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With population nearing 650,000, DC looks a little more like a city-state

DC has more people than two states, and has more jobs, GDP, and income than an even larger number of states

In December, the Census Bureau released state population estimates for July 2013 that showed DC’s population had grown to 646,449 as of that date. This is an increase of 13,022 (2.1%) from the prior year. This was also the 5th consecutive year in which population growth has been about 1,000 per month over the five year period, a rate that if continued would put the District’s population at about 650,000 at year end. (From 2008 to 2013, DC population grew by 66,213, an increase of 11.4%; see table on p. 2).

In the context of the overall US economy, the size of the District’s population is quite modest, accounting for just 0.2% of the nation’s population. By some common measures of the level of economic activity, however, DC outpaces a significant number of states. Detailed tables for each indicator noted below are on p. 2.

States where the levels of selected indicators are less than those in DC		
Indicator	Number of states with indicator lower than DC	States with indicator lower than DC
Total population	2	VT, WY
Number of people from 25 to 34 years of age	8	AK, DE, MT, ND, RI, SD, VT, WY
Total employment located in the jurisdiction, including farm, proprietor, and military	10	AK, DE, ME, MT, NH, ND, RI, SD, VT, WY
State Gross Domestic Product	17	AK, AR, DE, HI, ID, ME, MS, MT, NE, NH, NM, ND, RI, SD, VT, WV, WY
Personal Income of residents	7	AK, DE, MT, ND, SD, VT, WY

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D.C. Population: 2008 to 2013

Year	Number	Change from prior yr.	
		number	%
2008	580,236	5,832	1.0
2009	592,228	11,992	2.1
2010	605,125	12,897	2.2
2011	619,624	14,499	2.4
2012	633,427	13,803	2.2
2013	646,449	13,022	2.1

Addendum: change from 2008 to 2013:

amount	66,213
%	11.4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

DC total employment and states with less total employment than DC: 2012 (Includes farm, proprietor, and military)

Jurisdiction	All employment
District of Columbia	833,504
Alaska	458,403
Delaware	535,032
Maine	801,316
Montana	631,196
New Hampshire	831,316
North Dakota	560,703
Rhode Island	592,100
South Dakota	572,412
Vermont	422,486
Wyoming	392,348

Source: BEA, seasonally adjusted

DC Personal Income and states with less Personal Income than DC: Third quarter (September) 2013

Jurisdiction	Personal Income (\$ million)
District of Columbia	48,564
Alaska	36,923
Delaware	42,147
Montana	40,147
North Dakota	41,354
South Dakota	39,593
Vermont	28,891
Wyoming	29,942

Source: BEA, seasonally adjusted

DC population and states with less population than DC: July 1, 2013

Jurisdiction	Population
District of Columbia	646,449
Vermont	626,630
Wyoming	582,658

Source: US Census Bureau

DC population from ages 25 to 34 and states with less population than DC in that age group: 2012

Jurisdiction	Population 25 to 34 years of age
District of Columbia	138,878
Alaska	109,331
Delaware	113,848
Montana	123,950
North Dakota	98,752
Rhode Island	128,901
South Dakota	110,630
Vermont	70,300
Wyoming	80,079

Source: US Census Bureau American Community Survey

DC Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and states with less GDP than DC: 2012

Jurisdiction	GDP (\$ million)
District of Columbia	109,793
Alaska	51,859
Delaware	65,984
Arkansas	109,557
Hawaii	72,424
Idaho	58,243
Maine	53,656
Mississippi	101,490
Montana	40,422
Nebraska	99,557
New Hampshire	64,697
New Mexico	80,600
North Dakota	46,016
Rhode Island	50,956
South Dakota	142,464
Vermont	27,296
West Virginia	69,380
Wyoming	38,422

Source: BEA

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