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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 and COG Region) – U.S. Census Bureau

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Highlights of this month's REMS...

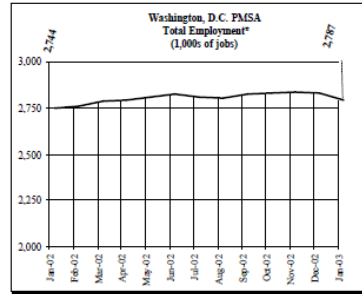
In January, over-the-year employment grew by 42,800 jobs or 1.6 percent, while national over-the-year employment declined by 0.8 percent.

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.

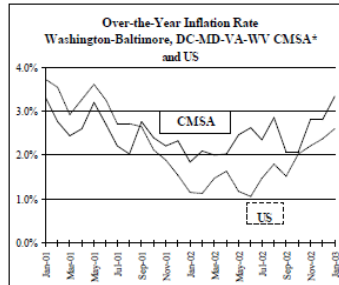
During January, the region's unemployment rate increased to 3.5 percent, while the national rate increased to 6.5 percent.

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

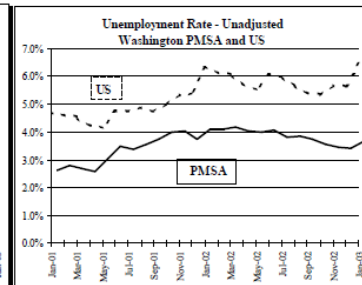
The 3,141 new homes authorized during January 2003 represent a 14 percent increase from January 2002, when 2,755 new units were started.



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



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



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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.

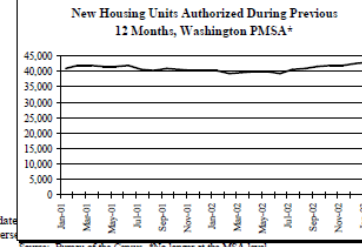
AT-PLACE EMPLOYMENT - The number of jobs within a given area. Although some employment data include the number of area residents who have jobs, at-place employment counts the actual number of jobs in an area.

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

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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

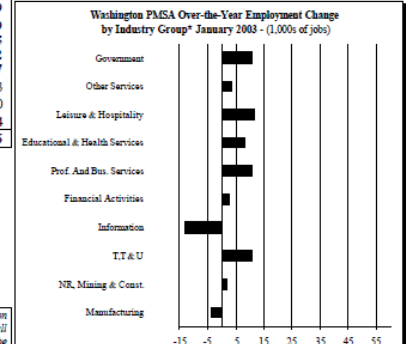
Sources: Preliminary data from D.C. Dept. of Employment Services.
*Industry classification is based on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Data reflect 2002 benchmark revisions
NR, Mining & Const. stands for Natural Resources, Mining & Construction
T, T, & U stands for Trade, Transportation & 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 (940), 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.

	Washington PMSA		Change from Last Year	
	Number	Month	Number	Percent
New Homes Auth.	3,141	Jan-03	386	14.0
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. 1998 for the CMSA. See chart at bottom of page.



Sources: Preliminary data from D.C. Dept. of Employment Services.
Both the REMS Report and Economic Trends are available from the Information Center, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, 777 North Capitol Street, NE, Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20002-4239; telephone (202) 962-3256. Web site: www.mwco.org. The Information Center is open to the public 1-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Material in this publication is in the public domain and, with appropriate credit, may be reproduced without permission. For more information, please contact the agencies listed as the sources.

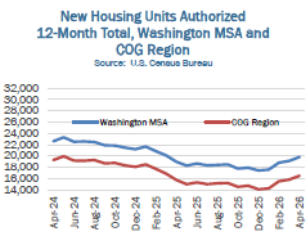
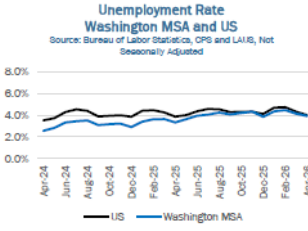
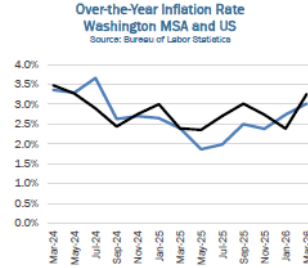
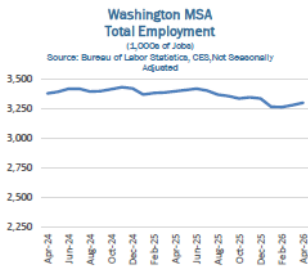
1983 Washington Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)		1992 Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area (CMSA)	
COG Jurisdictions*		Baltimore, MD PMSA	
District of Columbia	Loudoun County	Calvert County	Warren County
Frederick County	Prince William County	Charles County	Culpeper County
Montgomery County	City of Alexandria	Stafford County	Fauquier County
Prince George's County	City of Fairfax	City of Manassas Park	King George County
Arlington County	City of Falls Church	City of Manassas	Spotsylvania County
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 – APRIL 2026 DATA

In April, over-the-year employment decreased by 97,100 jobs or 2.9 percent in the Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), while the national over-the-year employment increased by about 327,000 jobs or 0.2 percent. Locally, the Leisure & Hospitality Sector lost 9,000 jobs, and the Educational & Health Services Sector gained 100 jobs, and the Professional & Business Sector lost 29,800 jobs during the last year. The Federal Government Sector lost 56,100 jobs between April 2025 and April 2026. The number of Federal Government Sector jobs is 313,400 jobs in April. The region's inflation increased to 3.0 percent in March 2026 from a rate of 2.7 percent in January 2026. During April, the region's unemployment rate decreased to 3.9 percent while the national rate decreased to 4.0 percent. The 2,131 new housing units authorized during April 2026 represent a 48.6 percent increase from April 2025, when 1,434 new units were started. For a list of jurisdictions in the MSA, visit mwco.org/REMS.

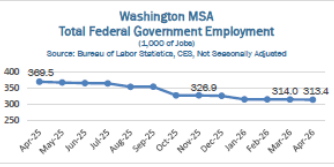
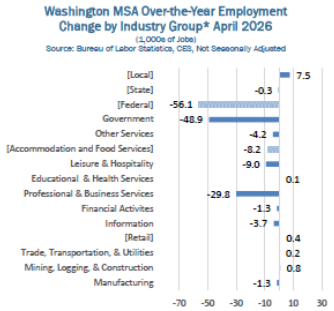


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Washington MSA At-Place Employment, by Industry Group* - April 2026
(1,000s of Jobs)
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, CES, Not Seasonally Adjusted

Industry Group	At-Place Employment		Change from Last Year	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Manufacturing	55.8	1.7	-1.3	-2.3
Mining, Logging & Construction	171.7	5.2	0.8	0.5
T, T. & U	399.0	12.1	0.2	0.1
(Retail)	253.1	7.7	0.4	0.2
Information	78.1	2.4	-3.7	-4.5
Financial Activities	152.6	4.6	-1.3	-0.8
Prof. and Bus. Services	770.8	23.4	-29.8	-3.7
Educ. & Health Services	498.4	15.1	0.1	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	315.5	9.6	-9.0	-2.8
(Accom. and Food Services)	267.8	8.1	-8.2	-3.0
Other Services	177.0	5.4	-4.2	-2.3
Government	677.7	20.6	-48.9	-6.7
(Federal)	313.4	9.5	-56.1	-15.2
(State)	86.0	2.6	-0.3	-0.3
(Local)	278.3	8.4	7.5	2.8
Total	3,296.6	100.0	-97.1	-2.9

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 2026 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.	2,131	Apr-26	697	48.6
Unemployment Rate*	3.9	Apr-26	3.3	
Inflation Rate*	3.0	Mar-26	2.4	

Sources: Preliminary data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. New Homes Authorized - U.S. Census Bureau, Building Permits Survey indicates MSA level data. *The regional inflation rate is reported by monthly.

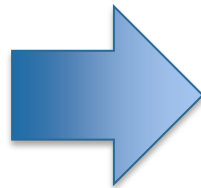
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Regional Economic Monitoring System (REMS) Dashboard

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.

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Unemployment Rate

Employed Persons

Employment by Industry

Federal Jobs by MSA

Federal Jobs Washington MSA

Inflation Rate

Housing Units Authorized

Gross Domestic Product by MSA

Gross Domestic Product COG Region

MSA Current Rate

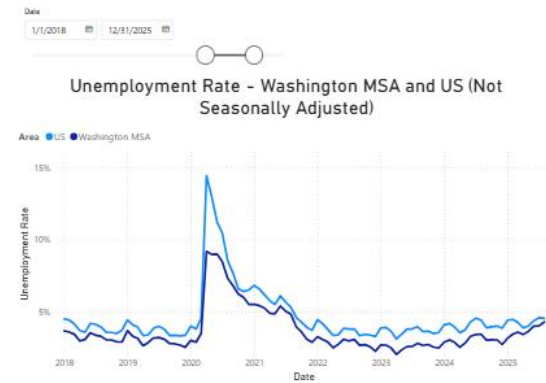
4.3%

US Current Rate

4.5%

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City of College Park	Fairfax County	
City of Fairfax	Frederick County	
City of Falls Church	Loudoun County	
City of Frederick	Montgomery County	
City of Gaithersburg	Prince George's County	
City of Laurel	Prince William County	



The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) produces monthly and annual employment, unemployment, and labor force data for states, counties, and metropolitan areas. During August, the region's unemployment rate increased to 4.3 percent, while the national rate decreased to 4.5 percent. The Employed Persons chart shows about 3.4 million employed persons in the Washington MSA in August. Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS), Not Seasonally Adjusted. Current month is preliminary and is subject to revision by BLS.

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