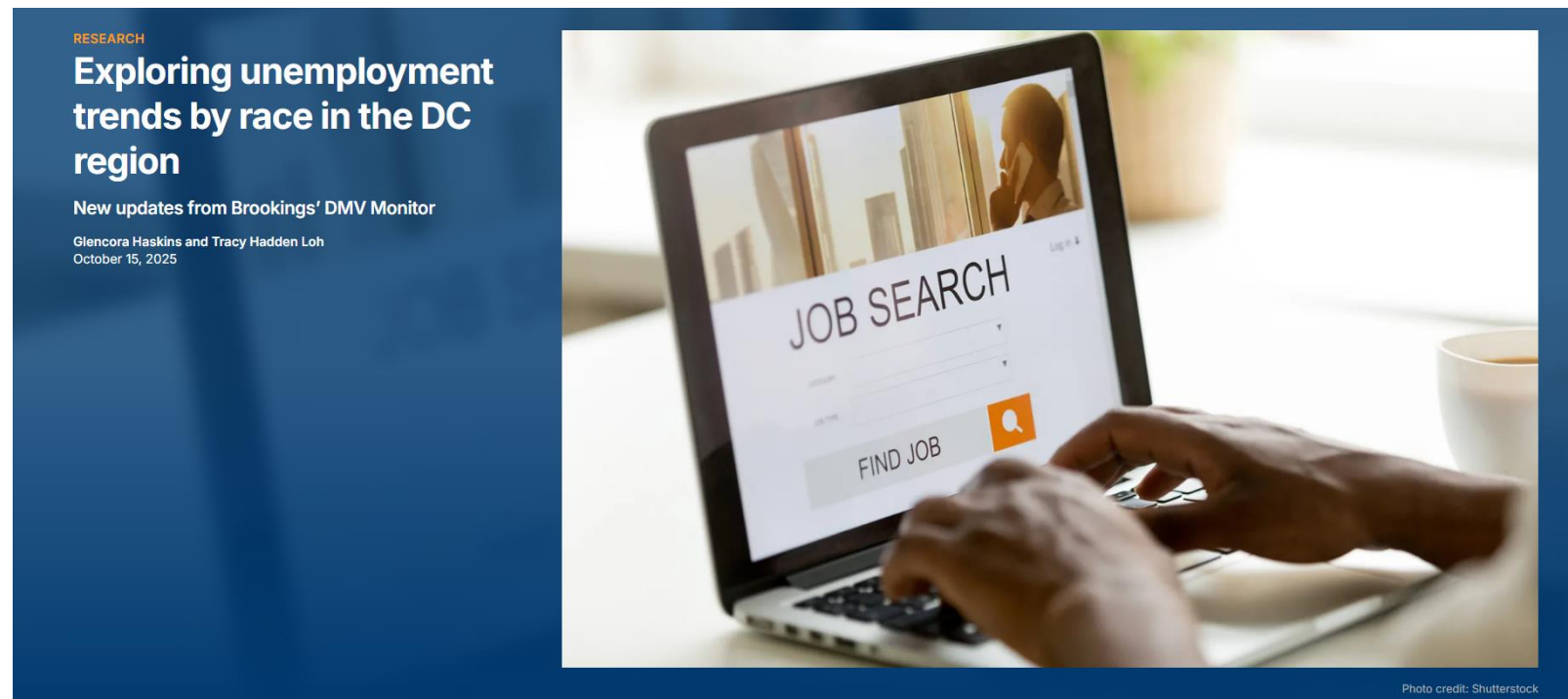
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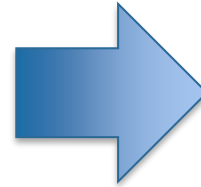
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Exploring unemployment trends by race in the DC region – October 15, 2025
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MEDIAN RESIDENTIAL LISTING PRICE

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MUNICIPAL SERVICES

TRANSIT RIDERSHIP
CRIME RATE

HOUSEHOLD WELLBEING

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How has the DMV region been impacted by federal staffing and spending cuts?

September 2025



Federal jobs are **down 4.5% year over year**, compared to a 2.1% decline nationwide. The latter trend is mirrored across other very large metro areas.



Year over year, the unemployment rate has **increased significantly more than that of the nation**, with the share of unemployed suburban workers growing the most.



The number of homes for sale is **up by 64% year over year**, far surpassing the rate of change nationally and in other major metro areas.

- After a strong year of venture capital activity, venture capital flows into the DMV region have slowed dramatically since January 2025, while continuing to grow nationally.
- Data on the DMV region's popularity with business and leisure visitors show mixed signs of resilience and potential softness.
- Both violent and property crime incidence are down year-over-year in the DMV region.
- More households in the DMV region are showing signs of financial distress.

The Trump administration is dramatically—and effectively—remaking the size, scope, and reach of the federal government. To maximize "government efficiency," it has eliminated federal jobs, cut spending, and hollowed out agencies. While these cuts will be felt across the country, the efforts to remake "federal Washington" are poised to fundamentally remake "metro area Washington."

This region is a leading economic engine for the U.S. as well as the states of Maryland and Virginia. That's why locals refer to the area as "the DMV"—to reflect the intertwined destinies of the District of Columbia and its two neighboring states.

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