

employment monitor

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

The County's unemployment rate in September 2010 was 5.5 percent—unchanged from August 2010 and just below the 5.6 percent unemployment rate posted 12 months ago. There were 28,242 unemployed County residents in September, up 130 persons from the previous month.

STATE AND REGION

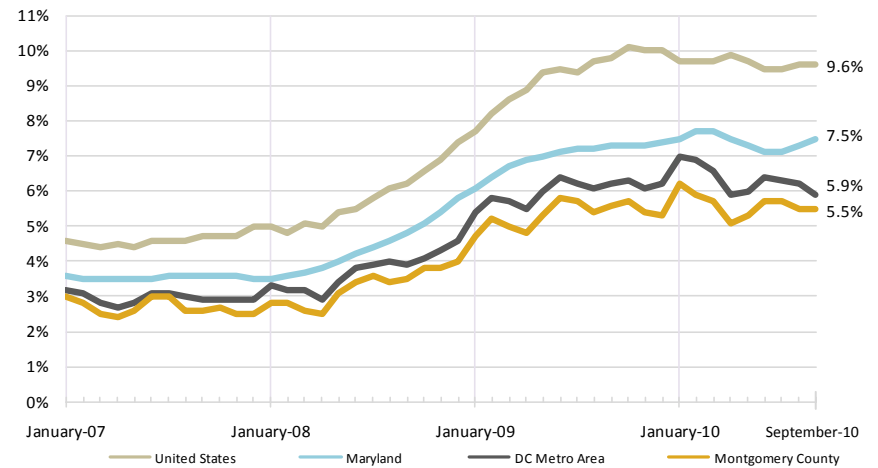
At 7.5 percent, Maryland's September unemployment rate increased from 7.3 percent in August. Statewide, 220,594 persons were unemployed in September. The Washington, D.C. metropolitan area's unemployment rate fell from 6.2 percent in August to 5.9 percent in September, with 181,209 unemployed persons in the region. Among neighboring counties, Arlington County had the lowest unemployment rate at 3.9 percent, down from 4.1 percent in August and 4.3 percent one year ago. Fairfax County's September 2010 unemployment rate fell to 4.6 percent, down from 4.9 percent in August and 4.9 percent in September 2009.

NATION

The nation's September 2010 unemployment rate was 9.6 percent—unchanged from August 2010. The number of unemployed persons in the nation fell from 14.8 million unemployed persons in August to 14.7 million in September.

Montgomery County's September unemployment rate was stable at 5.5 percent. The national unemployment rate was also unchanged from August at 9.6 percent, while the region's unemployment rate fell from 6.2 percent to 5.9 percent.

MONTHLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, 2007 - 2010



UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

	Sep-07		Sep-08		Sep-09		Sep-10	
	rate	persons	rate	persons	rate	persons	rate	persons
Montgomery County, MD	2.6%	13,666	3.5%	17,897	5.6%	28,372	5.5%	28,242
Washington, D.C. Metro Area	2.9%	88,234	3.9%	118,390	6.2%	188,756	5.9%	181,209
Washington, D.C.	5.6%	18,446	7.0%	23,398	11.2%	37,090	9.5%	31,619
Alexandria, VA	4.6%	4,062	5.8%	5,426	9.6%	9,046	4.5%	4,255
Arlington, VA	1.9%	2,559	2.5%	3,465	4.3%	5,879	3.9%	5,451
Fairfax County, VA	2.1%	12,413	2.9%	17,125	4.9%	29,246	4.6%	27,623
Howard County, MD	2.6%	4,176	3.4%	5,566	5.4%	8,568	5.4%	8,507
Prince George's County, MD	3.7%	16,553	4.8%	21,928	7.2%	32,103	7.4%	33,269
Maryland	3.6%	108,097	4.8%	145,966	7.3%	216,354	7.5%	220,594
United States	4.7%	7,200,000	6.2%	9,569,000	9.8%	15,159,000	9.6%	14,767,000

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

