

# MONTHLY WORKFORCE UPDATE

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## Employment Situation Summary, from the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

BALTIMORE, MD (March 10, 2011) - The Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR) announced the first improvement in the state's unemployment rate since May 2010 and the lowest unemployment rate since May 2009. Unemployment in Maryland declined 0.2 percentage points from 7.4 percent in December 2010 to a preliminary 7.2 percent in January 2011, according to data released today by the U.S. Department of Labor. The state's unemployment rate has improved or held steady every month since February 2010.

"The O'Malley-Brown Administration has laid the groundwork for economic recovery and remains in a position to pull out of this national recession more quickly than other states. For the seventh consecutive month, jobs totals in Maryland have been higher than those reported one year prior," said DLLR Secretary Alexander M. Sanchez. "Maryland's unemployment rate remains nearly two full percentage points below the national average and is lower than it has been in 20 months."

Preliminary data shows that seasonally-adjusted jobs on Maryland's business payrolls decreased in January 2011 by 7,100 compared to revised December 2010 data. Private sector employers absorbed approximately 75 percent of the monthly decline. Despite the job market decline, the number of employed Marylanders rose by approximately 1,040 between December 2010 and January 2011.

Several sectors posted increases in January 2011 compared to December 2010, including:

- Federal government employment (600 jobs);
- Health care and social assistance (2,000 jobs);
- Professional and business services (500 jobs); and
- Retail and Wholesale Trade (2,400 jobs).

January 2011 is the seventh consecutive month of year-to-year job growth. The current job level is 4,600 above the January 2010 data and private sector employment is up 4,400. By comparison, the January 2010 job level was nearly 53,000 below January 2009, and January 2009 was 63,000 below January 2008.

Every March, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) also releases its annual revision of national benchmark estimates of nonfarm employment, hours and earnings based on unemployment insurance tax reports filed by employers. Based on these revisions, national job growth benchmarked in March 2010 was revised downward by -0.3 percent. Based on the BLS benchmark revisions, Maryland's job growth comparison from December 2009 to December 2010 was revised to 11,300 jobs.

Source: Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

## Employment and Unemployment (December 2010 Data) – Seasonally Adjusted

Next Scheduled Data Update: March 10, 2011 (January 2011 Data)

Table: Maryland Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment – Seasonally Adjusted

	January 2010	December 2010	January 2011	One Year Change	One Month Change
Labor Force	2,980,082	2,979,485	<b>2,976,053</b>	-4,029	-3,432
Employment	2,751,431	2,759,783	<b>2,760,824</b>	9,393	1,041
Unemployment	228,651	219,702	<b>215,229</b>	-13,422	-4,473
Unemployment Rate	7.7%	7.4%	<b>7.2%</b>	-0.5%	-0.2%

Data Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Unemployment Rates by State (January 2011 Data) – Seasonally Adjusted

Next Scheduled Data Update: March 25, 2011 (February 2011 Data)

Table: Ranking of State Unemployment Rates – Seasonally Adjusted

Rank	State	January 11'	Rank	State	January 11'	Rank	State	January 11'
1	North Dakota	3.8%	18	Alaska	7.7%	35	Tennessee	9.5%
2	Nebraska	4.2%	19	Arkansas	7.8%	36	Arizona	9.6%
3	South Dakota	4.7%	19	Louisiana	7.8%	36	District Of Columbia	9.6%
4	New Hampshire	5.6%	21	Pennsylvania	8.2%	36	Missouri	9.6%
5	Vermont	5.7%	22	Massachusetts	8.3%	36	West Virginia	9.6%
6	Iowa	6.1%	22	New York	8.3%	40	Idaho	9.7%
7	Hawaii	6.3%	22	Texas	8.3%	41	North Carolina	9.9%
7	Wyoming	6.3%	25	Delaware	8.5%	42	Mississippi	10.1%
9	Virginia	6.5%	26	New Mexico	8.7%	43	Georgia	10.4%
10	Oklahoma	6.6%	27	Connecticut	9.0%	43	Kentucky	10.4%
11	Minnesota	6.7%	27	Illinois	9.0%	43	Oregon	10.4%
12	Kansas	6.8%	29	Colorado	9.1%	46	South Carolina	10.5%
<b>13</b>	<b>Maryland</b>	<b>7.2%</b>	29	Indiana	9.1%	47	Michigan	10.7%
14	Wisconsin	7.4%	29	New Jersey	9.1%	48	Rhode Island	11.3%
15	Maine	7.5%	29	Washington	9.1%	49	Florida	11.9%
15	Montana	7.5%	33	Alabama	9.3%	50	California	12.4%
17	Utah	7.6%	34	Ohio	9.4%	51	Nevada	14.2%

Data Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Unemployment Insurance Claims (January 2011 Data)

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Table: Unemployment Insurance Claims Filed

Month	January 2010	December 2010	January 2011	One Year Change	One Year Change (%)	One Month Change	One Month Change (%)
<b>Initial Claims</b>	39,022	37,284	<b>37,987</b>	-1,035	-2.7%	703	1.9%
<b>Weeks Claimed</b>	387,398	282,119	<b>357,284</b>	-30,114	-7.8%	75,165	26.6%
<b>Final Payments</b>	7,758	5,464	<b>7,744</b>	-14	-0.2%	2,280	41.7%

Data Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Mass Layoffs and Plant Closures (January 2011 Data)

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Table: Mass Layoff and Plant Closure Notices in Maryland\*

	January 2008	January 2009	January 2010	January 2011	One Year Change	One Year Change (%)
<b>Notices of Mass Layoffs and Plant Closures</b>	5	9	4	<b>3</b>	-1	-25%
<b>Affected Employees</b>	606	803	571	<b>123</b>	-448	-78%

Data Source: Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation

\* Based on notice date, not date of closing or layoff.

\*\* The number of affected workers from two of the events was not known.

**Job Gains and Losses (January 2011 Data) – Seasonally Adjusted**  
**Next Scheduled Data Update: March 25, 2011 (February 2011 Data)**

**Table: One Year Change and One Month Change in Employment in Maryland, by Industry - Seasonally Adjusted**

Industry Title	January 2010	December 2010	January 2011	Change		
				From January 2010	From December 2010	
Total Nonfarm	2,501,700	2,513,400	<b>2,506,300</b>	0.2%	-0.3%	↓
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	145,800	143,300	<b>141,000</b>	-3.3%	-1.6%	↓
Manufacturing	115,700	112,500	<b>112,500</b>	-2.8%	0.0%	→
Durable Goods	62,000	59,700	<b>60,400</b>	-2.6%	1.2%	↑
Nondurable Goods	53,700	52,800	<b>52,100</b>	-3.0%	-1.3%	↓
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing, Utilities	433,900	440,400	<b>441,100</b>	1.7%	0.2%	↑
Wholesale Trade	85,400	85,000	<b>85,200</b>	-0.2%	0.2%	↑
Retail Trade	274,300	278,500	<b>280,700</b>	2.3%	0.8%	↑
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	74,200	76,900	<b>75,200</b>	1.3%	-2.2%	↓
Information	43,900	43,500	<b>42,100</b>	-4.1%	-3.2%	↓
Financial Activities	143,600	141,500	<b>141,200</b>	-1.7%	-0.2%	↓
Finance and Insurance	101,300	100,000	<b>99,900</b>	-1.4%	-0.1%	↓
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	42,300	41,500	<b>41,300</b>	-2.4%	-0.5%	↓
Professional and Business Services	382,200	388,600	<b>389,100</b>	1.8%	0.1%	↑
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	221,900	223,800	<b>223,800</b>	0.9%	0.0%	→
Management of Companies & Enterprises	19,400	19,600	<b>19,800</b>	2.1%	1.0%	↑
Administrative & Support Services	140,900	145,200	<b>145,500</b>	3.3%	0.2%	↑
Educational & Health Care & Social Assistance	397,600	403,800	<b>401,300</b>	0.9%	-0.6%	↓
Educational Services	73,900	75,100	<b>70,600</b>	-4.5%	-6.0%	↓
Health Care & Social Assistance	323,700	328,700	<b>330,700</b>	2.2%	0.6%	↑
Leisure & Hospitality	227,700	227,200	<b>226,100</b>	-0.7%	-0.5%	↓
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	35,000	34,500	<b>34,600</b>	-1.1%	0.3%	↑
Accommodation & Food Services	192,700	192,700	<b>191,500</b>	-0.6%	-0.6%	↓
Other Services	115,100	114,700	<b>115,500</b>	0.3%	0.7%	↑
Government	496,200	497,900	<b>496,400</b>	0.0%	-0.3%	↓
Federal Government	135,500	139,300	<b>139,900</b>	3.2%	0.4%	↑
State Government	111,400	113,100	<b>111,200</b>	-0.2%	-1.7%	↓
Local Government	249,300	245,500	<b>245,300</b>	-1.6%	-0.1%	↓

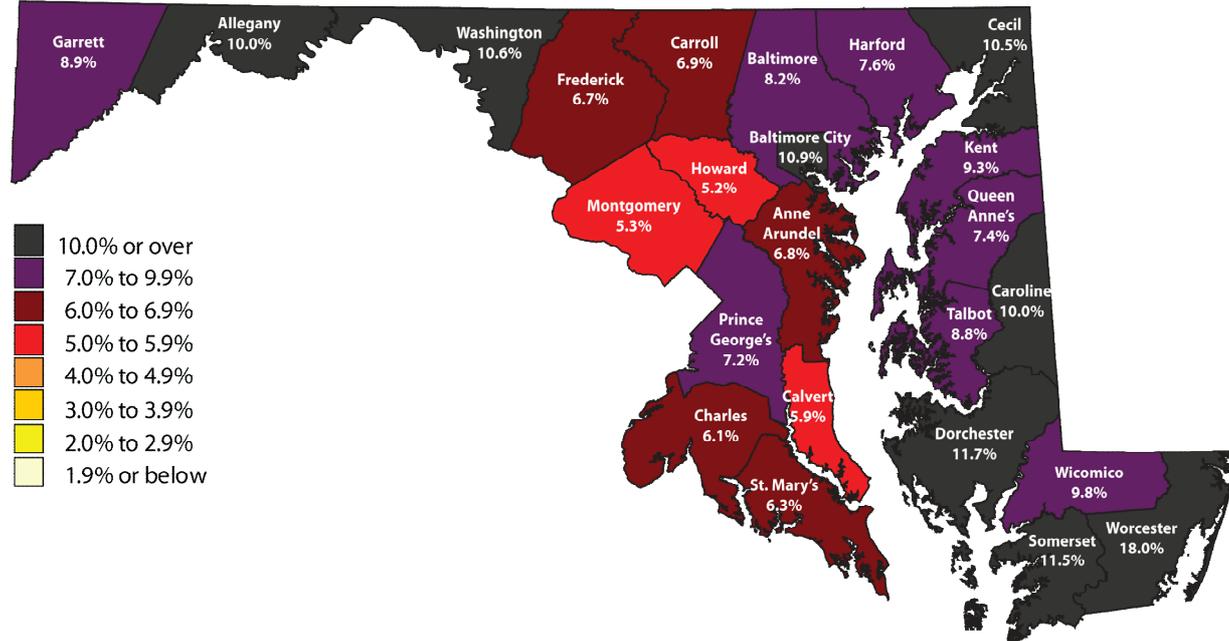
Data Source: Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation

↑ = Increased, ↓ = Decreased, and → = No Change

## Unemployment Rates by County (January 2011 Data) – Not Seasonally Adjusted

Next Scheduled Data Update: April 6, 2011 (February 2011 Data)

Map: January 2011 County Unemployment Rates – Not Seasonally Adjusted



Data Source: Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation / Map Prepared by: Governor's Workforce Investment Board

Table: County Unemployment Rates – Not Seasonally Adjusted

Rank	County	January 11'	Rank	County	January 11'
1	Howard	5.2%	14	Garrett	8.9%
2	Montgomery	5.3%	15	Kent	9.3%
3	Calvert	5.9%	16	Wicomico	9.8%
4	Charles	6.1%	17	Allegany	10.0%
5	St. Mary's	6.3%	17	Caroline	10.0%
6	Frederick	6.7%	19	Cecil	10.5%
7	Anne Arundel	6.8%	20	Washington	10.6%
8	Carroll	6.9%	21	Baltimore City	10.9%
9	Prince George's	7.2%	22	Somerset	11.5%
10	Queen Anne's	7.4%	23	Dorchester	11.7%
11	Harford	7.6%	24	Worcester	18.0%
12	Baltimore	8.2%		<b>MARYLAND</b>	<b>7.5%</b>
13	Talbot	8.8%			

Data Source: Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation

Table: Schedule of Release Dates for 2011 Data

Reference Month	U.S. Data	State	Other Areas
January	February 4, 2011	March 10, 2011	March 11, 2011
February	March 4, 2011	March 25, 2011	April 1, 2011
March	April 1, 2011	April 19, 2011	April 22, 2011
April	May 6, 2011	May 20, 2011	May 26, 2011
May	June 3, 2011	June 17, 2011	June 24, 2011
June	July 8, 2011	July 22, 2011	July 29, 2011
July	August 5, 2011	August 19, 2011	August 26, 2011
August	September 2, 2011	September 16, 2011	September 23, 2011
September	October 7, 2011	October 21, 2011	October 28, 2011
October	November 4, 2011	November 22, 2011	November 29, 2011
November	December 2, 2011	December 20, 2011	December 23, 2011
December	January 6, 2012	January 24, 2012	January 27, 2012