

## employment monitor

### MONTGOMERY COUNTY

In January 2011, there were 27,341 unemployed residents in Montgomery County, up 942 persons from the previous month. The County's unemployment rate in January 2011 (the numbers for which were released on March 18) increased one-tenth of a percent from the rate posted in December, to 5.3 percent. The January rate was nine-tenths of a percent lower than the 6.2 percent unemployment rate posted 12 months ago.

### STATE AND REGION

At 7.2 percent, Maryland's January 2011 unemployment rate decreased two-tenths of a percent from December 2010. Statewide, 215,045 persons were unemployed in January. The Washington, D.C., metropolitan area's unemployment rate increased from 5.7 percent in December to 6.1 percent in January, with 186,429 unemployed persons in the region. Among neighboring counties, Arlington County had the lowest unemployment rate at 4.1 percent, up from 3.7 percent in December and down from the 4.7 percent posted one year ago. Fairfax County's January 2011 unemployment rate was 4.7 percent, up three-tenths of a percent from December and down eight-tenths of a percent from January 2010.

### NATION

The nation's January 2011 unemployment rate was 9 percent – down four-tenths of a percent from December 2010. The number of unemployed persons in the nation decreased by 622,000 – from 14.49 million unemployed persons in December to 13.86 million in January.

### UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

	Jan-07		Jan-08		Jan-09		Jan-10		Jan-11	
	rate	persons	rate	persons	rate	persons	rate	persons	rate	persons
<b>Montgomery County, MD</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>15,342</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>14,709</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>24,029</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>31,536</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>27,341</b>
Washington, D.C. Metro Area	3.2%	95,286	3.3%	100,775	5.4%	164,480	7.0%	211,585	6.1%	186,429
Washington, D.C.	5.9%	18,941	6.2%	20,360	8.8%	29,217	10.7%	35,600	10.1%	33,606
Alexandria, VA	2.2%	1,999	2.5%	2,328	4.2%	3,928	5.4%	5,051	4.9%	4,722
Arlington, VA	2.0%	2,616	2.2%	2,994	3.6%	4,975	4.7%	6,469	4.1%	5,681
Fairfax County, VA	2.2%	12,893	2.6%	15,152	4.2%	24,808	5.5%	32,857	4.7%	28,572
Howard County, MD	2.8%	4,532	2.7%	4,320	4.6%	7,263	6.0%	9,311	5.2%	8,254
Prince George's County, MD	4.2%	18,773	3.9%	17,366	6.4%	29,101	7.9%	35,290	7.2%	32,249
Maryland	3.6%	109,465	3.6%	108,916	6.2%	187,499	7.7%	228,651	7.2%	215,045
United States	4.6%	7,100,000	5.8%	7,653,000	7.7%	11,984,000	9.7%	14,842,000	9.0%	13,863,000

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

The January 2011 unemployment rate increased across the region, but remained below January 2010 unemployment levels.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, 2007 - 2011

