

employment monitor - May 2011 unemployment data

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

In May 2011, Montgomery County's unemployment rate dropped one-tenth of a percent from the previous May to 5.2 percent. The current rate reflects 26,722 unemployed residents in the county.

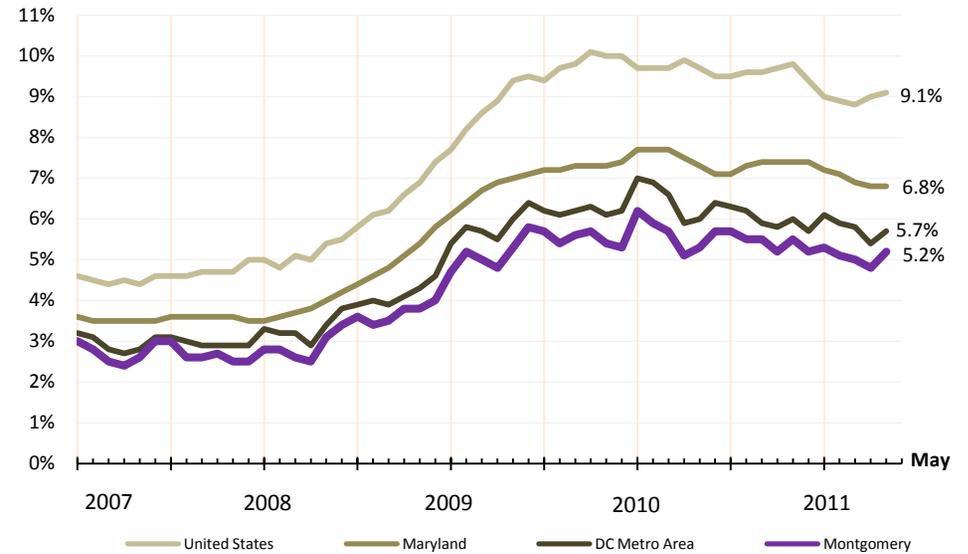
STATE AND REGION

At 6.8 percent, Maryland's May 2011 unemployment rate decreased five-tenths of a percent since May a year ago. Statewide, 204,076 persons were unemployed in May. The Washington, D.C. metropolitan area's unemployment rate decreased three-tenths of a percent from last year to 5.7 percent in May, with 175,755 unemployed persons in the region. Among neighboring counties, Arlington County had the lowest unemployment rate at 3.7 percent, down six-tenths of a percent posted one year ago, with 5,210 unemployed residents. Fairfax County's May 2011 unemployment rate was 4.3 percent, down six-tenths of a percent from May 2010 with 25,886 unemployed residents.

NATION

The nation's May 2011 unemployment rate was 9.1 percent— down six-tenths of a percent from May 2010. The number of unemployed persons in the nation decreased by 970,000 -- from 14.88 million unemployed persons in May 2010 to 13.91 million in May 2011.

The May 2011 unemployment rate fell across all jurisdictions in the region from a year ago. Monthly data, however, show that the unemployment rate is now up — in Montgomery County, the rate rose four-tenths of a percent from April to May this year.



UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

	May-07		May-08		May-09		May-10		May-11	
	rate	persons								
Montgomery County, MD	2.6%	13,331	3.1%	15,891	5.3%	27,358	5.3%	28,233	5.2%	26,722
Washington, D.C. Metro Area	2.8%	83,893	3.4%	106,264	6.0%	186,009	6.0%	186,028	5.7%	175,755
Washington, D.C.	5.2%	16,766	6.1%	20,365	9.9%	31,319	9.4%	31,373	10.2%	34,054
Alexandria, VA	2.1%	1,863	2.6%	2,447	5.0%	4,779	4.8%	4,638	4.2%	4,085
Arlington, VA	1.8%	2,372	2.3%	3,195	4.5%	6,261	4.3%	6,013	3.7%	5,210
Fairfax County, VA	2.0%	11,637	2.6%	15,697	4.8%	29,324	4.9%	29,617	4.3%	25,886
Howard County, MD	2.5%	3,961	2.9%	4,787	5.3%	8,433	5.3%	8,486	5.2%	8,427
Prince George's County, MD	3.5%	15,602	4.1%	18,511	6.8%	30,793	7.1%	32,049	6.9%	30,973
Maryland	3.5%	105,587	4.0%	122,806	7.0%	214,977	7.3%	220,852	6.8%	204,076
United States	4.4%	6,766,000	5.4%	8,398,000	9.4%	14,512,000	9.7%	14,884,000	9.1%	13,914,000

Source: Montgomery County Planning Department analysis of U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics and Current Employment Survey data