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## Industry dynamics in the Washington, DC, area: has a second job core emerged?

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This article examines industry employment dynamics in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area on a county-by-county basis over a 15-year span. The analysis focuses on the nine largest jurisdictions of the metropolitan area, highlighting changes in employment and wages from the first quarter of 1990 to the first quarter of 2005. Rapid job growth in high-wage private sector industries, especially professional and business services in areas outside the traditional employment core in the District of Columbia, has made the metropolitan area jobs base more diverse in terms of industry mix and geographic distribution.

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