

employment monitor - April 2011 unemployment data

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

In April 2011, Montgomery County's unemployment rate dropped three-tenths of a percent from the previous April to 4.8 percent – the lowest rate since January 2009. The current rate reflects 24,513 unemployed residents in the county.

STATE AND REGION

At 6.8 percent, Maryland's April 2011 unemployment rate decreased seven-tenths of a percent since April a year ago. Statewide, 203,416 persons were unemployed in April. The Washington, D.C. metropolitan area's unemployment rate also decreased five-tenths of a percent from last year to 5.4 percent in April, with 164,601 unemployed persons in the region. Among neighboring counties, Arlington County had the lowest unemployment rate at 3.4 percent, down seven-tenths of a percent posted one year ago, with 4,849 unemployed persons. Fairfax County's April 2011 unemployment rate was 4.0 percent, down eight-tenths of a percent from April 2010, with 24,364 unemployed persons.

NATION

The nation's April 2011 unemployment rate was 9.0 percent— down nine-tenths of a percent from April 2010. The number of unemployed persons in the nation decreased by 1.39 million -- from 15.14 million unemployed persons in April 2010 to 13.75 million in April 2011.

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

	Apr-07		Apr-08		Apr-09		Apr-10		Apr-11	
	rate	persons	rate	persons	rate	persons	rate	persons	rate	persons
Montgomery County, MD	2.4%	12,183	2.5%	13,050	4.8%	24,790	5.1%	27,456	4.8%	24,513
Washington, D.C. Metro Area	2.7%	79,996	2.9%	89,348	5.5%	168,973	5.9%	182,050	5.4%	164,601
Washington, D.C.	4.9%	15,843	4.9%	16,352	8.5%	26,900	9.3%	31,334	9.4%	31,174
Alexandria, VA	2.0%	1,756	2.2%	2,077	4.6%	4,321	4.6%	4,460	4.0%	3,911
Arlington, VA	1.7%	2,226	1.9%	2,654	4.1%	5,697	4.1%	5,777	3.4%	4,849
Fairfax County, VA	1.9%	11,322	2.3%	13,478	4.5%	27,013	4.8%	28,631	4.0%	24,364
Howard County, MD	2.3%	3,630	2.4%	3,920	4.7%	7,540	5.2%	8,297	4.9%	7,776
Prince George's County, MD	3.4%	15,157	3.5%	15,902	6.3%	28,400	7.0%	31,217	6.5%	28,943
Maryland	3.5%	105,017	3.8%	116,834	6.9%	210,702	7.5%	223,178	6.8%	203,416
United States	4.5%	6,836,000	5.0%	7,606,000	8.9%	13,734,000	9.9%	15,138,000	9.0%	13,747,000

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

Nationally, the unemployment rate fell nine-tenths of a percent from the previous April. Monthly data, however, shows the national unemployment rate increased two-tenths of a percent between March and April.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, 2007 - 2011

