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Washington Area Economy: Performance and Outlook

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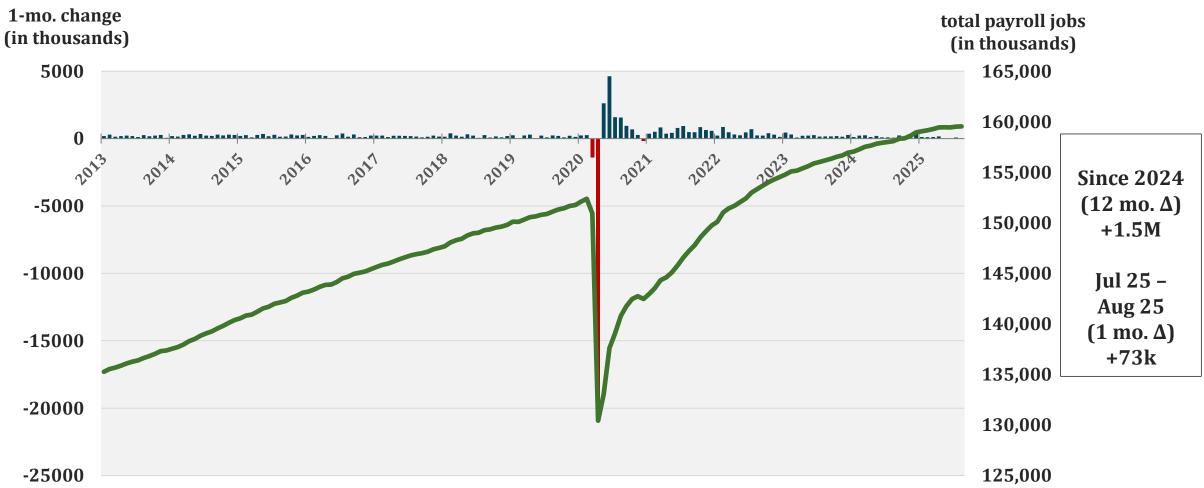
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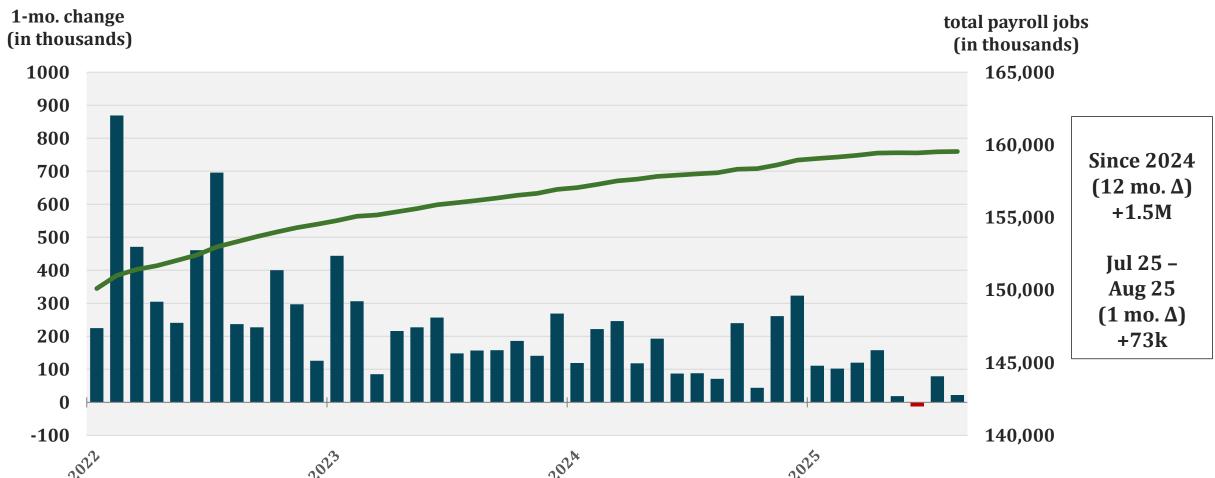






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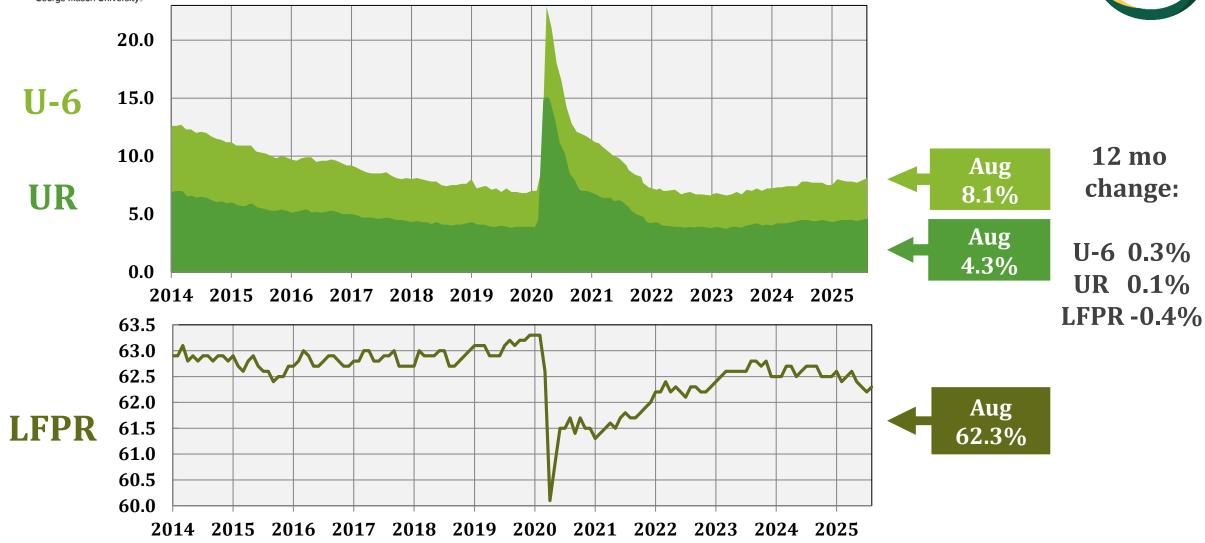






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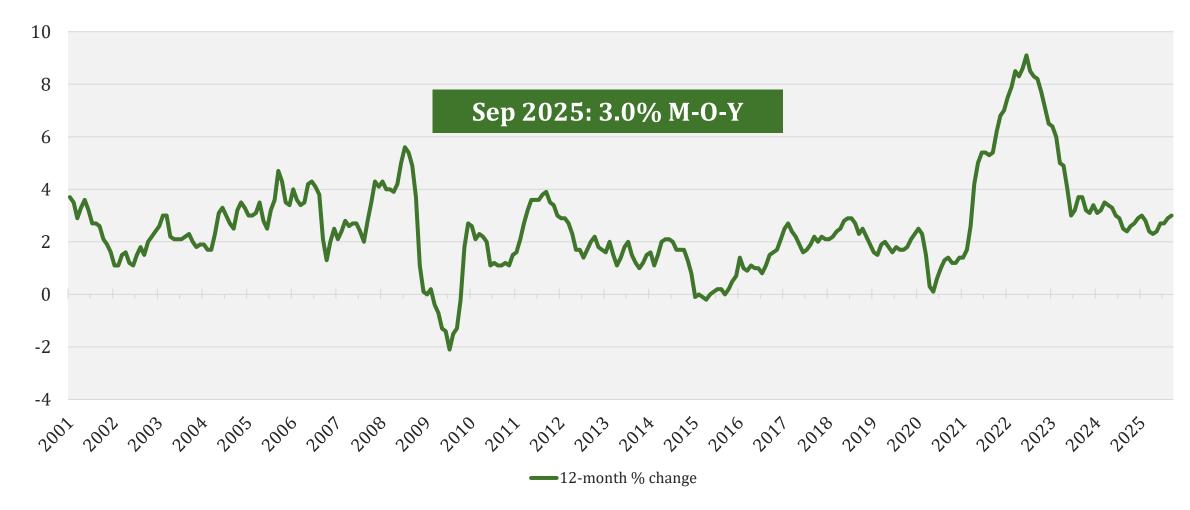






Monthly Consumer Prices 2001 - 2025





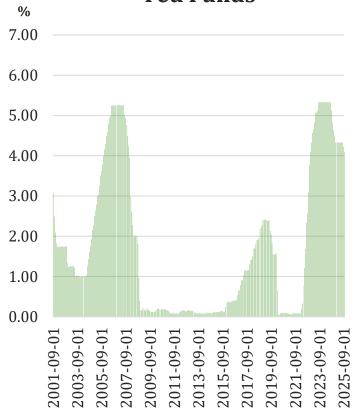


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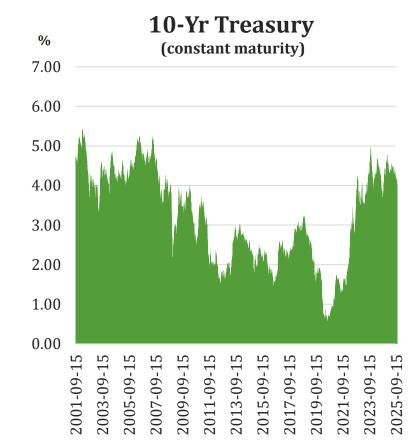
2001 - 2025



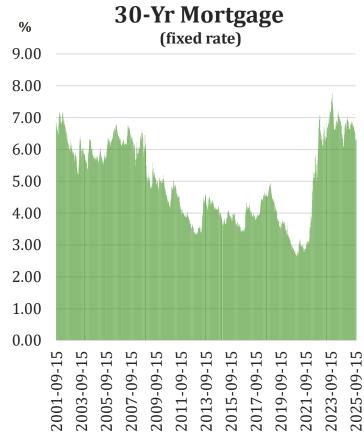




10/25: 4.09 10/24: 4.83



11/6/25: 4.11 11/6/24: 4.42



11/7/25: 6.79 11/6/25: 6.22





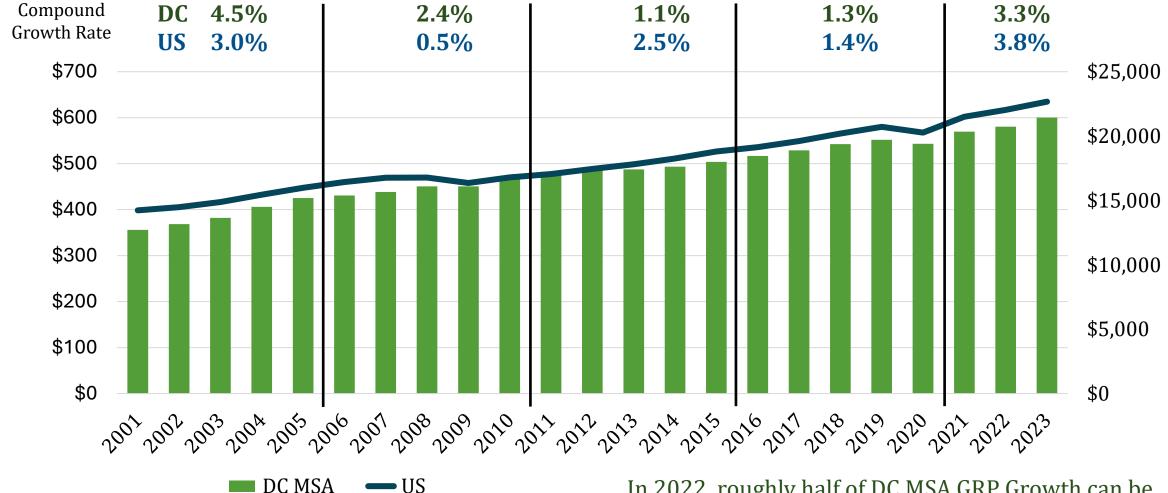
The Washington Economy



GDP: U.S. & DC Metro

2001 - 2023 (Billions, \$2017)



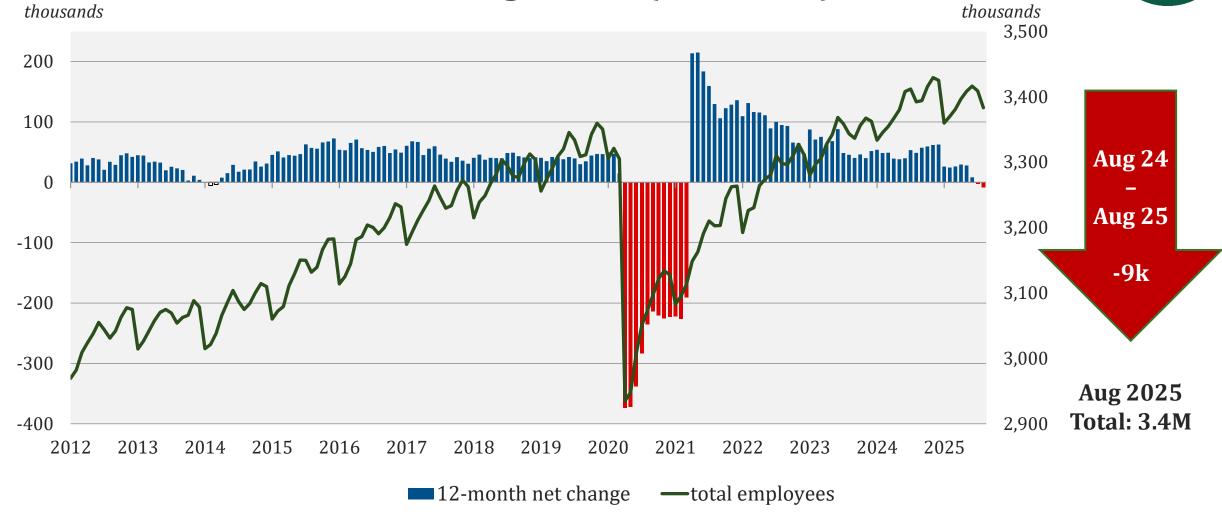


In 2022, roughly half of DC MSA GRP Growth can be attributed to data centers built that year in Loudoun



Annual Job ChangeWashington MSA (2012-2025)

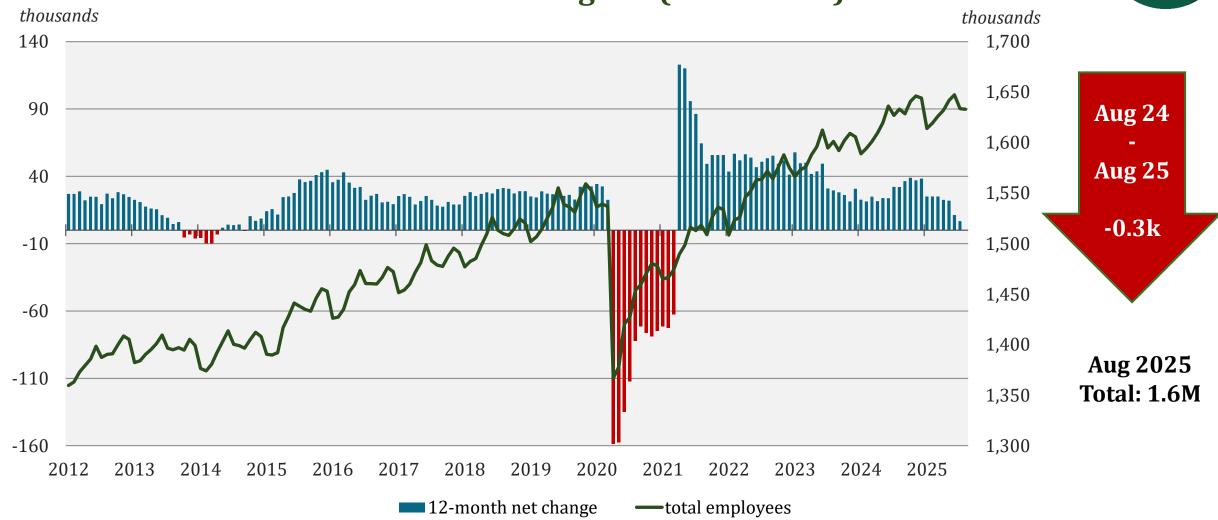






Annual Job Change Northern Virginia (2012-2025)

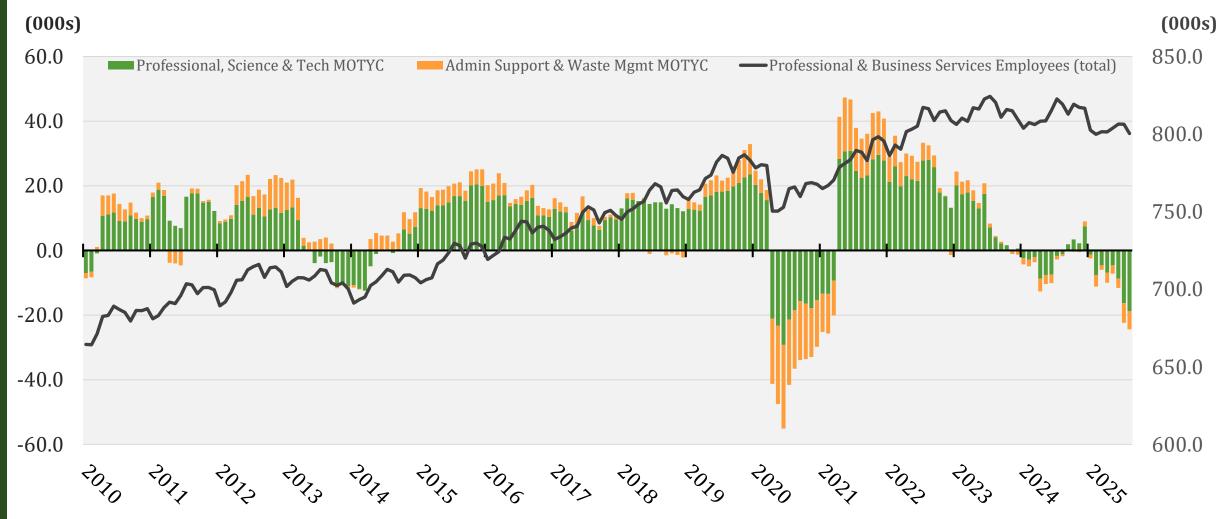






Professional & Business Services Washington MSA

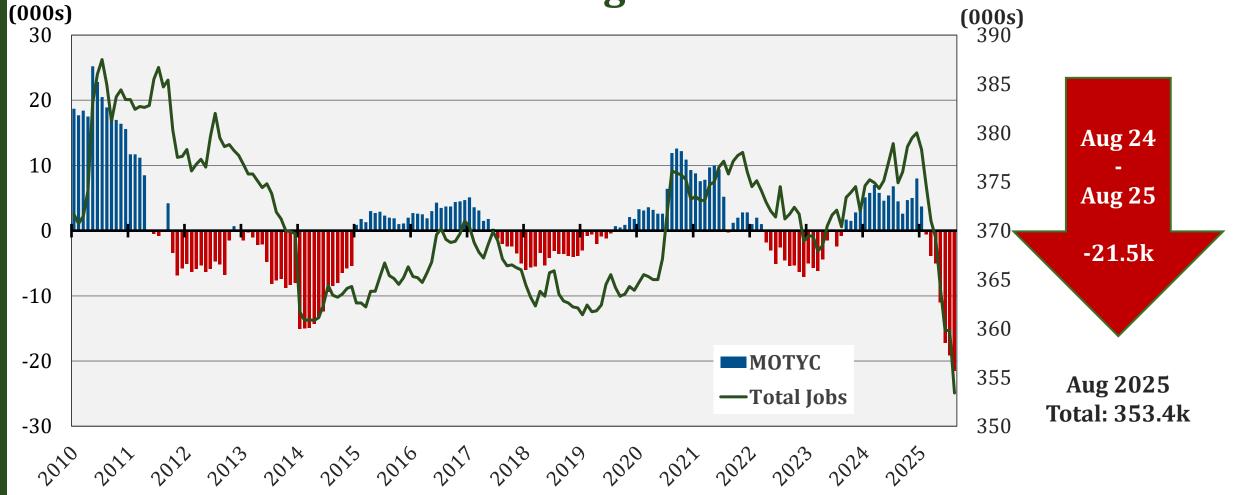






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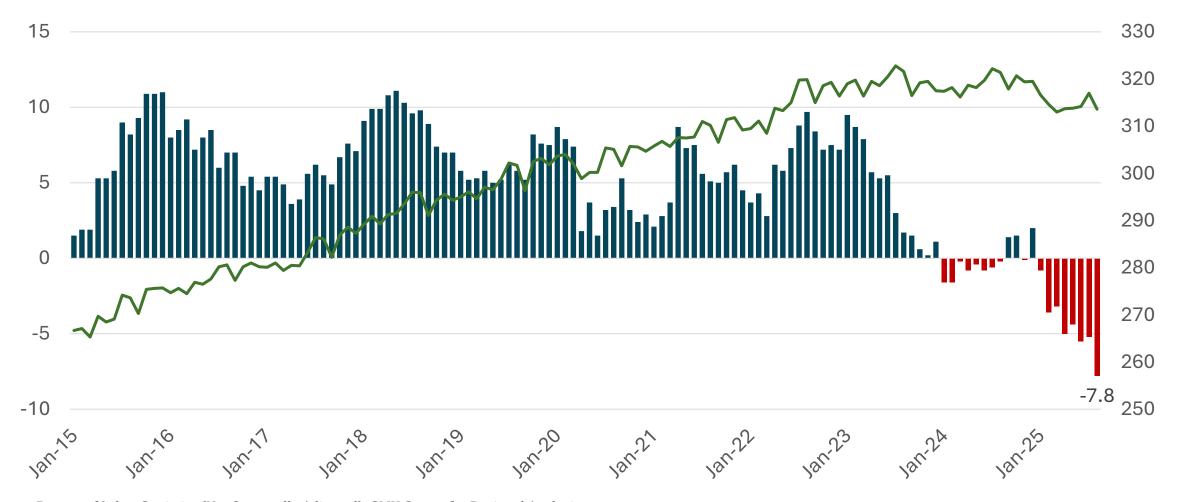






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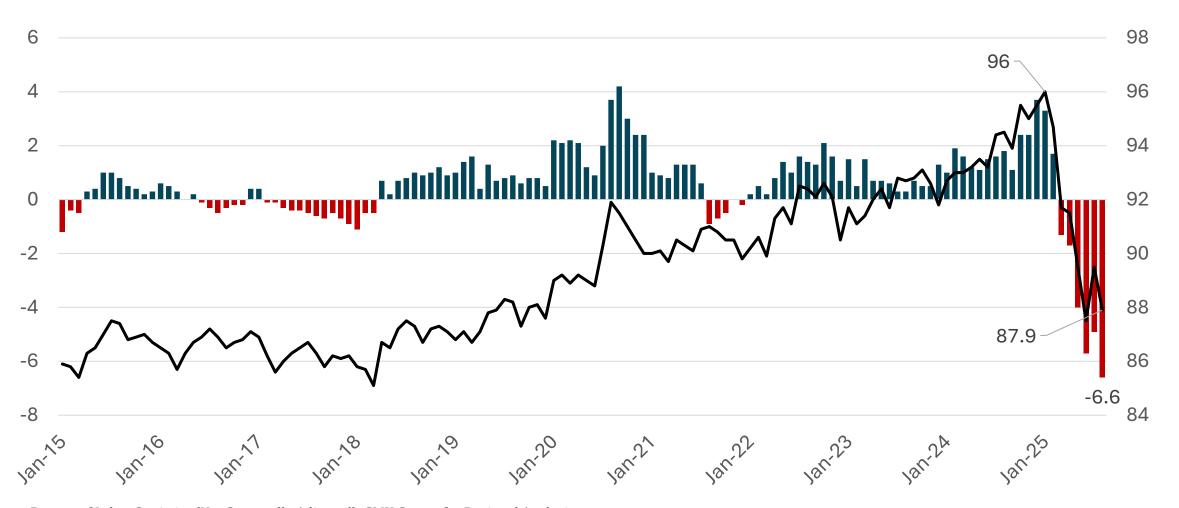






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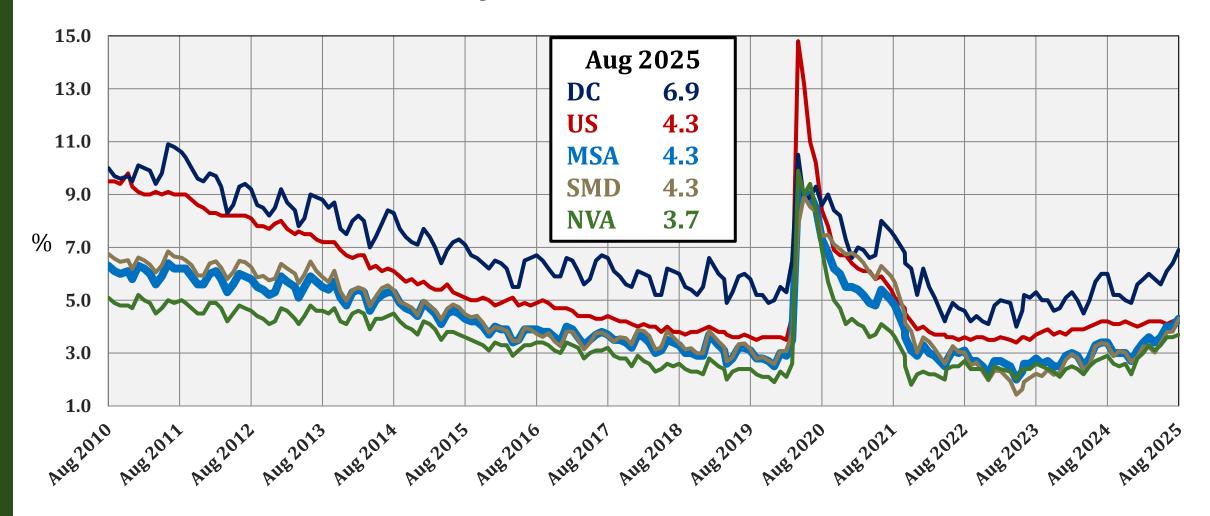






Unemployment Rates in the WMSA By Sub-State Area



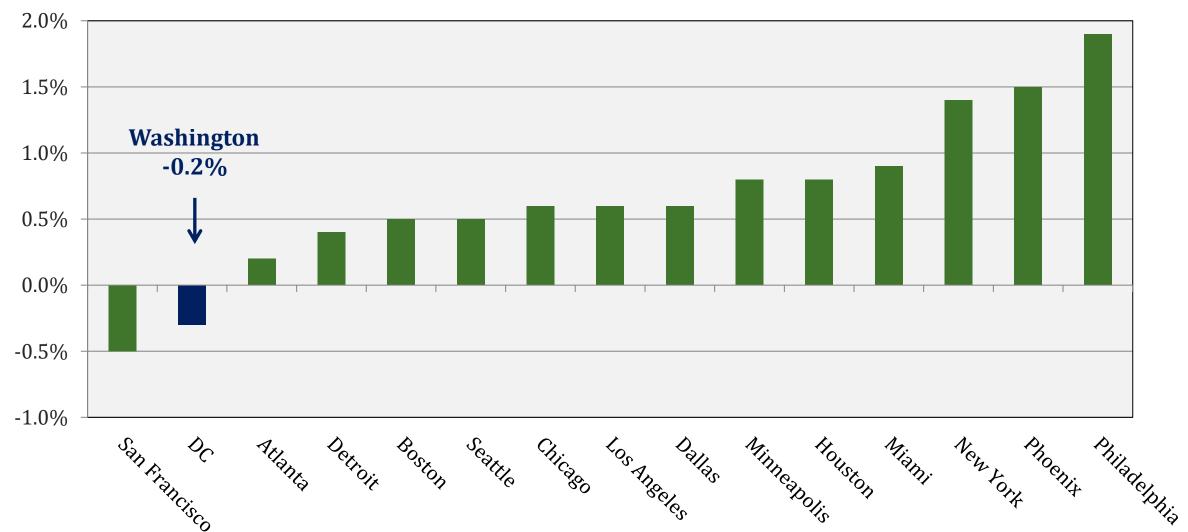




15 Largest Job Markets: Job Change

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Area Development 2024 Metro Rankings



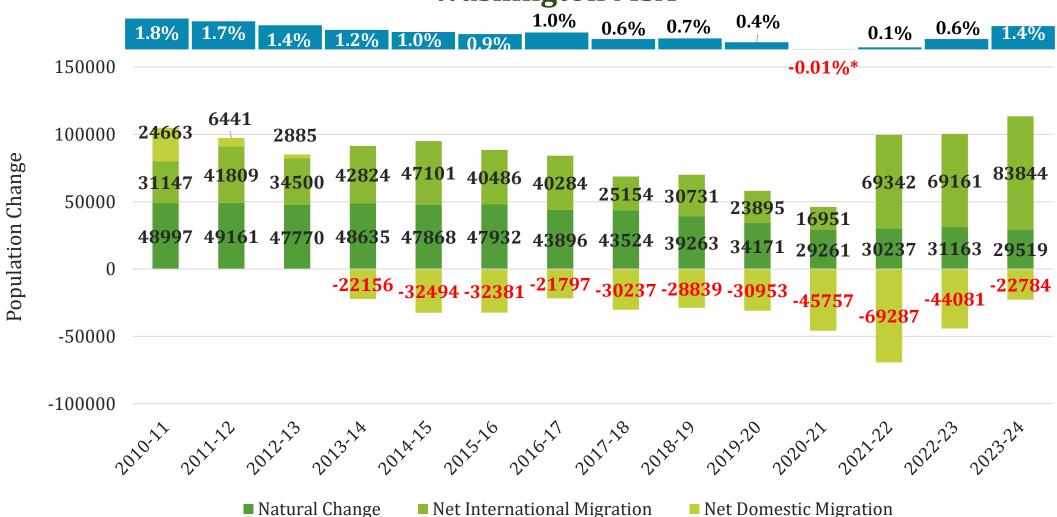
| Metro Area | Overall | Economic Strength | Core Econ Indicators | Job Growth | Prime Workforce | Wage Growth | Workforce Readiness |
|------------------|---------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Brownsville, TX | 1.00 | 1.00 | 81.7 | 2 | 88.6 | 14.00 | 93.1 |
| Miami, FL | 2.00 | 2.00 | 81.4 | 1 | 92.6 | 54.00 | 88.8 |
| Olympia, WA | 3.00 | 3.00 | 76.2 | 16 | 82.2 | 6.00 | 94.0 |
| Tallahassee, FL | 4.00 | 4.00 | 75.9 | 12 | 82.8 | 13.00 | 93.1 |
| Gainesville, GA | 5.00 | 5.00 | 75.6 | 17 | 82.2 | 9.00 | 93.4 |
| Savannah, GA | 6.00 | 6.00 | 74.0 | 7 | 84.3 | 44.00 | 89.7 |
| The Villages, FL | 7.00 | 7.00 | 73.6 | 49 | 77.5 | 1.00 | 96.1 |
| Chattanooga, TN | 8.00 | 8.00 | 72.9 | 10 | 83.2 | 43.00 | 89.7 |
| Houma, LA | 9.00 | 9.00 | 72.2 | 4 | 86.2 | 94.00 | 86.1 |
| Bend, OR | 10.00 | 10.00 | 72.1 | 35 | 78.7 | 11.00 | 93.3 |
| Washington DC | 262.00 | 262.00 | 44.8 | 187 | 69.5 | 334.00 | 75.3 |

Total Metro Areas: 410



Elements of Population ChangeWashington MSA







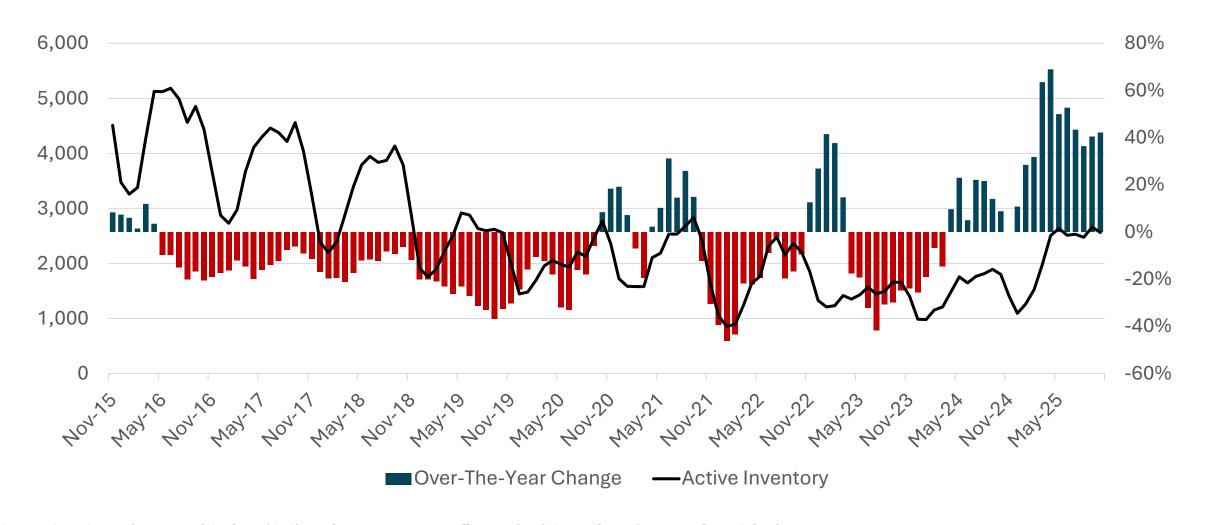


Housing Market Trends



Inventories of Existing HomesNorthern Virginia



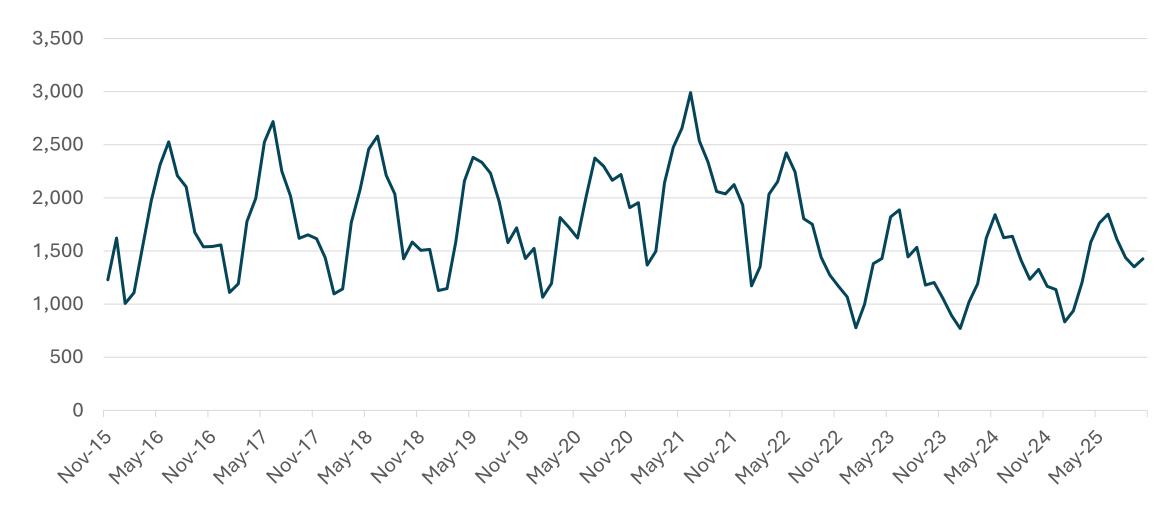




Existing Home Sales



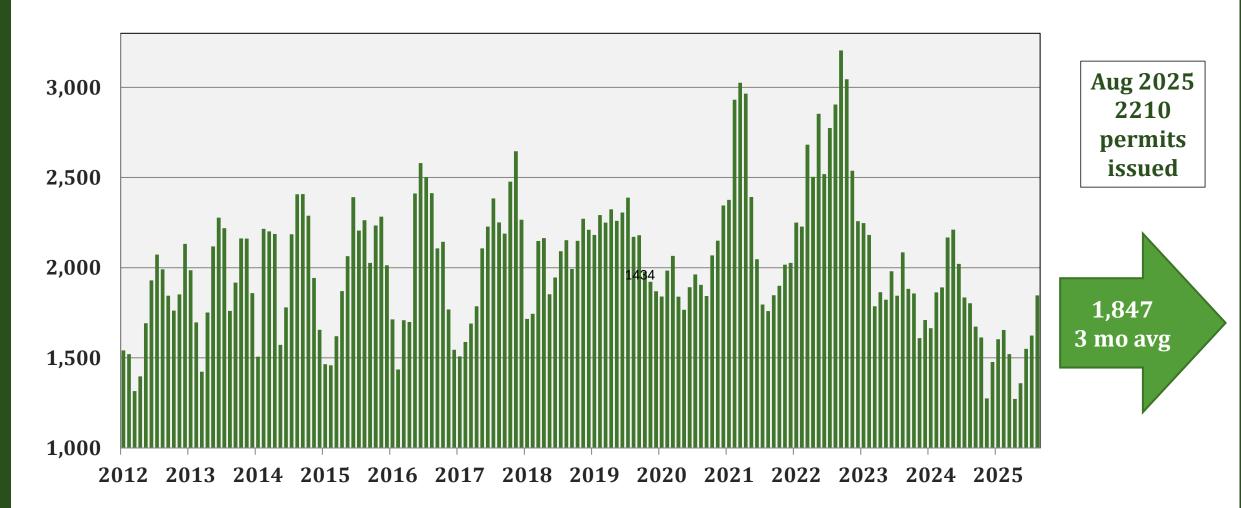
Washington MSA (DC Metro Region) 1999 – 2025





Washington MSA Building Permits 2012-2025, Three-Month Moving Average



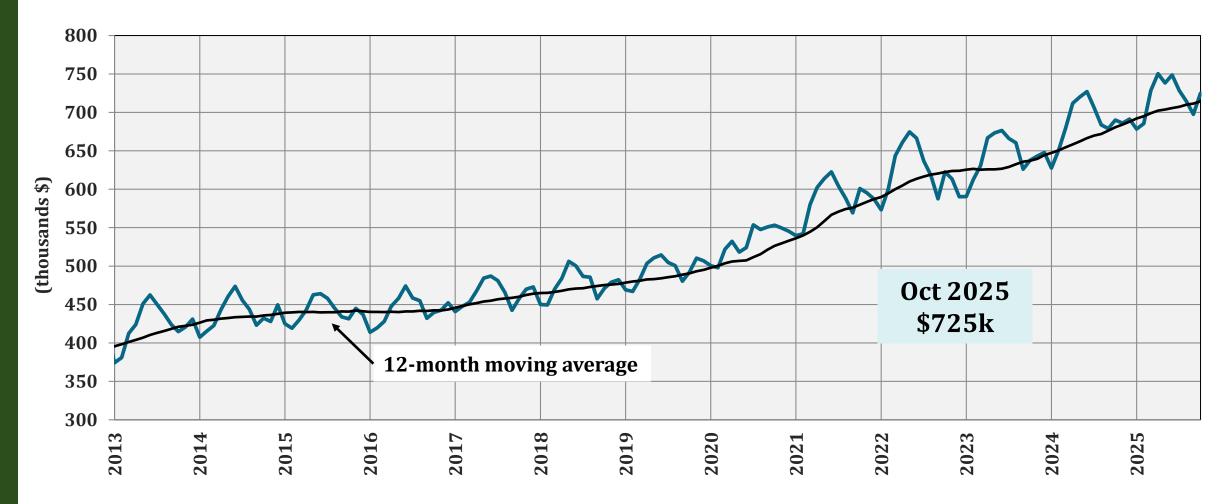




Average Home Sales Price



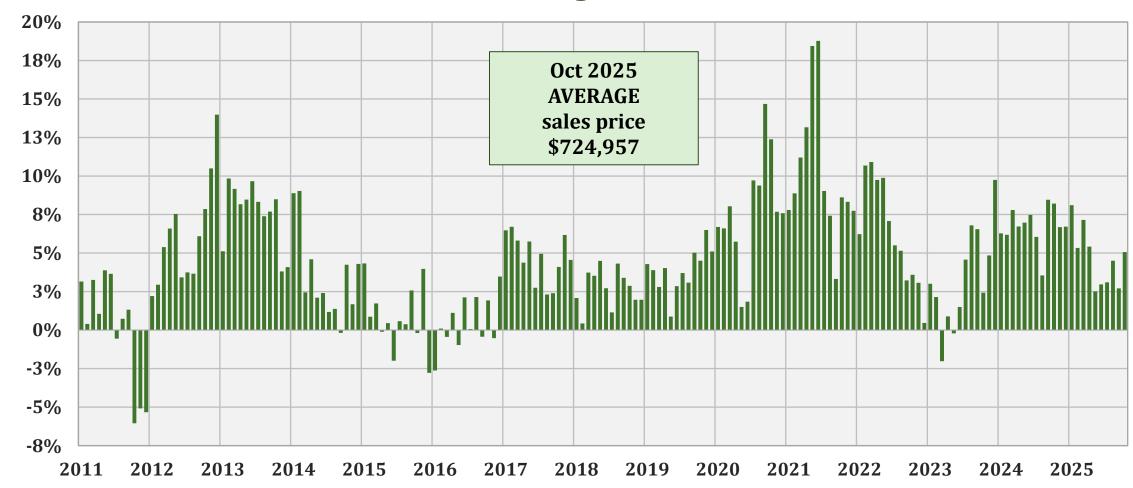
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Average Sales Price Month-Over-Year % Change Washington MSA

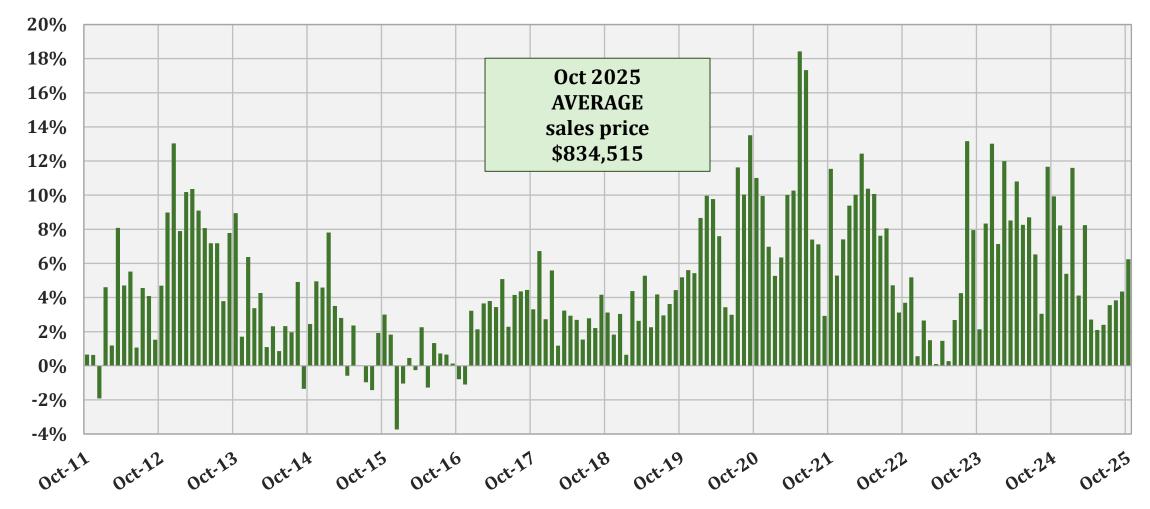






Average Sales Price Month-Over-Year % Change Northern Virginia









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