District of Columbia

Energy Efficiency Jobs in America

12,545
Total Jobs

What are EE jobs?

Jobs that reduce energy use by improving efficiency in appliances, buildings, data systems, financing, new technologies, and more.

What do EE workers do?

- **Manufacture and install** high-efficiency systems, controls, windows, insulation, and ENERGY STAR-certified appliances and products in existing and new homes, as well as commercial, and industrial buildings.
- **Design and construct** high-performance buildings such as those earning nationally recognized sustainability and environmental performance ratings.
- **Upgrade and repair** heating, air conditioning, and ventilation (HVAC) and water heating equipment.
- **Educate** property owners and managers on building improvements to unlock savings for businesses, homeowners, schools, states, municipalities, military bases, and more.
- **Analyze building data** using software to maximize energy savings through targeted performance improvements and behavioral changes.
- **Review and approve loans** to finance energy savings performance contracts to improve the comfort, health, and operational costs of buildings.

How does EE compare to other energy sectors in District of Columbia?

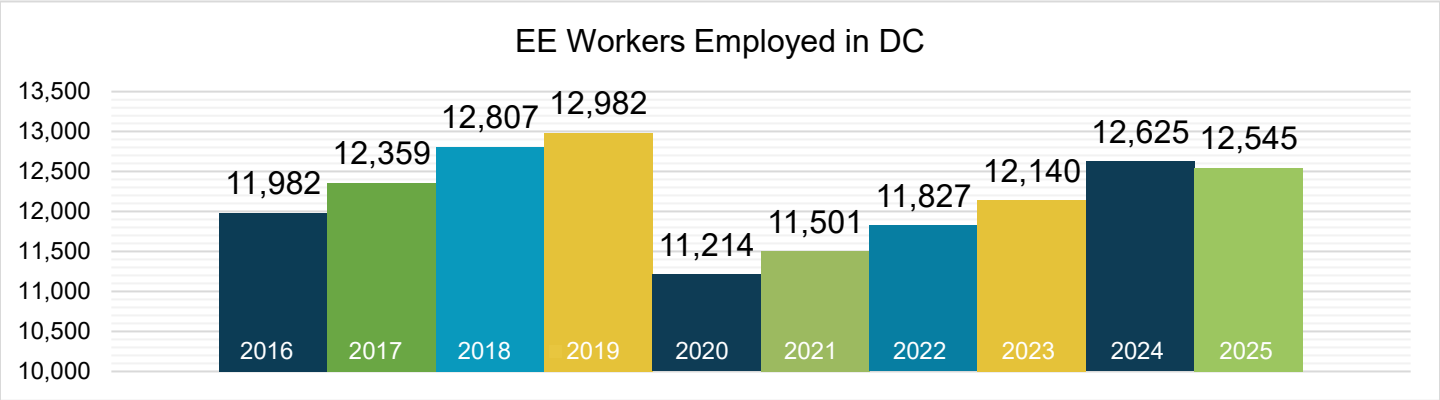
Energy efficiency is the largest energy sector in the District of Columbia.

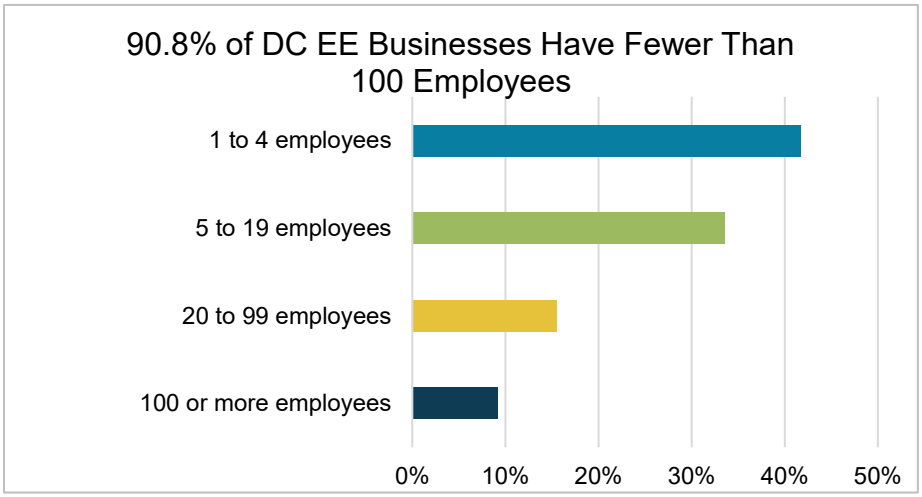


TDS = Transmission, Distribution, & Storage
EPG = Electric Power Generation
**Nuclear (EPG & Fuels) = 172
*Includes other energy subsectors such as corn ethanol, woody biomass, large hydropower, and others.

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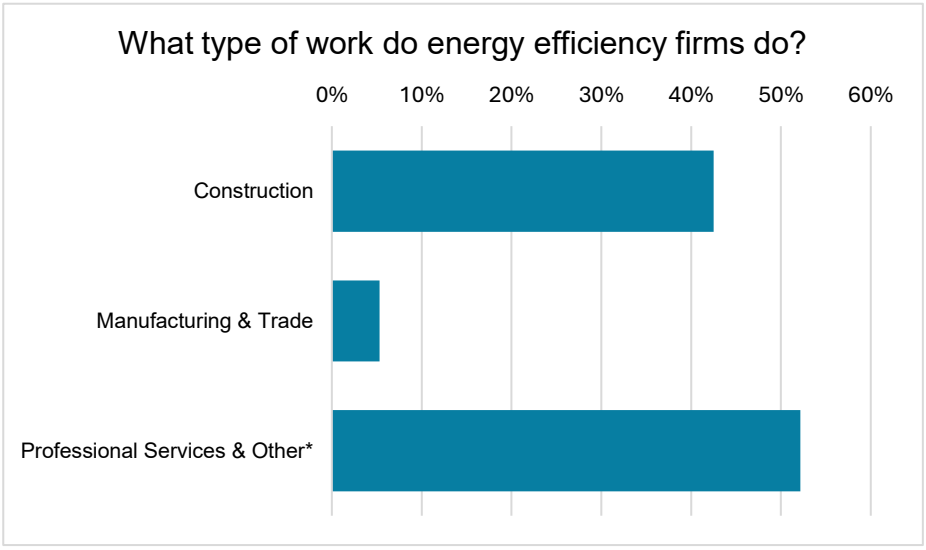
What does EE look like in the District of Columbia?



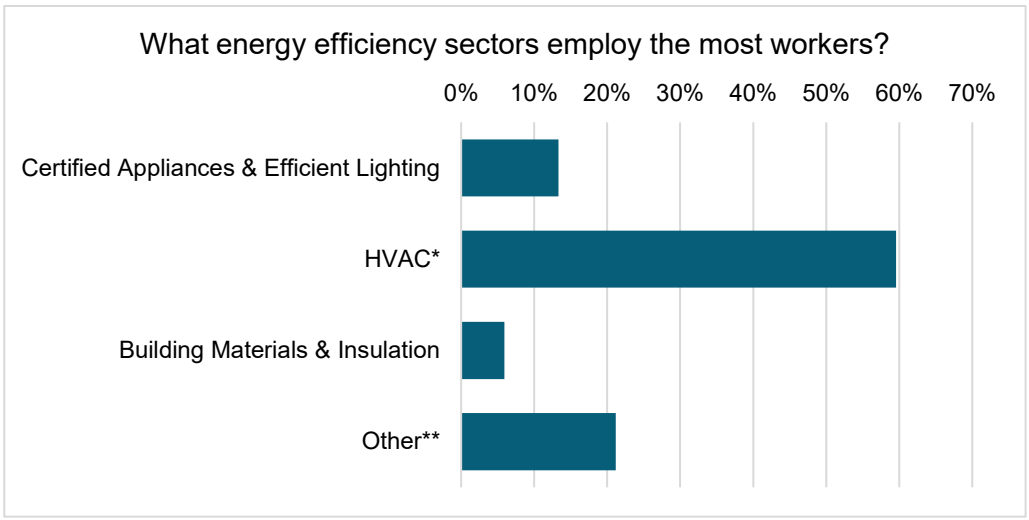


2,866
EE businesses in the District of Columbia

EE construction workers comprise **35%** of the District of Columbia's construction workforce



*Professional services include finance, accounting, architecture, engineering, research and development, and more. The "other" category includes roles in maintenance, business operations, and nonprofit organizations.



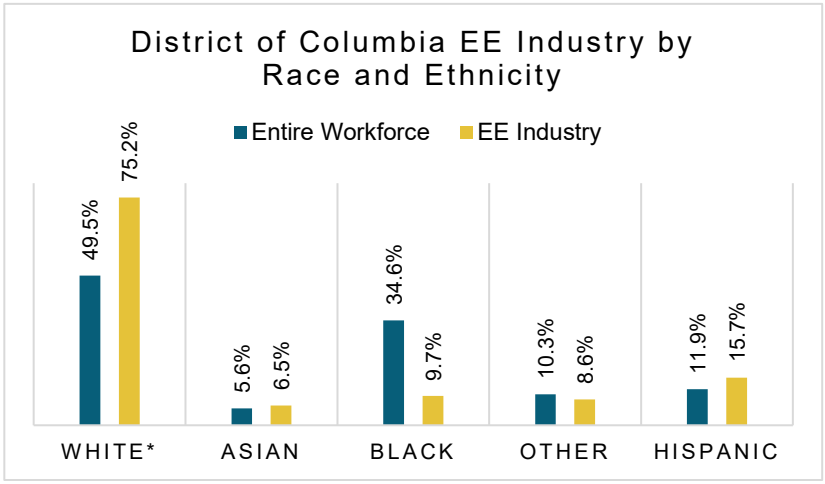
7%
of District of Columbia EE workers are **veterans**

Certified Appliances = ENERGY STAR-certified appliances
*Heating, ventilation, air conditioning of higher than standard efficiency/renewable heating and cooling
**Other includes energy audits, building certifications, and software services

How representative is the EE workforce in the District of Columbia?

Demographic data is critical to measure progress towards a more representative EE workforce. Tracking this data helps show how well the District of Columbia's EE workforce reflects the communities it serves and where gaps remain.

Expanded training programs in the District of Columbia can help ensure energy efficiency careers are accessible to all.



*Includes non-Hispanic and Hispanic whites.

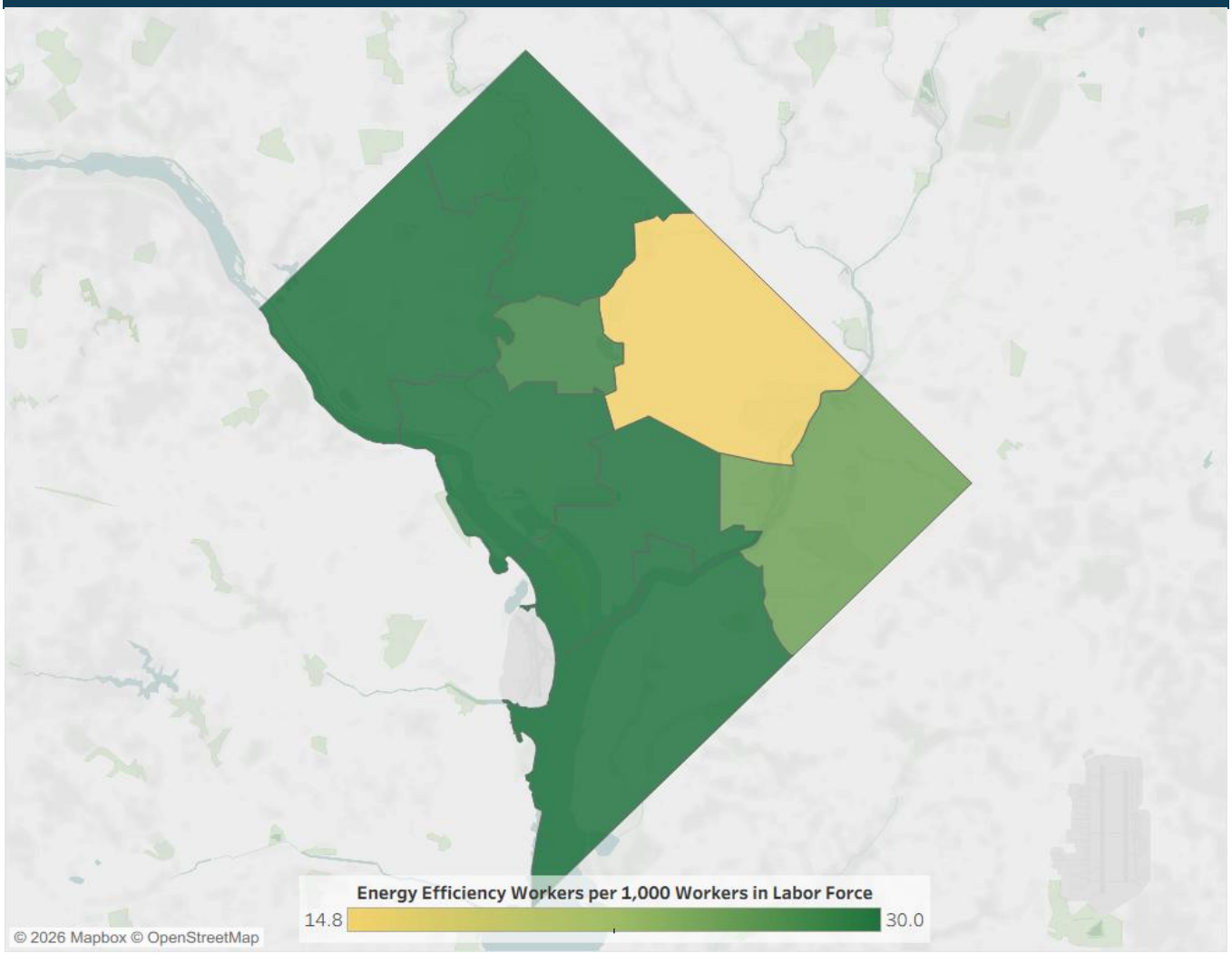
Gender in the District of Columbia EE Workforce



Note: The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) only includes two genders in their survey. Nonbinary gender data is missing from this document due to this limitation.

Energy efficiency jobs are everywhere

EE Jobs by Ward



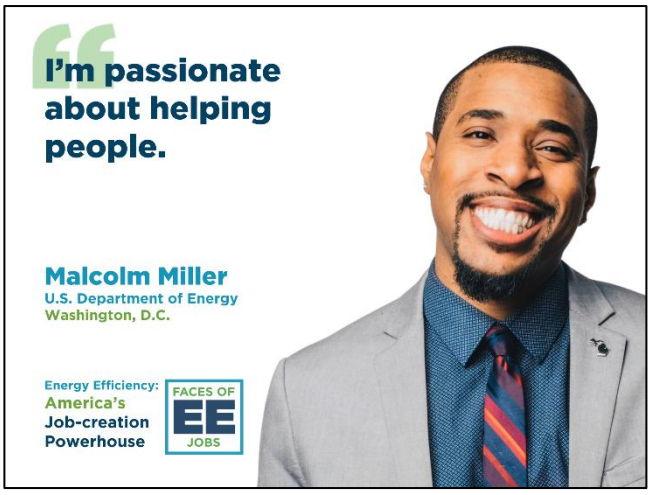
The energy efficiency job concentration displayed above is capped at thirty jobs per thousand in order to maintain observable differences between the majority of counties within the state. This is done to eliminate the influence outliers have on overall color gradient.

Congressional		Metropolitan Areas	
At-Large District	**Jobs**	**Area**	**Jobs**
1	**12,545**	**Washington-Arlington-Alexandria**	**12,545**

Council of the District of Columbia					
Ward	**Jobs**	**Ward**	**Jobs**	**Ward**	**Jobs**
1	**1,596**	**4**	**1,818**	**7**	**1,084**
2	**1,713**	**5**	**781**	**8**	**1,654**
3	**1,675**	**6**	**2,224**		

Faces of EE

The EE industry creates jobs, lowers bills, and strengthens the economy. Woven through communities via manufacturing, construction, professional services, and more, EE jobs are the backbone of the energy sector. This sample of people highlights just a few of the wide variety of jobs in the energy efficiency industry and the potential for growth when workforce development and training are prioritized.





Note: Some individuals pictured may have changed jobs since they joined Faces of EE.

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Data Source: Unless otherwise stated, all data are from the August 2026 U.S. Energy and Employment Report, by the U.S. Department of Energy (see Appendix B for methodology details). This methodology—adopted by the U.S. Dept. of Energy for its 2017 U.S. Energy and Employment Report, approved by the Office of Management and Budget and grounded on data collected by the Bureau of Labor Statistics—provides the broadly accepted best accounting of all U.S. energy workers.

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