

# Selected BLS Economic Indicators Washington-Arlington-Alexandria



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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment, price, and pay data** for the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, and the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), and the United States. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** measures price changes, or inflation, for particular commodities and services at the retail level. The **Producer Price Index (PPI)** measures price changes, or inflation, for particular commodities and services at the wholesale level, and is widely used by business firms as an escalator in long-term contracts. The **Employment Cost Index (ECI)** measures price changes, or inflation, of labor costs which includes wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits. The earnings data are from the **Occupational Employment Statistics (OES)**.

| Consumer Price Index<br>(1982-84) = 100                  | July<br>2011           | July<br>2012           | Percent<br>change         |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)</b>                       |                        |                        |                           |
| U.S. City Average  | 225.922                | 229.104                | 1.4                       |
| South  | 219.682                | 222.667                | 1.4                       |
| Washington-Baltimore*                                    | 147.747                | 149.838                | 1.4                       |
| <b>Urban Wage Earners &amp; Clerical Workers (CPI-W)</b> |                        |                        |                           |
| U.S. City Average  | 222.686                | 225.568                | 1.3                       |
| South  | 218.087                | 220.705                | 1.2                       |
| Washington-Baltimore*                                    | 148.294                | 150.523                | 1.5                       |
| <b>Producer Price Index, U.S.<br/>(1982 = 100)</b>       | <b>August<br/>2011</b> | <b>August<br/>2012</b> | <b>Percent<br/>change</b> |
| Finished goods   | 191.7                  | 195.5                  | 2.0                       |
| All commodities  | 203.2                  | 202.6                  | -0.3                      |
| Industrial commodities                                   | 203.7                  | 202.0                  | -0.8                      |

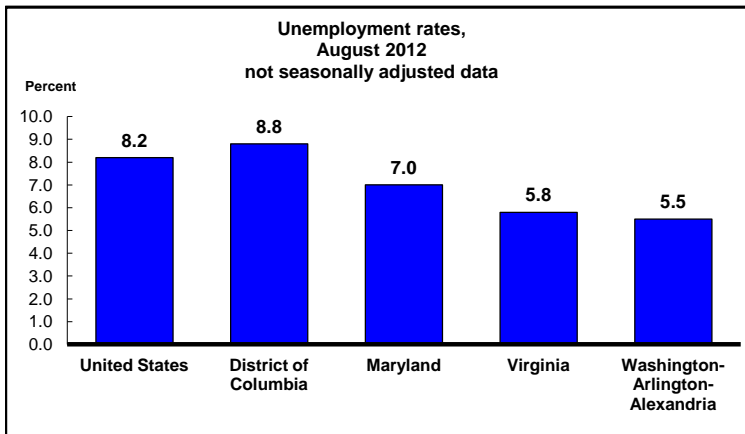
\*November 1996=100.

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## Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

| Area                            | August<br>2011 | August<br>2012 | Net<br>change | Percent<br>change |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| United States                   | 14,008         | 12,696         | -1,312        | -9.4              |
| District of Columbia            | 35.9           | 31.6           | -4.4          | -12.1             |
| Maryland                        | 224.1          | 217.6          | -6.5          | -2.9              |
| Virginia                        | 281.0          | 250.1          | -30.9         | -11.0             |
| Washington-Arlington-Alexandria | 190.2          | 176.2          | -13.9         | -7.3              |

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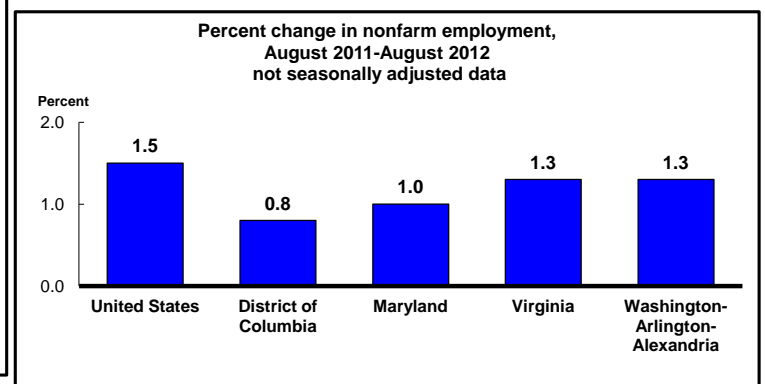


| Employment Cost Index<br>(December 2005) = 100     | 2nd Qtr.<br>2011                         | 2nd Qtr.<br>2012 | Percent<br>change |
|--|--|------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Total Compensation-Private Industry Workers</b> |  |                  |                   |
| United States                                      | 114.3                                    | 116.4            | 1.8               |
| South  | 114.3                                    | 116.8            | 2.2               |
| South Atlantic                                     | 114.6                                    | 117.3            | 2.4               |
| <b>Occupational Wages<br/>Selected Occupations</b> | <b>Mean Hourly Earnings<br/>May 2011</b> |                  |                   |
| <b>Washington-Arlington-Alexandria</b>             |  |                  |                   |
| Total, all occupations                             | \$30.23                                  |                  |                   |
| Education, training, and library                   | 29.21                                    |                  |                   |
| Office and administrative support                  | 19.38                                    |                  |                   |
| Construction and extraction                        | 22.30                                    |                  |                   |
| Sales and related                                  | 19.43                                    |                  |                   |
| Healthcare practitioners and technical             | 40.71                                    |                  |                   |
| Food preparation and serving related               | 11.74                                    |                  |                   |
| Production   | 18.15                                    |                  |                   |
| Installation, maintenance, and repair              | 23.71                                    |                  |                   |
| Transportation and material moving                 | 17.73                                    |                  |                   |

## Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

| Area                            | August<br>2011 | August<br>2012 | Net<br>change | Percent<br>change |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| United States                   | 131,278        | 133,223        | 1,945         | 1.5               |
| District of Columbia            | 725.5          | 731.0          | 5.5           | 0.8               |
| Maryland                        | 2,551.9        | 2,577.5        | 25.6          | 1.0               |
| Virginia                        | 3,667.9        | 3,715.5        | 47.6          | 1.3               |
| Washington-Arlington-Alexandria | 2,985.7        | 3,023.9        | 38.2          | 1.3               |

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The Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, D.C.-Va.-Md.-W.Va. Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes the District Of Columbia; Arlington, Clarke, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William, Spotsylvania, Stafford, and Warren Counties and Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Fredericksburg, Manassas, and Manassas Park Cities in Virginia; Calvert, Charles, Frederick, Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties in Maryland; and Jefferson County in West Virginia.

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