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D.C. Labor Market Indicators: April 2017

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Highlights

- From January 2015 to April 2017:
 - ❖ The unemployment rate in DC decreased by **1.6** percentage points (or **21.3%** decrease);
 - ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by **3.9** percentage points (**30.2%** decrease) and **4.5** percentage points (**28.0%** decrease) respectively;
 - ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by **20,400**;
 - ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by **34,100**;
 - ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants decreased by **27.58%**;
 - ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by **4,900** people;
 - ❖ In DC there are **1.6** jobs available (advertised) for 1 unemployed DC resident;
 - ❖ The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by almost **17** weeks;
 - ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by **31,800** new jobs or **6.12%** increase from January 2015;
 - ❖ Educational and Health Services has the highest employment increase by industry with **10,300 since January 2015**;
 - ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Computer Occupations, All Other; with an average monthly opening of **1,882**;
 - ❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor's degree is Computer User Support Specialist; with an average monthly opening of **1,065**.

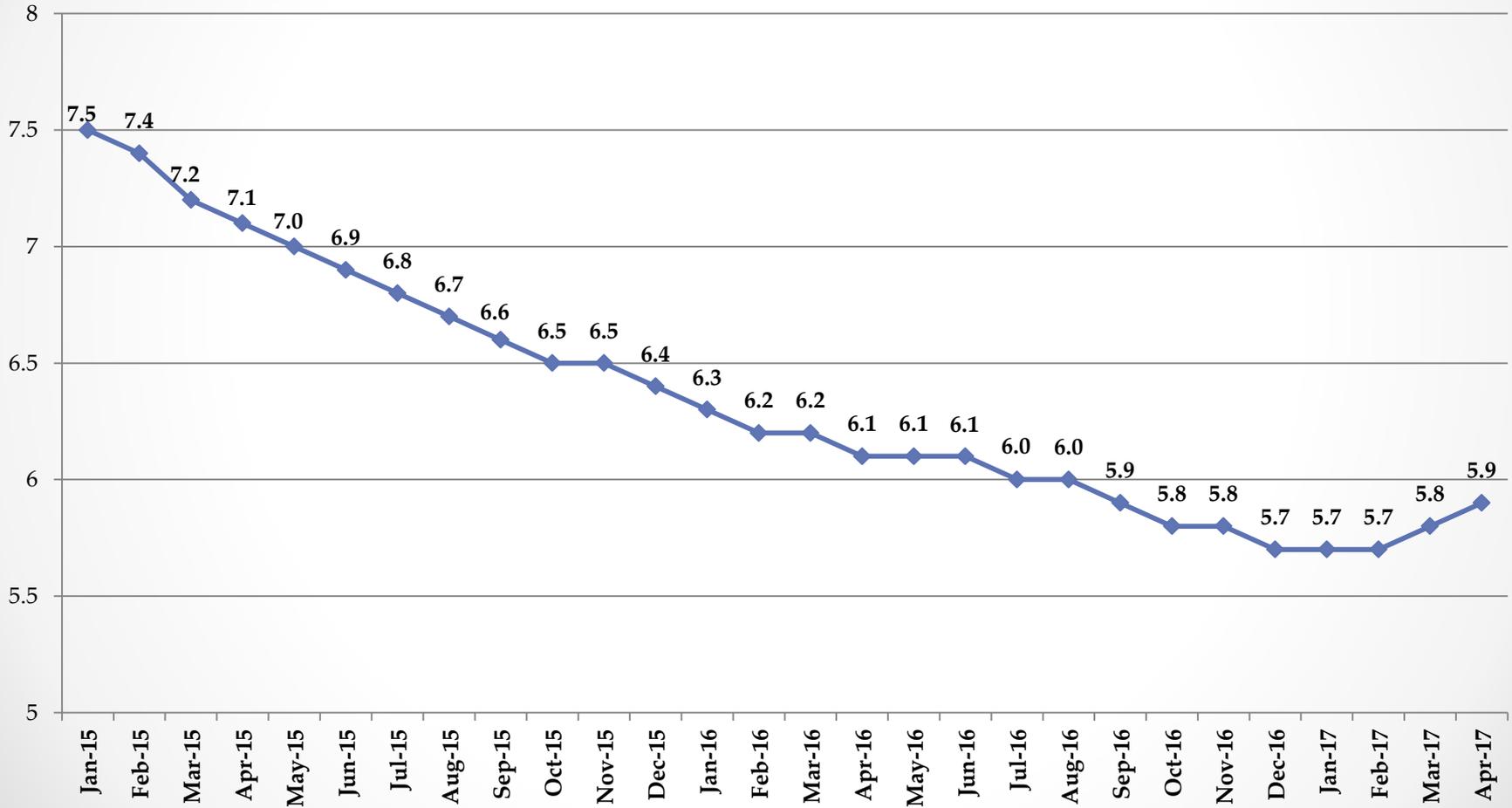




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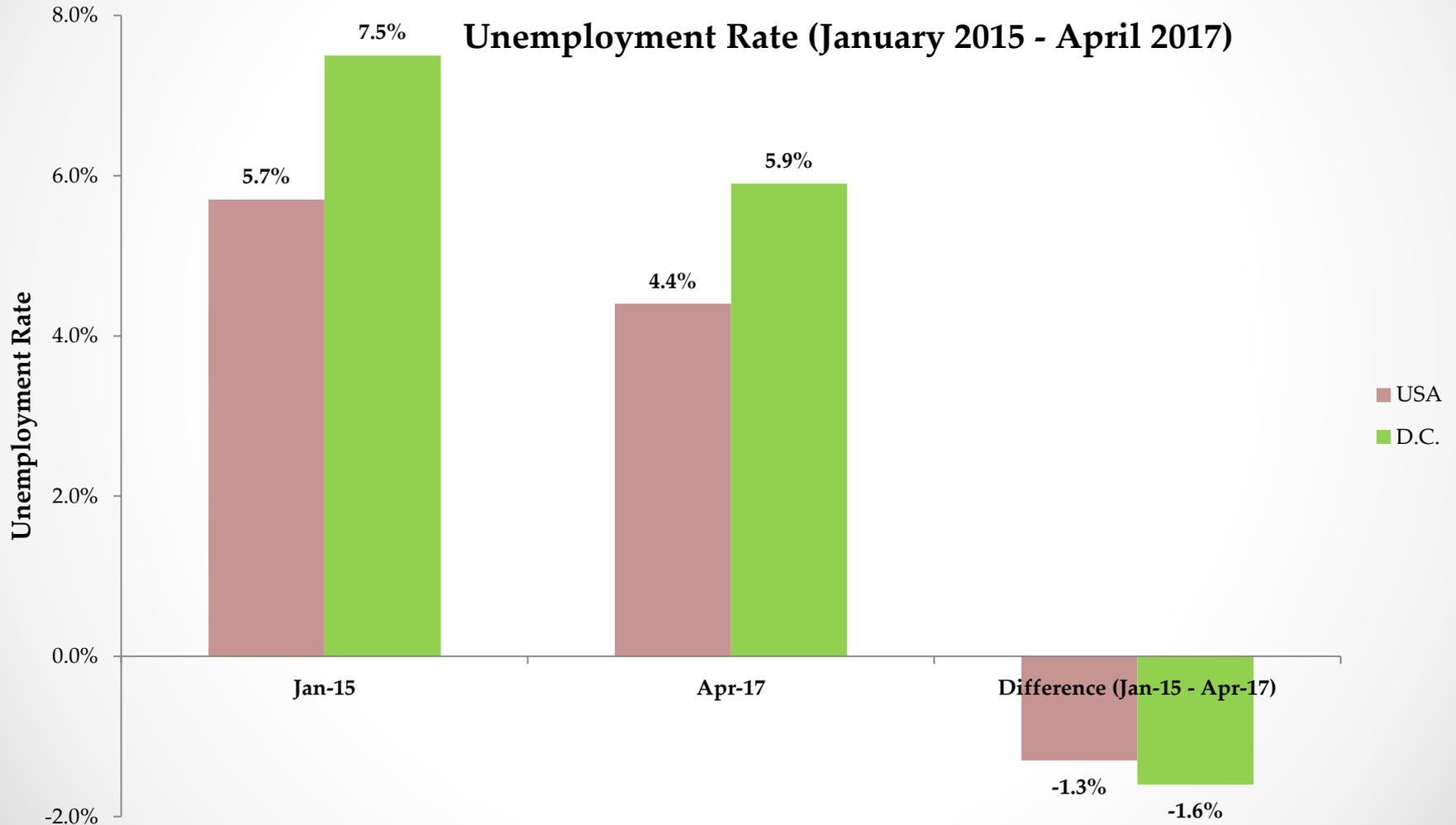
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Apr. 2017





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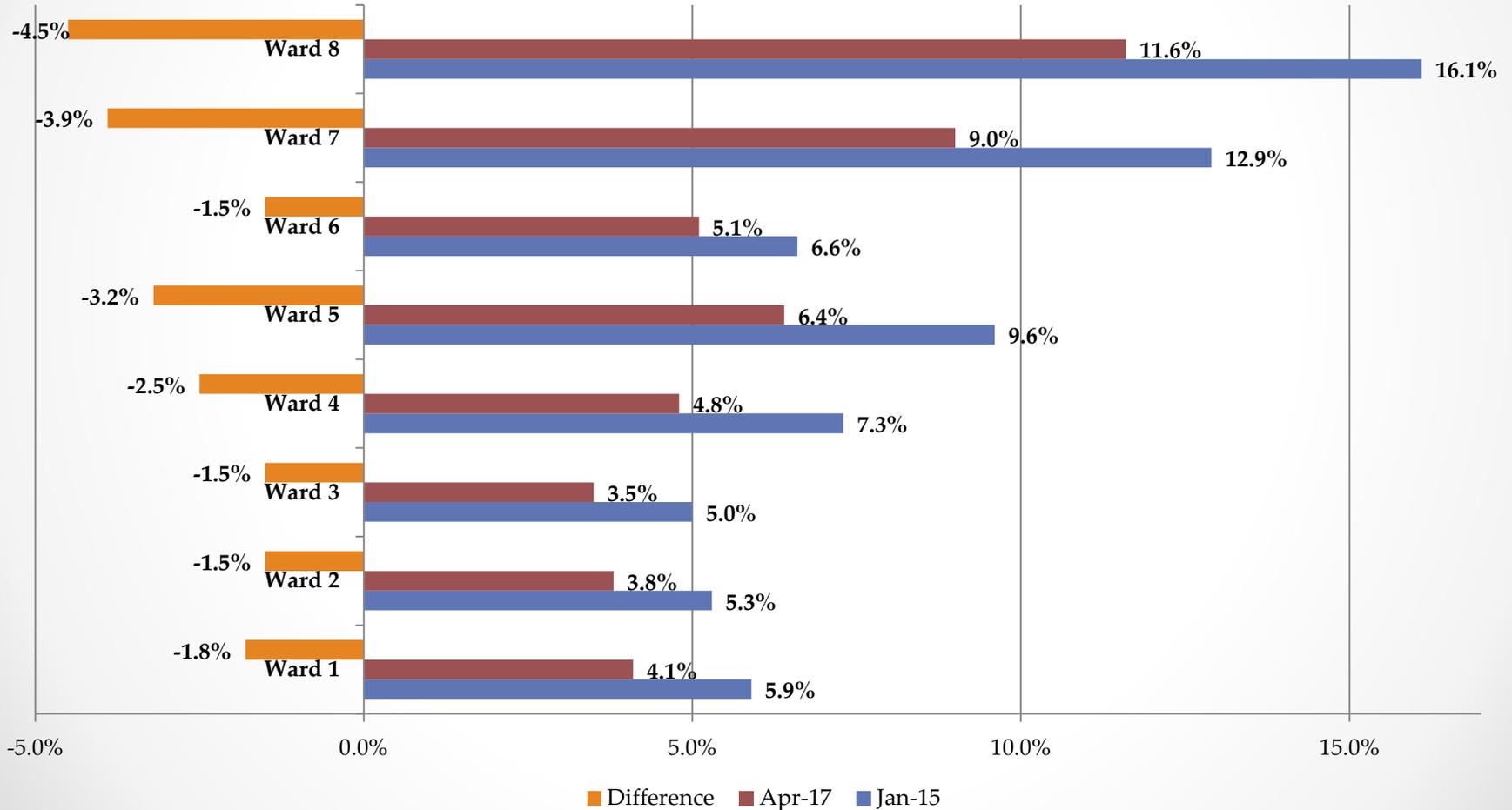




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Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - April 2017)

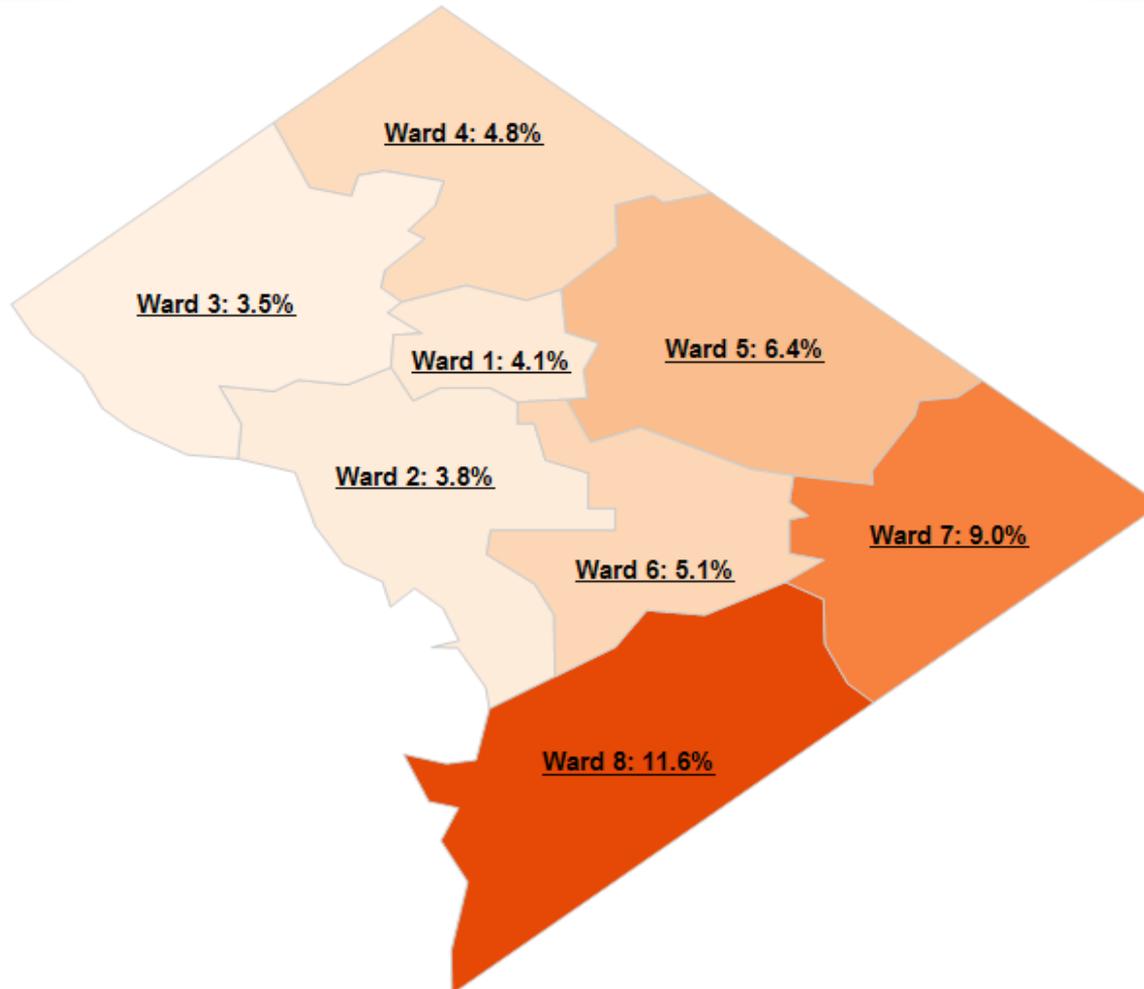




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Unemployment Rate by Ward: April 2017

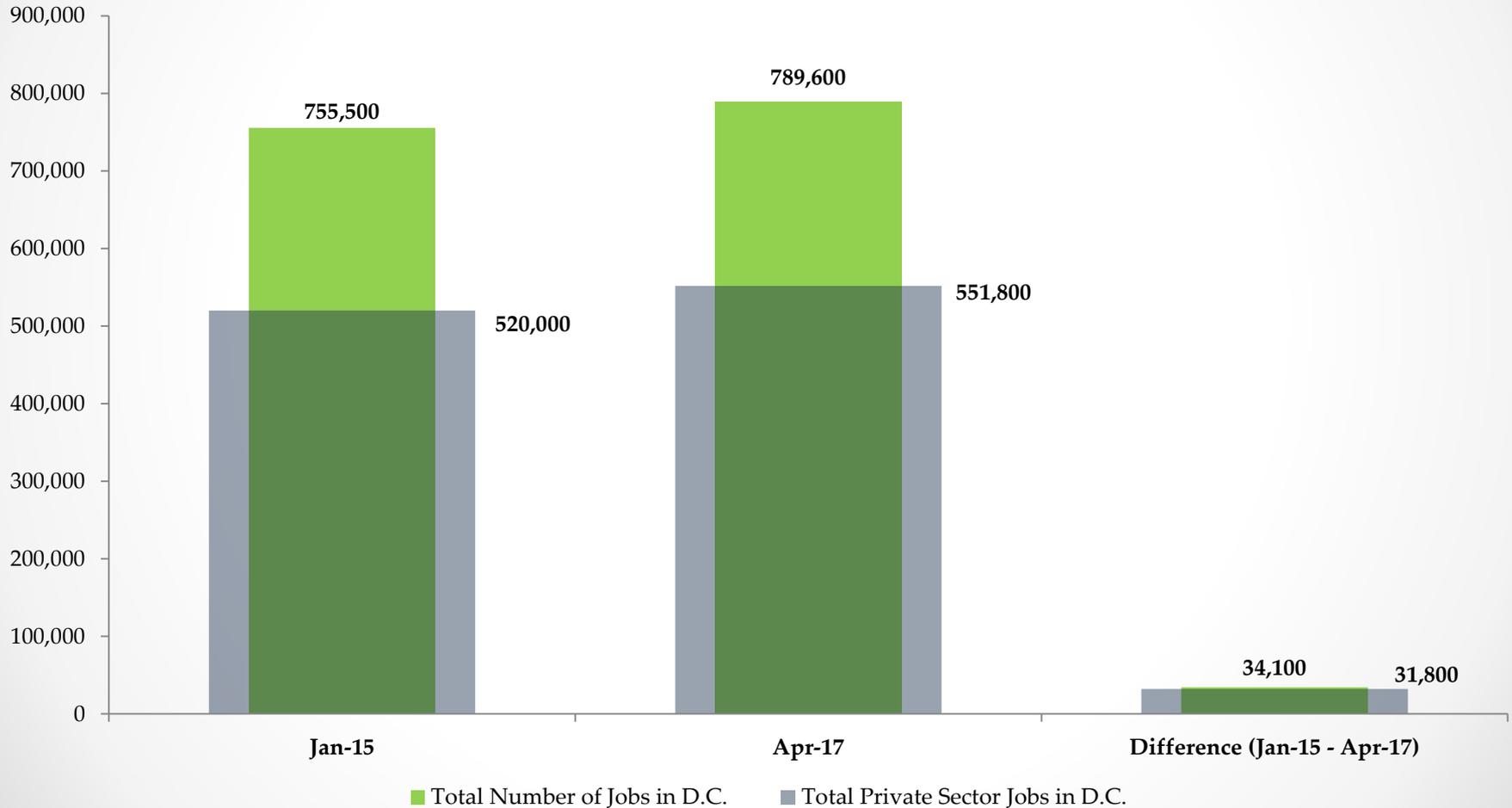




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Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Apr. 2017)

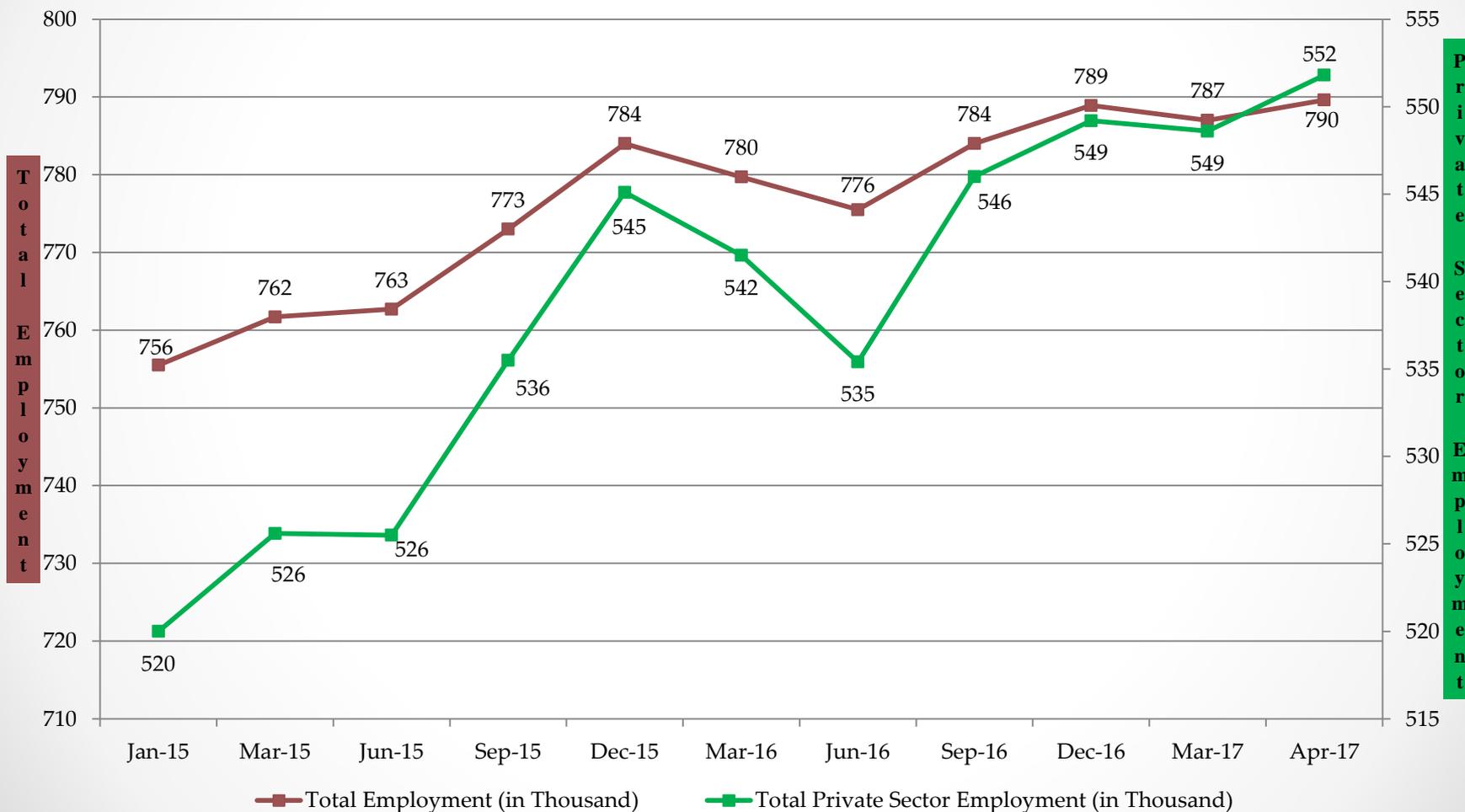




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Total Employment and Private Sector Employment in D.C. (Jan.2015 - Apr. 2017) (In Thousands)

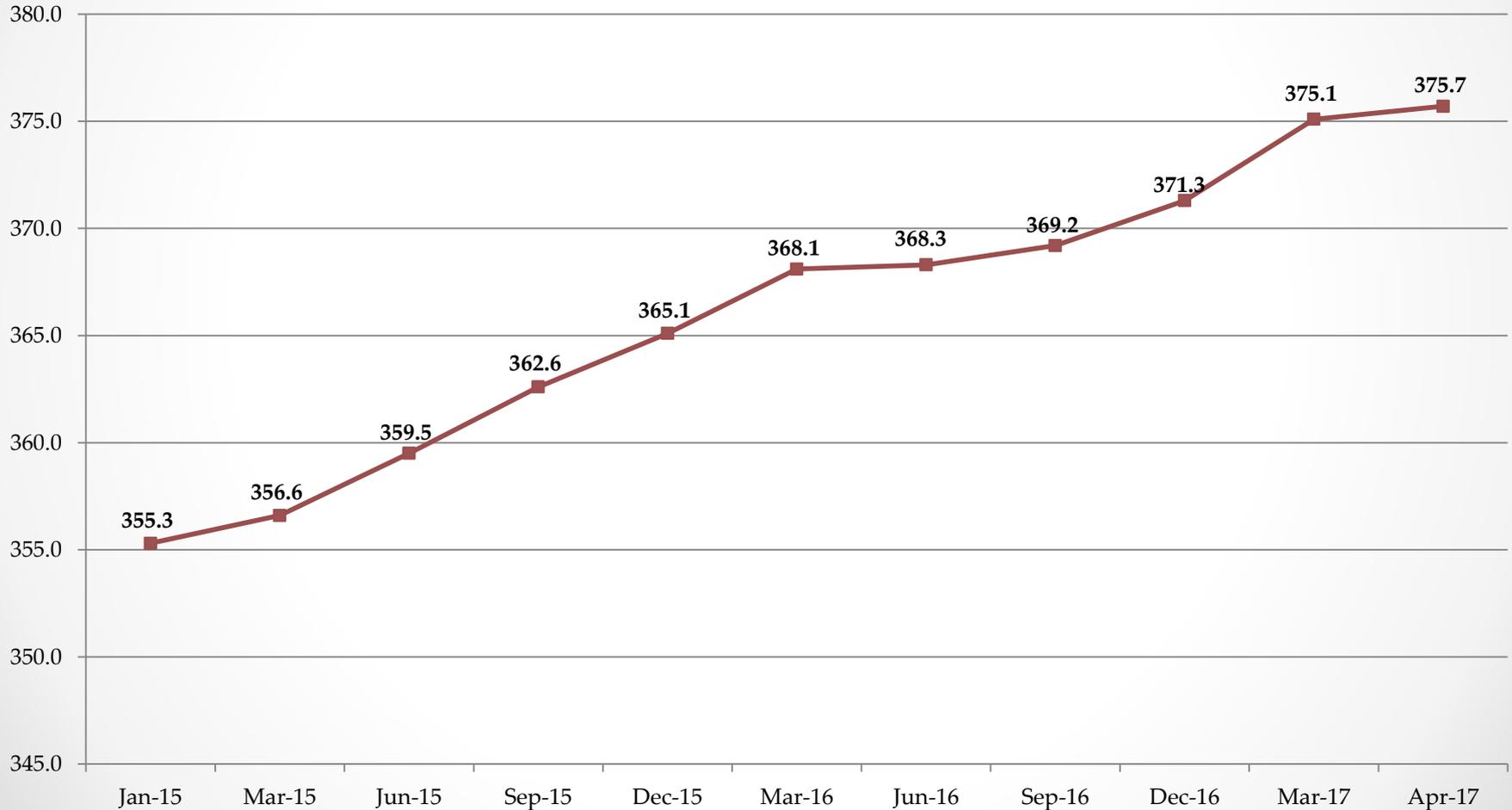




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Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 - Apr. 2017) (In Thousands)

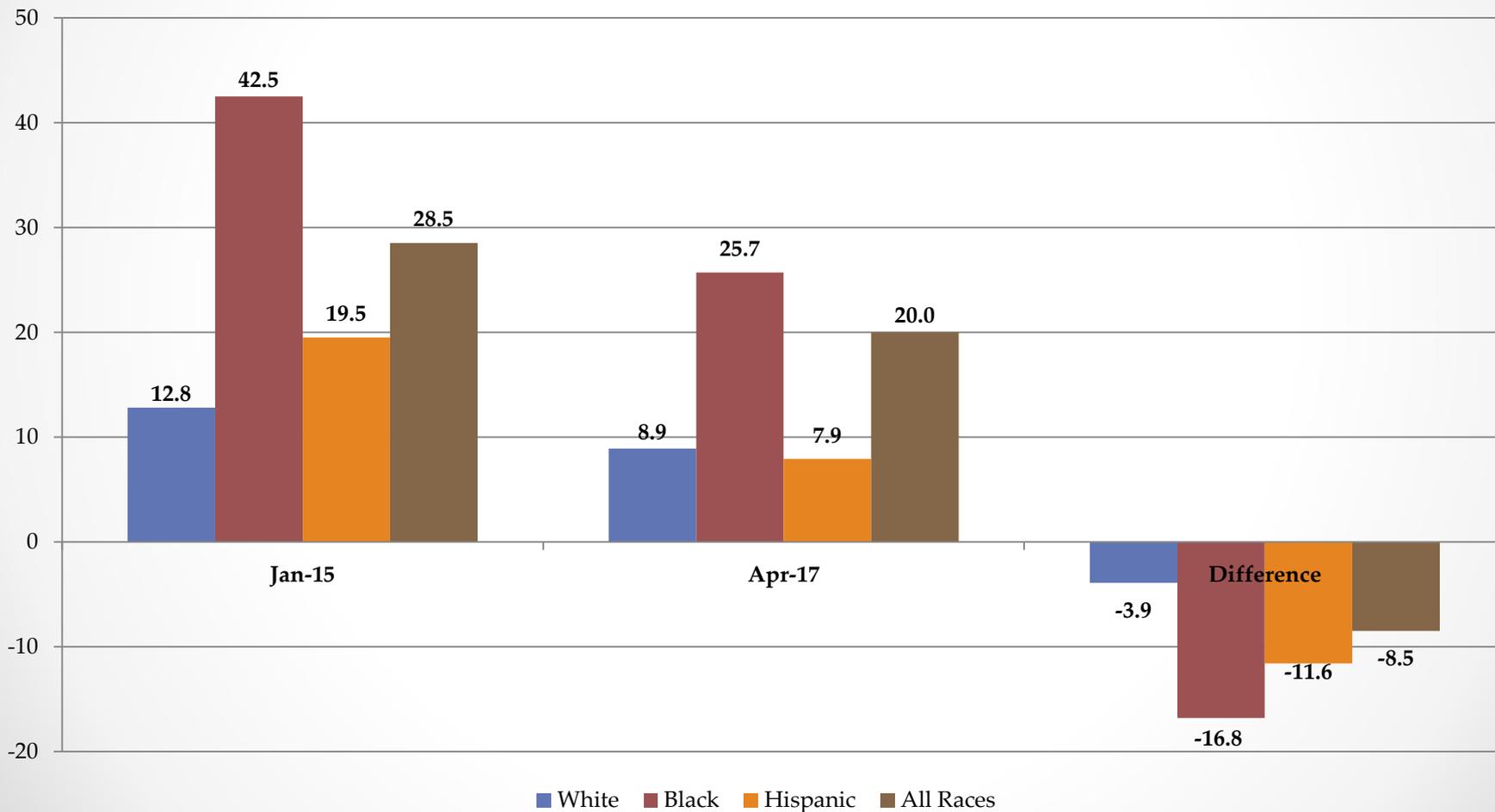




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Median Duration of Unemployment (Jan. 2015 - Apr. 2017)

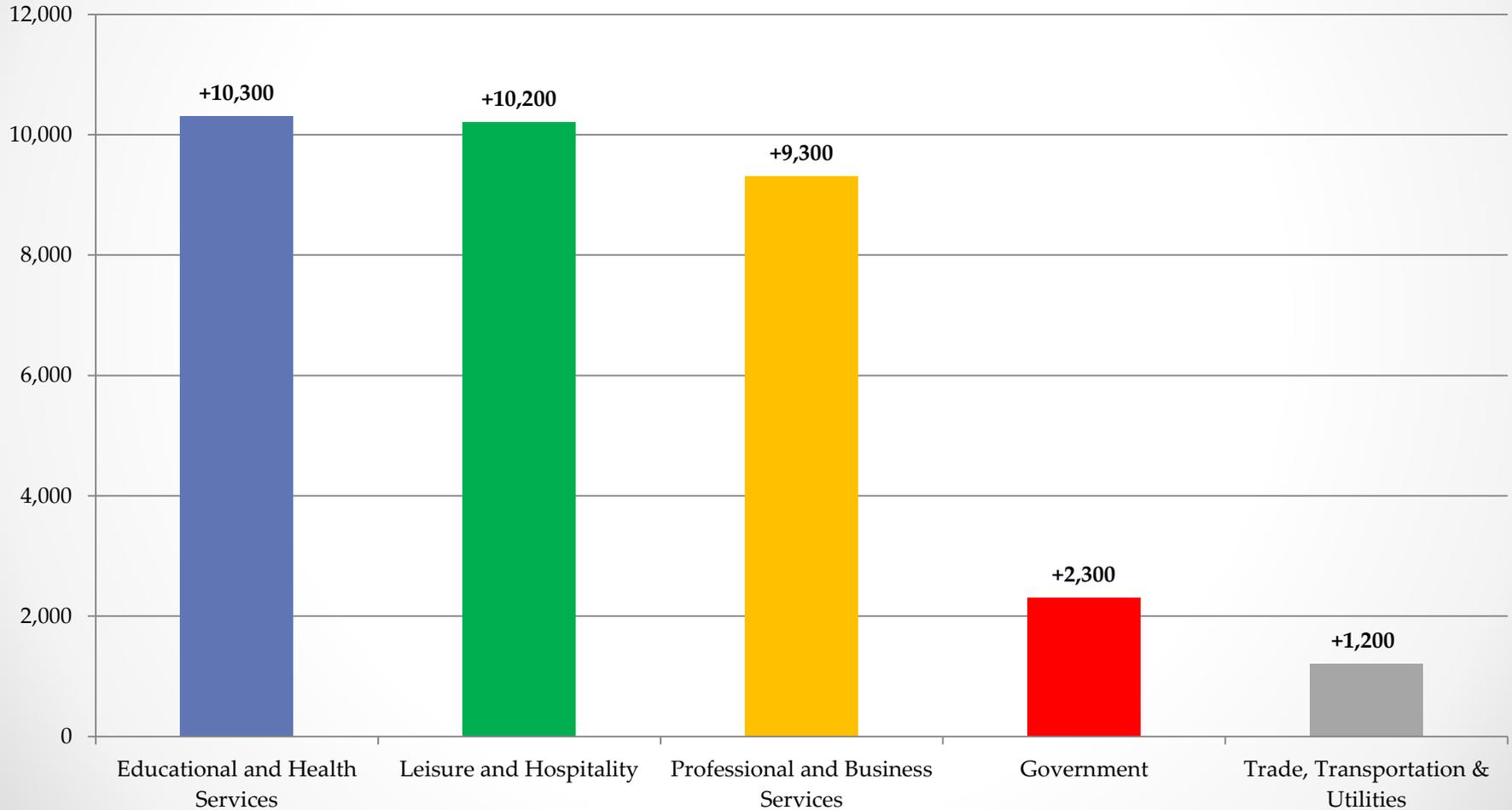




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Top 5 Industry with Highest Employment Increase (Jan.2015 – Apr. 2017)

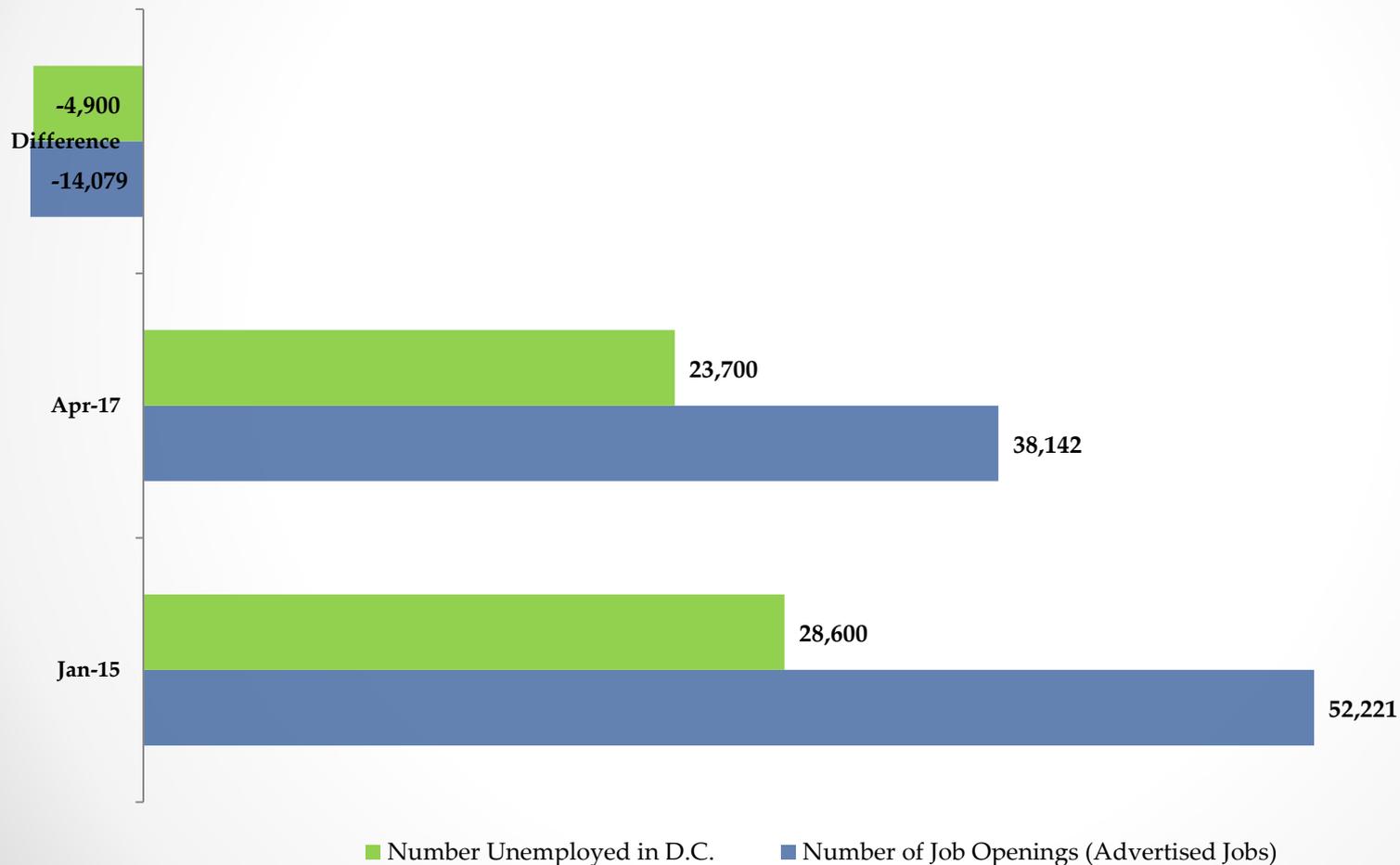




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Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 -Apr. 2017)

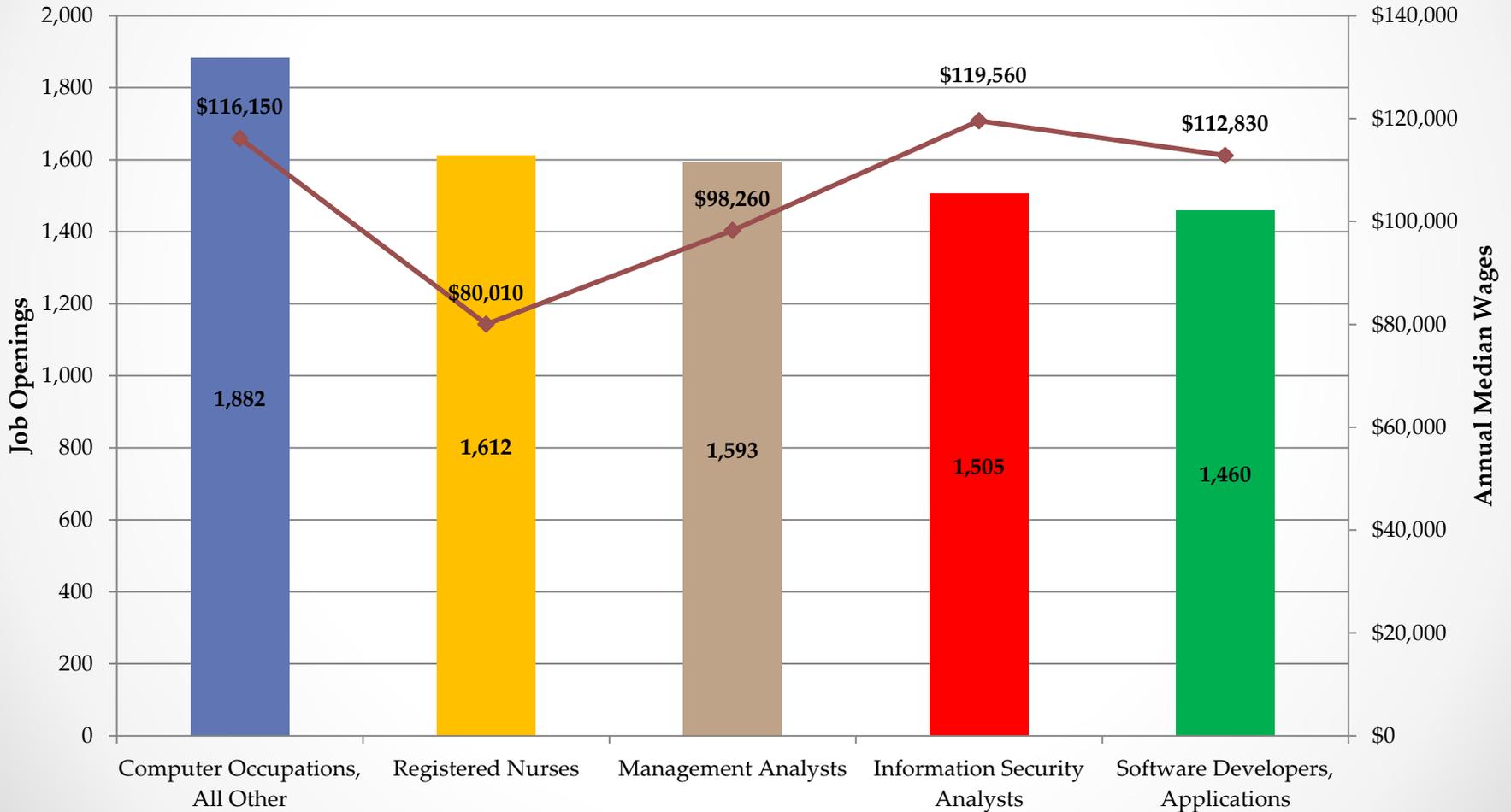




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Top 5 Job Openings: January 2015 - April 2017 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

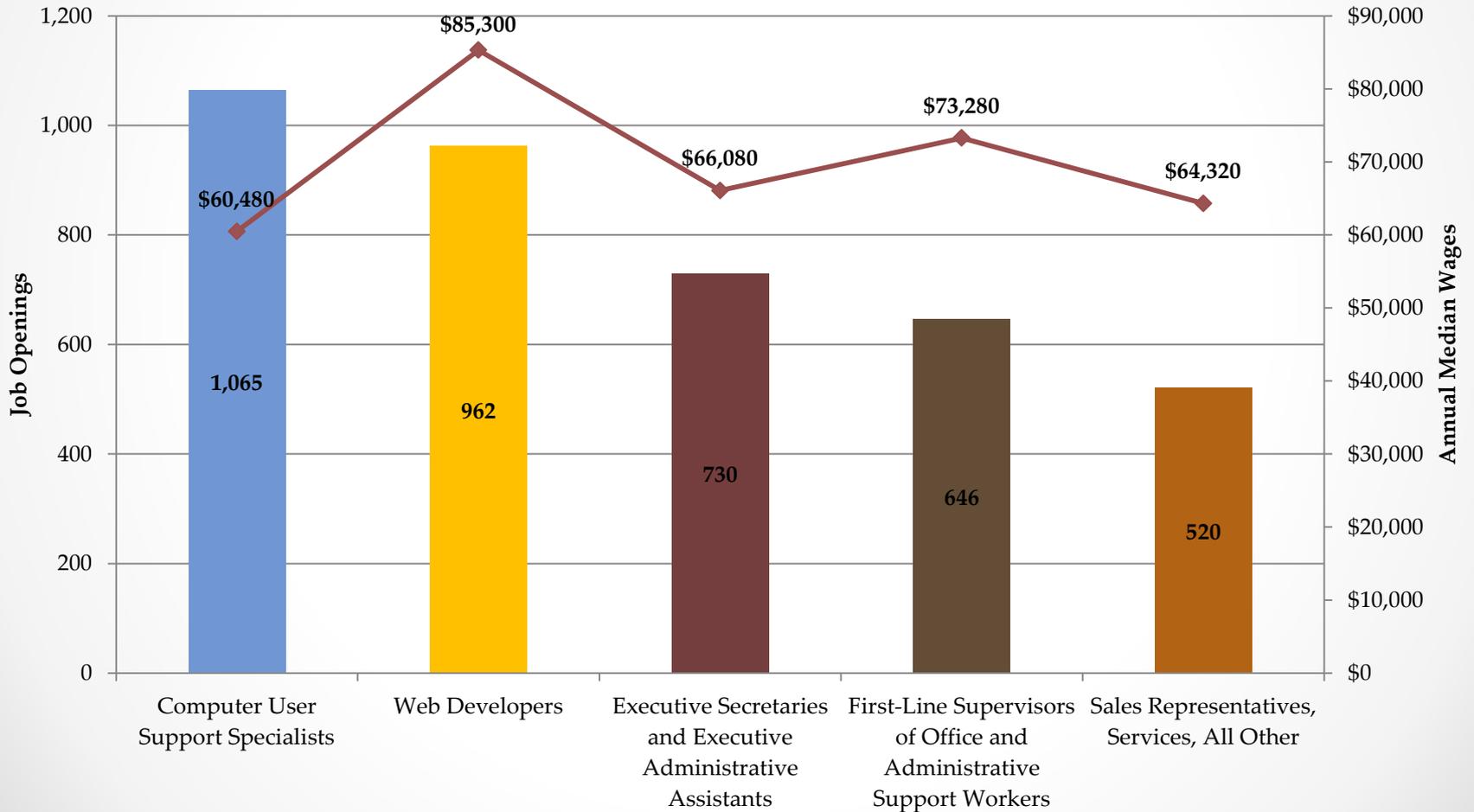




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**Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelors Degree: January 2015 - April 2017
(Average Monthly Unique Job Openings)**





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