

Selected BLS Economic Indicators Washington-Arlington-Alexandria Metropolitan Division



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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment, price, and pay data** for the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria Metropolitan Division (MD), 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 (1982-84) = 100	July 2011	July 2012	Percent change
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)			
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
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers (CPI-W)			
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
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100)	August 2011	August 2012	Percent change
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.

Most recent PPI numbers are preliminary.

Employment Cost Index (December 2005) = 100	2nd Qtr. 2011	2nd Qtr. 2012	Percent change
Total Compensation-Private Industry Workers			
United States	114.3	116.4	1.8
South	114.3	116.8	2.2
South Atlantic	114.6	117.3	2.4
Occupational Wages Selected Occupations	Mean Hourly Earnings May 2011		
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria			
Total, all occupations	\$30.64		
Education, training, and library	29.08		
Office and administrative support	19.51		
Construction and extraction	22.41		
Sales and related	19.49		
Healthcare practitioners and technical	39.21		
Food preparation and serving related	11.83		
Production	18.21		
Installation, maintenance, and repair	23.73		
Transportation and material moving	18.19		

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

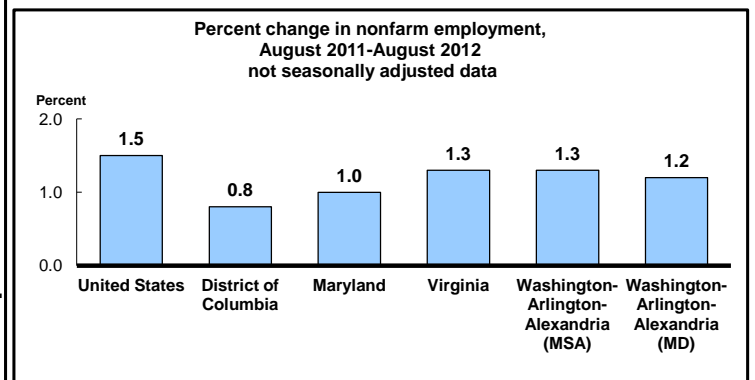
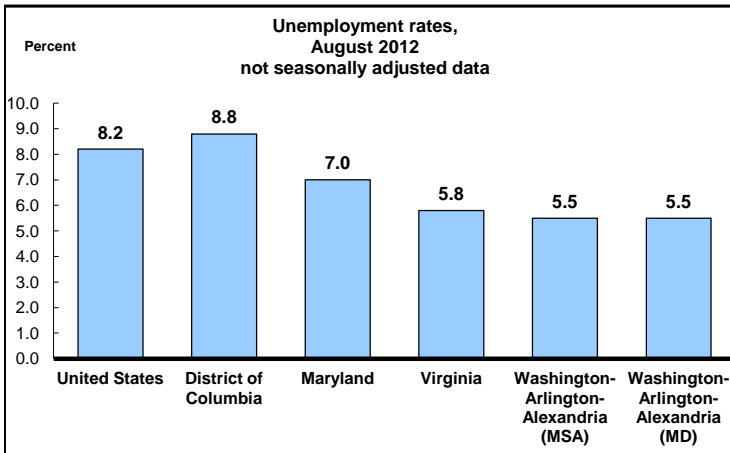
Area	August 2011	August 2012	Net change	Percent change
United States	14,008	12,696	-1,312	-9.4
District of Columbia	35.9	31.6	-4.4	-12.1
Maryland	224.1	217.6	-6.5	-2.9
Virginia	281.0	250.1	-30.9	-11.0
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria	190.2	176.2	-13.9	-7.3
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria	154.3	141.0	-13.3	-8.6

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Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	August 2011	August 2012	Net change	Percent 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
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria	2,424.7	2,453.4	28.7	1.2

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The Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, D.C.-Va.-Md.-W.Va. Metropolitan Division (MD) 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, and Prince George's Counties in Maryland; and Jefferson County in West Virginia.

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