

## employment monitor

### MONTGOMERY COUNTY

The County's July 2010 unemployment rate remained steady from June at 5.7 percent—identical to the unemployment rate posted 12 months earlier. There were 29,347 unemployed County residents in July, up by 705 persons from June.

### STATE AND REGION

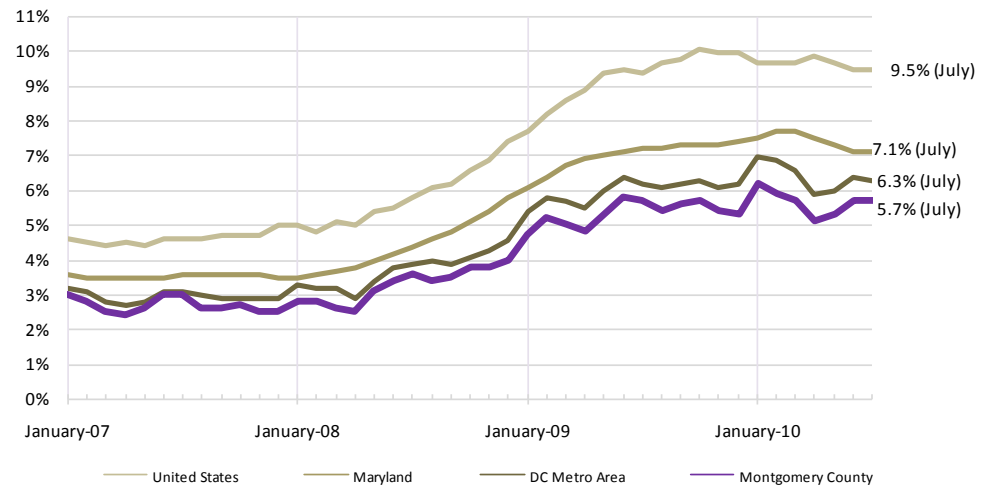
At 7.1 percent, Maryland's unemployment rate also did not change from the prior month. Statewide, 210,686 persons were unemployed in July. The Washington, D.C. metropolitan area's unemployment rate—still the lowest in the nation—fell from 6.4 percent in June to 6.3 percent in July, with 196,662 unemployed persons in the region. Among neighboring counties, Arlington County had the lowest unemployment rate at 4.2 percent, down from 4.3 percent in June and from 4.4 percent one year ago. Fairfax County's July unemployment rate fell to 5.0 percent, down from 5.1 percent the month before but up slightly from 4.9 percent in July of last year.

### NATION

The U.S. economy lost 24,000 jobs between June and July of 2010—the smallest monthly decline since December 2009. The nation's 9.5 percent unemployment rate in July 2010 was unchanged from June.

July unemployment rates in the County, state and nation were unchanged from June. The DC region's unemployment rate fell one-tenth of a percentage point.

MONTHLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, 2007 - 2010



### UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

	Jul-07		Jul-08		Jul-09		Jul-10	
	rate	persons	rate	persons	rate	persons	rate	persons
<b>Montgomery County, MD</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>15,683</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>19,049</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>29,813</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>29,347</b>
Washington, D.C. Metro Area	3.1%	95,466	3.9%	122,771	6.2%	193,130	6.3%	196,662
Washington, D.C.	5.4%	19,148	6.6%	23,862	10.0%	34,098	10.3%	35,423
Alexandria, VA	2.2%	1,975	2.7%	2,574	4.9%	4,730	4.9%	4,748
Arlington, VA	1.8%	2,467	2.5%	3,480	4.4%	6,167	4.2%	5,967
Fairfax County, VA	2.2%	13,337	3.0%	18,263	4.9%	30,267	5.0%	30,888
Howard County, MD	2.9%	4,819	3.6%	5,873	5.7%	9,180	5.7%	9,108
Prince George's County, MD	4.0%	18,356	4.8%	22,291	7.4%	33,859	7.6%	34,529
Maryland	3.6%	133,680	4.4%	106,823	7.0%	214,710	7.1%	210,686
United States	4.6%	7,113,000	5.8%	8,895,000	9.4%	14,534,000	9.5%	14,599,000

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

