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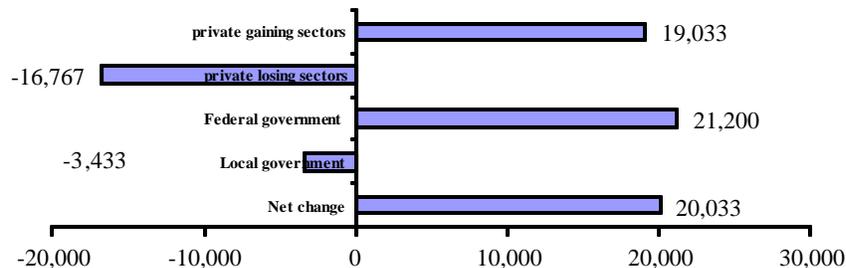
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Services contributed almost as much as the federal government to DC job growth over the past 4 years

From April 2007 (the last comparable period before the US recession began in December 2007) to April 2011, DC experienced a net job gain of 20,333 (2.9%) while the US economy as a whole lost 6,515,000 (4.8%). The main reason why DC employment fared so well is the increase in federal jobs. There is, however, another important part of the story: significant expansion in a large portion of DC's private sector.

In the US as a whole, changes in the composition of employment that occurred as millions of jobs were being shed brought gains to part of the private sector. This was particularly true in DC where an increase of 19,033 jobs in gaining sectors more than offset declines of 16,767 in sectors that lost jobs. Most of the private industries that gained jobs in DC were the ones that gained nationally—professional services (other than legal), education, health, and organizations. In addition, food services, recreation, and personal services also increased in DC.
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Job market dynamics: summary of changes in DC jobs from April 2007 to April 2011



Sectors in which employment increased from April 2007 to April 2011

District of Columbia	United States
Federal government (11.2%)	Federal government (4.5%)
Professional services, excluding legal services (2.7%)	Professional services, excluding legal services (0.6%)
Education (9.1%)	Education (9.4%)
Health (12.2%)	Health (9.3%)
Organizations (3.4%)	Organizations (2.8%)
Food service (9.8%)	
Amusement and recreation (15.8%)	
Personal and miscel. Services (3.4%)	

Source: BLS. Wage & salary employment data based on 3-mo. moving averages.

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In short, over the past 4 years the District has been blessed several times over from an employment point of view: 1) a high proportion of federal employment (which grew faster in DC than elsewhere in the US); 2) a high proportion of jobs in the industries that were expanding nationally; and 3) a low proportion of jobs in industries that were the hardest hit nationally.

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Summary of gains and losses in DC and US employment from April 2007 to April 2011

Sector and job experience	District of Columbia			United States		
	% of total jobs in April 2007	change from April 2007 to April 2011		% of total jobs in April 2007	change from April 2007 to April 2011	
		amount	%		amount	%
Private sector components in which						
Both DC and US gained	32.4	14,600	6.5	20.3	1,829,033	6.6
DC gained, US lost	6.6	4,433	9.7	10.1	-249,033	-1.8
Both lost	28.1	-16,767	-8.6	53.1	-8,119,667	-11.2
Public sector components in which						
Both DC and US gained (federal gov't)	27.4	21,200	11.2	2.0	121,667	4.5
Both lost (state and local)	5.5	-3,433	-9.0	14.5	-97,000	-0.5
Private sector total	67.1	2,267	0.5	83.5	-6,539,667	-5.7
Public sector total	32.9	17,767	7.8	16.5	24,667	0.1
Sectors that gained jobs	66.4	40,233	8.8	22.3	1,950,700	6.4
Sectors that lost jobs	33.6	-20,200	-8.7	77.7	-8,465,700	-8.0
Total	100.0	20,033	2.9	100.0	-6,515,000	-4.8

Source: BLS. Wage and salary employment data based on 3-month averages.

Employment by sector in DC and the US: April 2007 and April 2011

Note: Sectors increasing over the 4 year period are shown in bold.

Sector	District of Columbia				United States			
	April 2007	April 2011	change		April 2007	April 2011	change	
			number	%			number	%
Sectors in which DC employment increased from April 2007 to April 2011								
Federal government	189,133	210,333	21,200	11.2	2,714,333	2,836,000	121,667	4.5
Other Professional and technical Organizations	67,300	69,100	1,800	2.7	6,471,967	6,509,800	37,833	0.6
Education	47,767	52,133	4,367	9.1	3,071,300	3,359,167	287,867	9.4
Health	54,000	60,567	6,567	12.2	15,223,900	16,645,167	1,421,267	9.3
Food service	32,900	36,133	3,233	9.8	9,392,200	9,329,933	-62,267	-0.7
Amusement and recreation	6,100	7,067	967	15.8	1,823,600	1,768,233	-55,367	-3.0
Personal and miscellaneous ser.	6,867	7,100	233	3.4	2,551,867	2,420,467	-131,400	-5.1
Sectors in which DC employment decreased from April 2007 to April 2011								
Local government	38,133	34,700	-3,433	-9.0	19,806,667	19,709,667	-97,000	-0.5
Legal services	35,467	32,433	-3,033	-8.6	1,170,867	1,106,933	-63,933	-5.5
Employment services	13,100	13,067	-33	-0.3	3,498,233	2,800,833	-697,400	-19.9
Other Business services	36,700	34,100	-2,600	-7.1	6,549,267	6,484,767	-64,500	-1.0
Information	22,233	18,700	-3,533	-15.9	3,026,667	2,678,000	-348,667	-11.5
Finance	29,567	26,000	-3,567	-12.1	8,298,333	7,570,667	-727,667	-8.8
Accommodations	15,533	14,833	-700	-4.5	1,796,400	1,718,400	-78,000	-4.3
Retail trade	17,933	17,333	-600	-3.3	15,264,500	14,282,867	-981,633	-6.4
Wholesale trade	4,733	4,233	-500	-10.6	5,043,500	4,752,367	-291,133	-5.8
Construction	12,100	10,567	-1,533	-12.7	7,348,000	5,213,667	-2,134,333	-29.0
Other private	6,500	5,833	-667	-10.3	20,542,267	17,809,867	-2,732,400	-13.3
Total	691,100	711,133	20,033	2.9	136,503,000	129,988,000	-6,515,000	-4.8

Source: BLS. Wage and salary employment data are 3 month moving averages, ending with the month shown.