

employment monitor - June 2011 unemployment data

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

In June 2011, Montgomery County's unemployment rate dropped one-tenth of a percent from the previous June to 5.6 percent. The current rate reflects 29,354 unemployed residents in the County.

STATE AND REGION

At 7.0 percent, Maryland's June 2011 unemployment rate decreased one-tenth of a percent since June a year ago. Statewide, 208,341 people were unemployed in June. The Washington, D.C. metropolitan area's unemployment rate decreased two-tenths of a percent from last year to 6.2 percent in June, with 193,111 unemployed people in the region. Among neighboring counties, Arlington County had the lowest unemployment rate at 3.9 percent, down three-tenths of a percent posted one year ago, with 5,564 unemployed residents. Fairfax County's June 2011 unemployment rate was 4.5 percent, down six-tenths of a percent from June 2010 with 27,338 unemployed residents. Washington D.C. had the highest unemployment rate at 11.2 percent, up from the 10.2 percent posted in June 2010, with 39,835 unemployed residents.

NATION

The nation's June 2011 unemployment rate was 9.2 percent—down three-tenths of a percent from June 2010. The number of unemployed persons in the nation decreased by 506,000 -- from 14.59 million unemployed persons in June 2010 to 14.09 million in June 2011.

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

	Jun-07		Jun-08		Jun-09		Jun-10		Jun-11		1-Month Change in unemployed May 20 11 to June 2011
	rate	persons	rate	persons	rate	persons	rate	persons	rate	persons	
Montgomery County, MD	3.0%	15,572	3.4%	18,074	5.8%	30,271	5.7%	29,449	5.6%	29,354	↑ 2,632
Washington, D.C. Metro Area	3.1%	95,752	3.8%	117,574	6.4%	199,760	6.4%	194,234	6.2%	193,111	↑ 17,356
Washington, D.C.	5.6%	18,585	6.5%	21,956	10.6%	34,379	10.2%	34,610	11.9%	39,835	↑ 5,781
Alexandria, VA	2.3%	2,128	2.7%	2,574	5.0%	4,747	4.7%	4,606	4.8%	4,679	↑ 594
Arlington, VA	2.1%	2,738	2.5%	3,448	4.6%	6,398	4.2%	5,979	3.9%	5,564	↑ 354
Fairfax County, VA	2.3%	13,632	2.9%	17,589	5.2%	31,495	5.1%	30,649	4.5%	27,338	↑ 1,452
Howard County, MD	2.9%	4,649	3.3%	5,436	5.7%	9,184	5.5%	8,924	5.6%	9,114	↑ 687
Prince George's County, MD	3.9%	17,638	4.5%	20,784	7.3%	33,019	7.4%	33,377	7.5%	33,731	↑ 2,758
Maryland	3.5%	106,826	4.2%	129,306	7.1%	218,024	7.1%	219,536	7.0%	208,341	↑ 4,265
United States	4.6%	6,980,000	5.5%	8,590,000	9.5%	14,776,000	9.5%	14,593,000	9.2%	14,087,000	↑ 173,000

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

Overall, the unemployment numbers in the Washington, D.C. region have improved compared to one year ago. Monthly data, however, show significant increases in the number of unemployed across all jurisdictions. In Montgomery County, the rate rose from 5.2 percent in May 2011 to 5.6 percent in June 2011.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, 2007 - 2011

