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D.C. Labor Market Indicators: August 2017

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Highlights

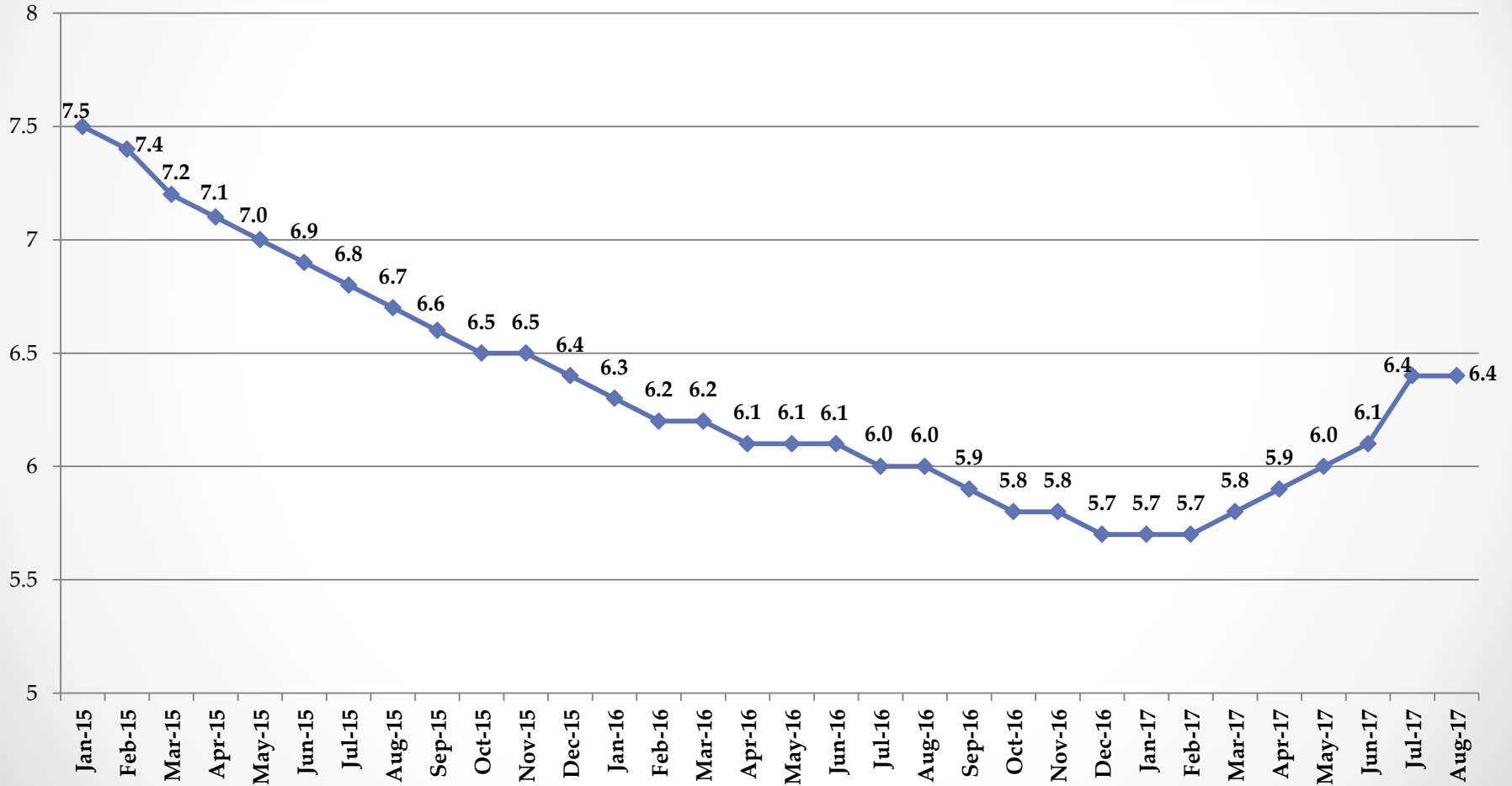
- From January 2015 to August 2017:
 - ❖ The unemployment rate in DC decreased by **1.1** percentage points (or **14.7%** decrease);
 - ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by **1.6** percentage points (**12.4%** decrease) and **1.9** percentage points (**11.8%** decrease) respectively;
 - ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by **21,300**;
 - ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by **31,400**;
 - ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants decreased by **24.48%**;
 - ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by **2,900** people;
 - ❖ In DC there are **1.5** jobs available (advertised) for 1 unemployed DC resident;
 - ❖ The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by almost **18 weeks**;
 - ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by **29,800** new jobs or **5.73%** increase from January 2015;
 - ❖ Professional and Business Services; and Leisure and Hospitality have the highest employment increase by industry with **10,500 since January 2015**;
 - ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Computer Occupations, All Other; with an average monthly opening of **1,873**;
 - ❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor's degree is Computer User Support Specialists; with an average monthly opening of **1,048**.



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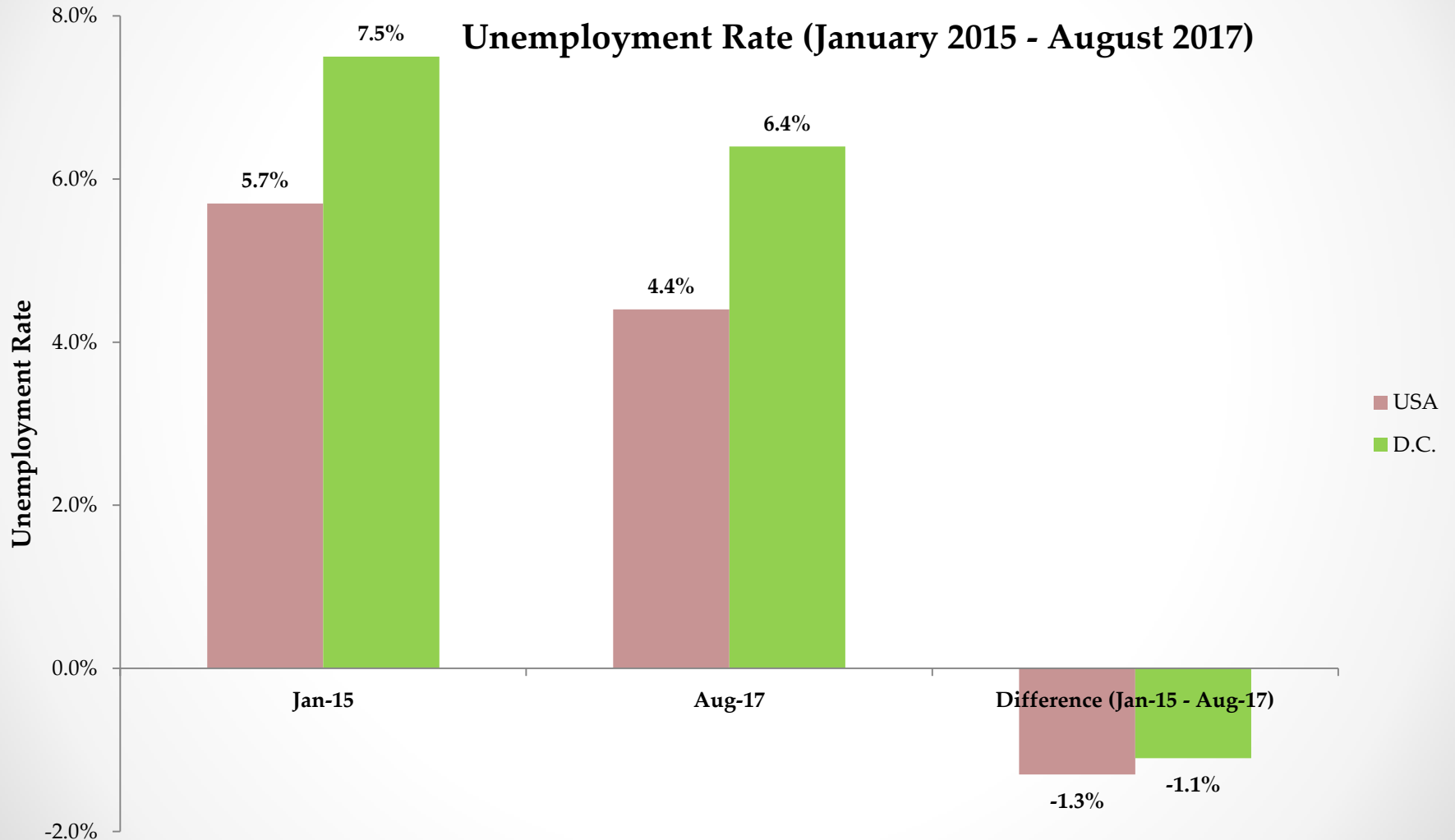
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Aug. 2017



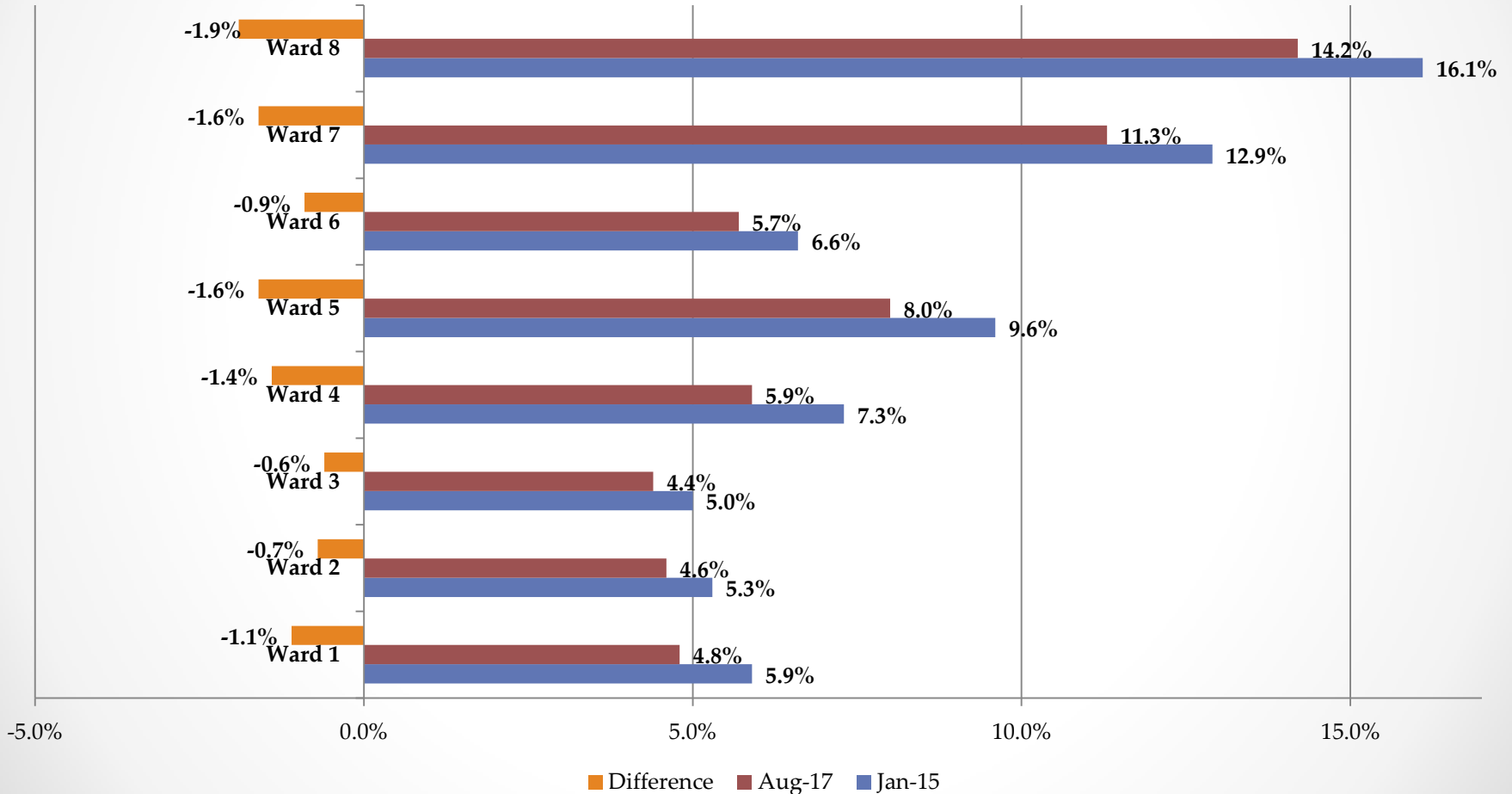


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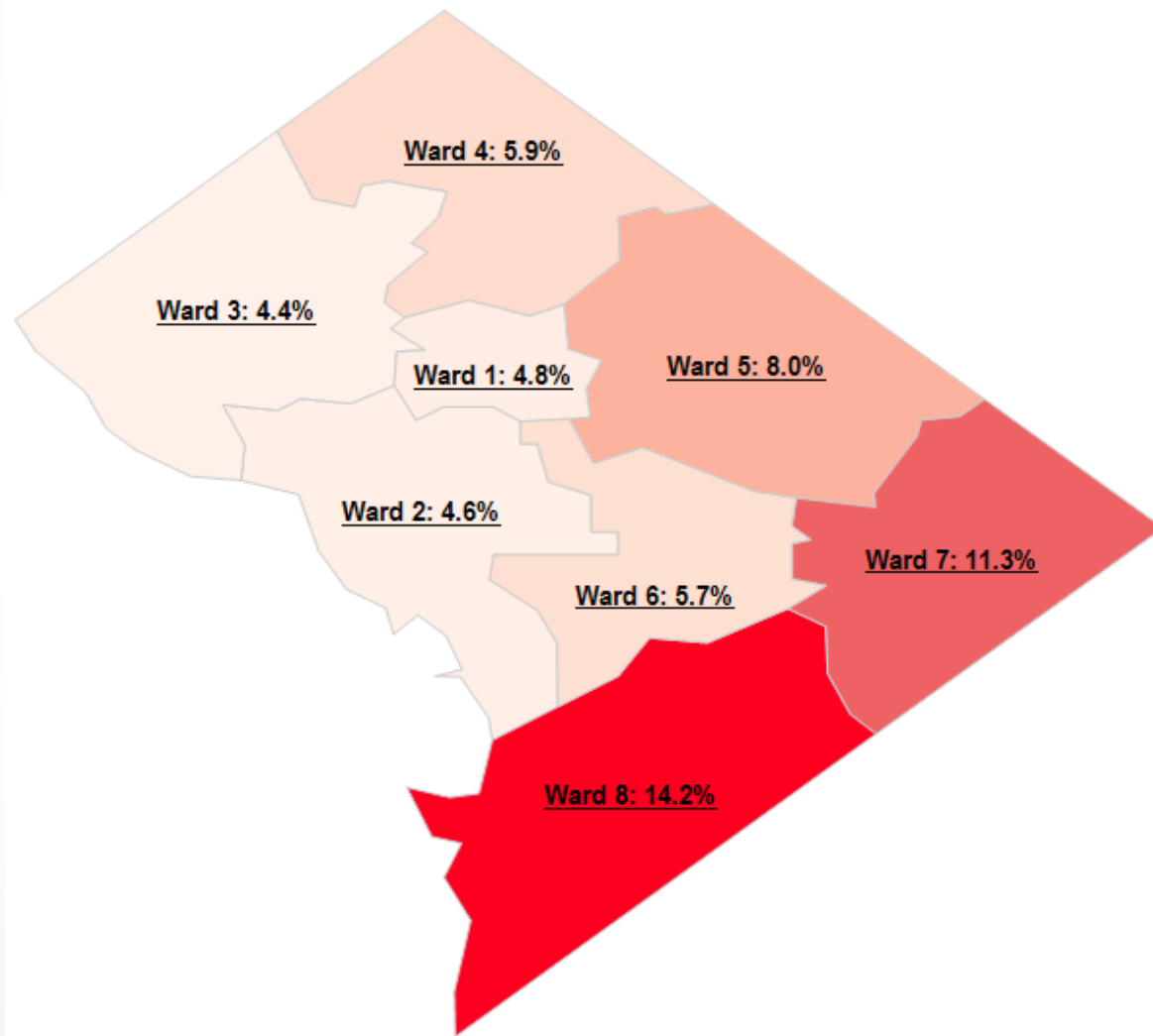
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Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - August 2017)



Unemployment Rate by Ward: August 2017

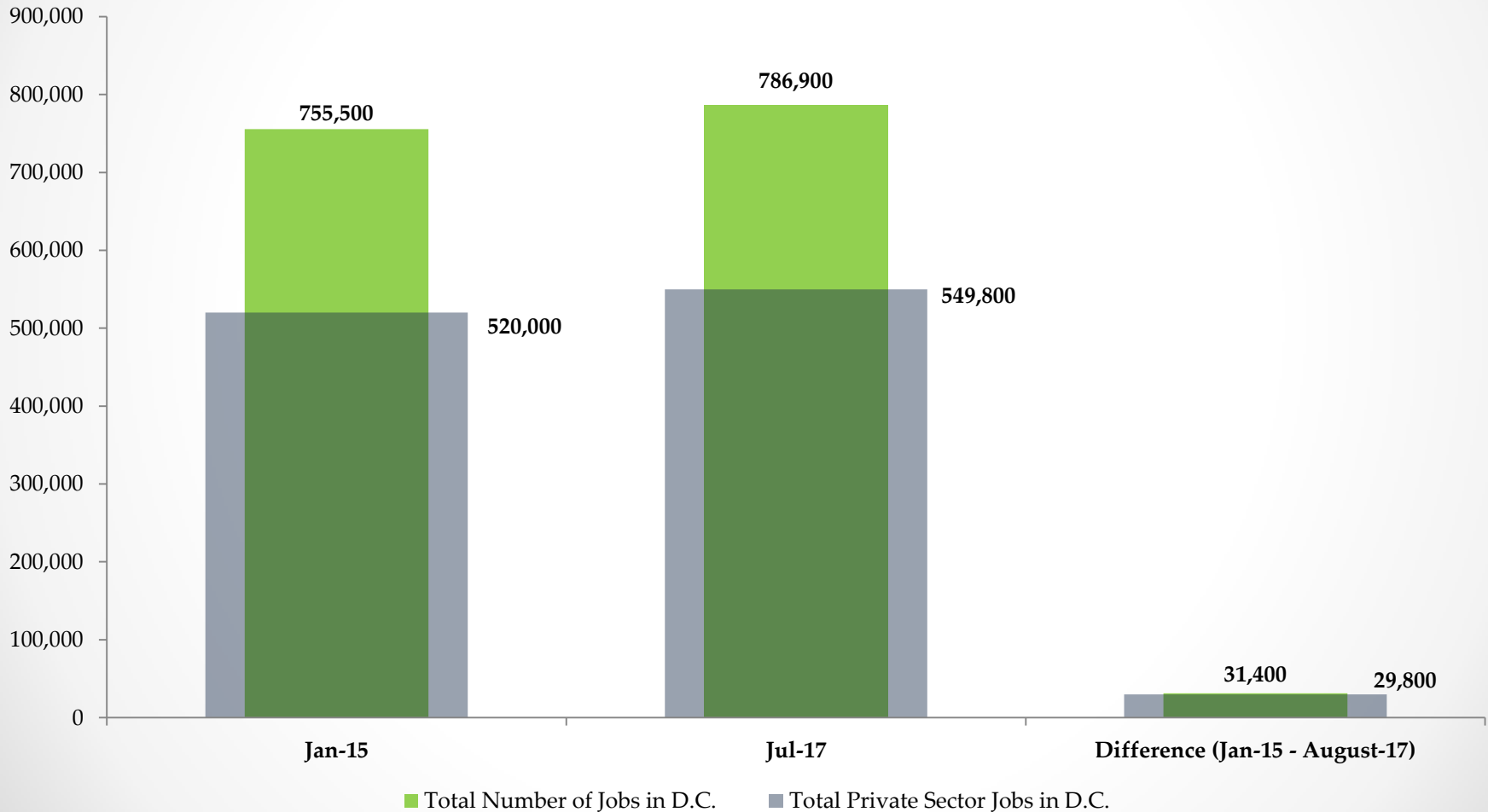




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Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - August 2017)

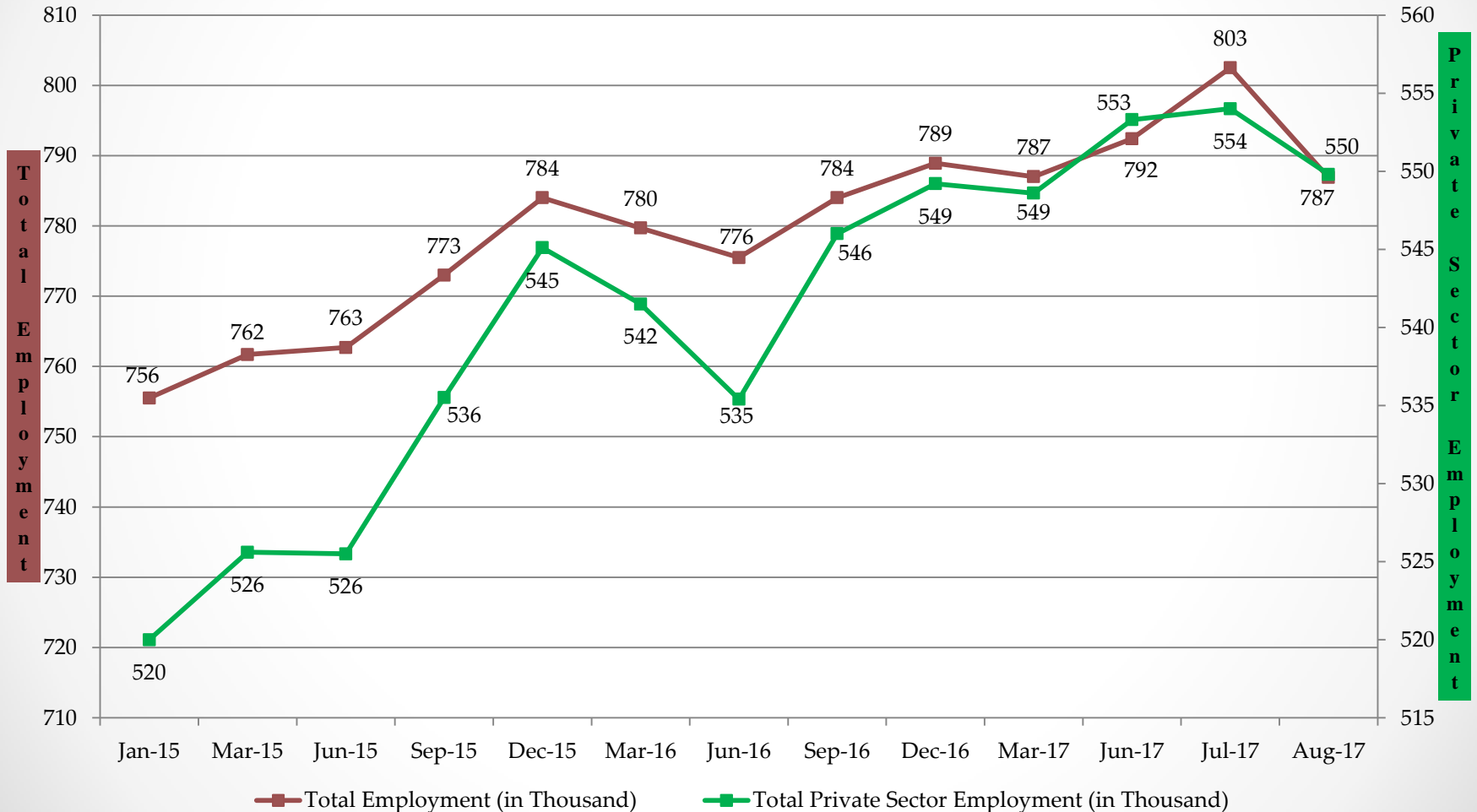




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Total Employment and Private Sector Employment in D.C. (Jan.2015 – Aug. 2017) (In Thousands)

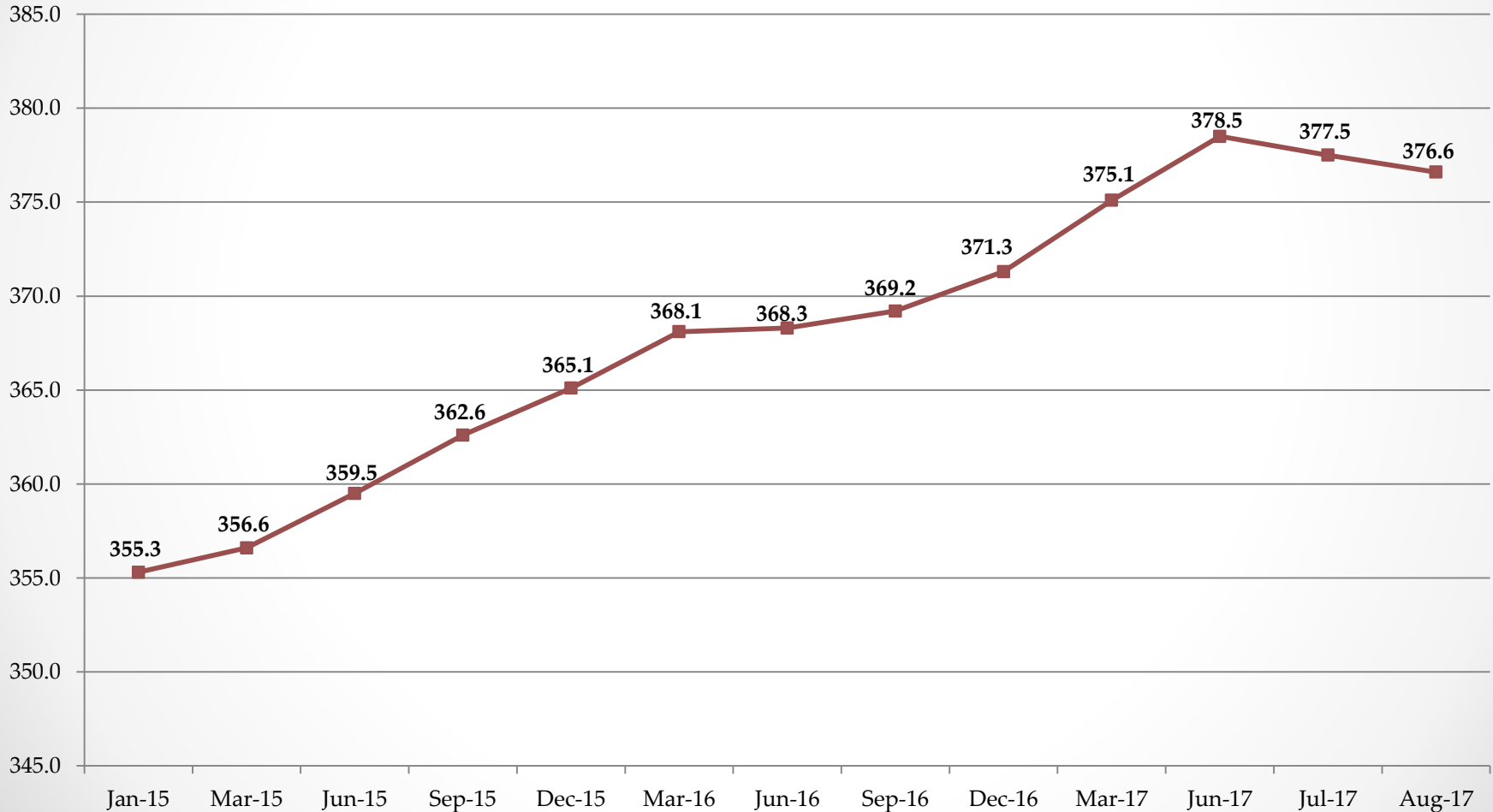




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Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 - August 2017) (In Thousands)

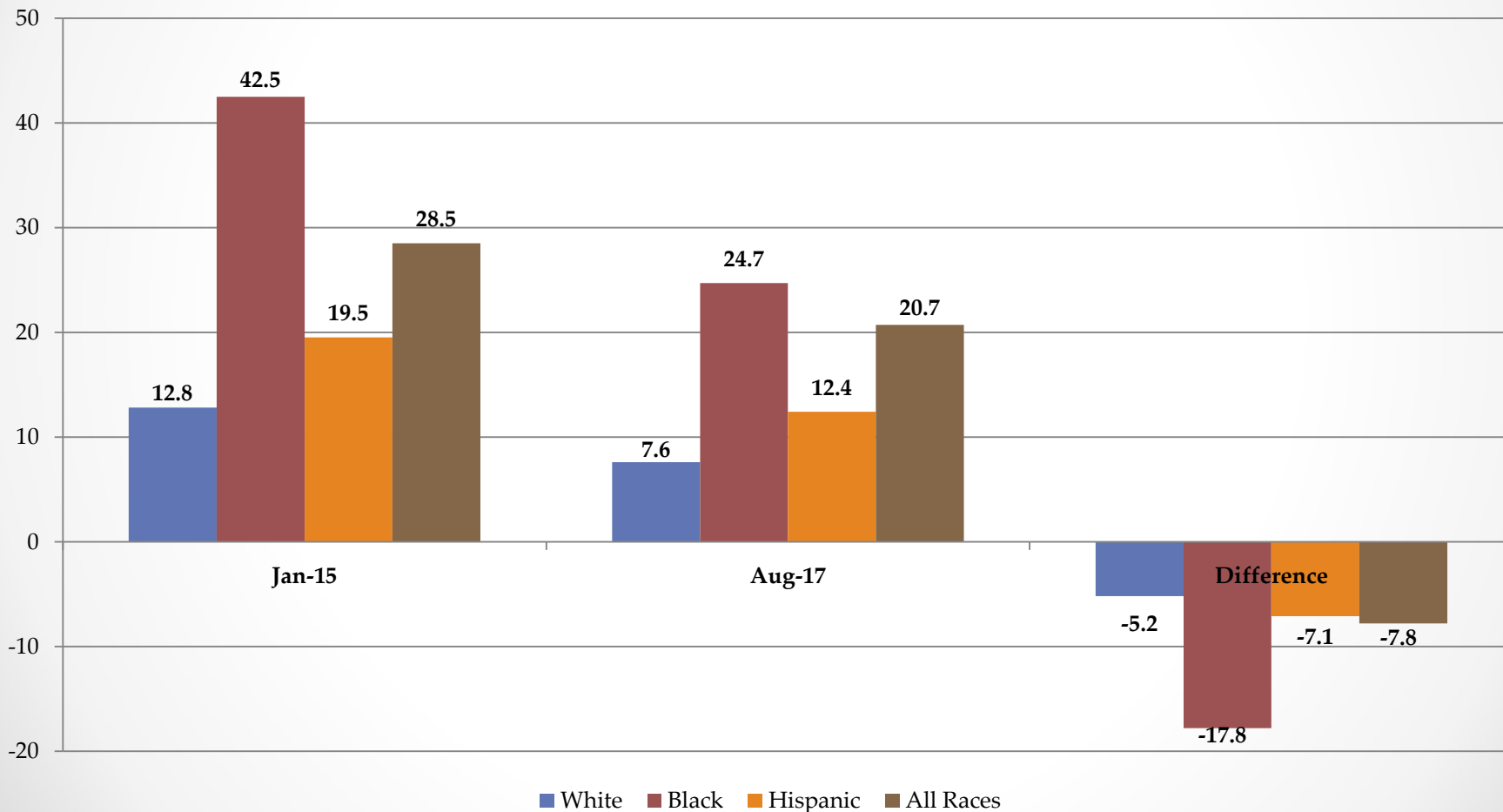




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Median Duration of Unemployment (Jan. 2015 - August 2017)

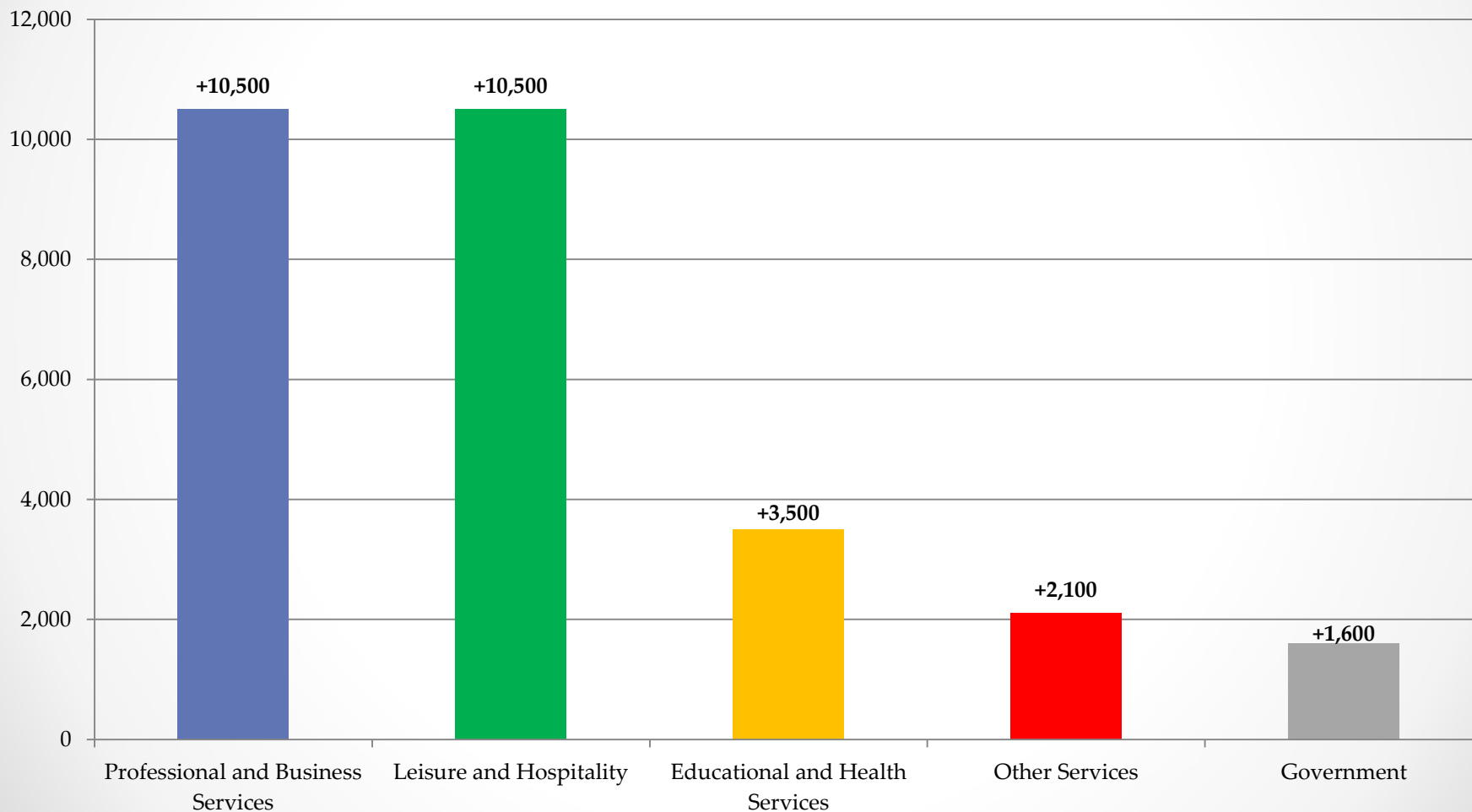




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Top 5 Industry with Highest Employment Increase (Jan.2015 –August 2017)

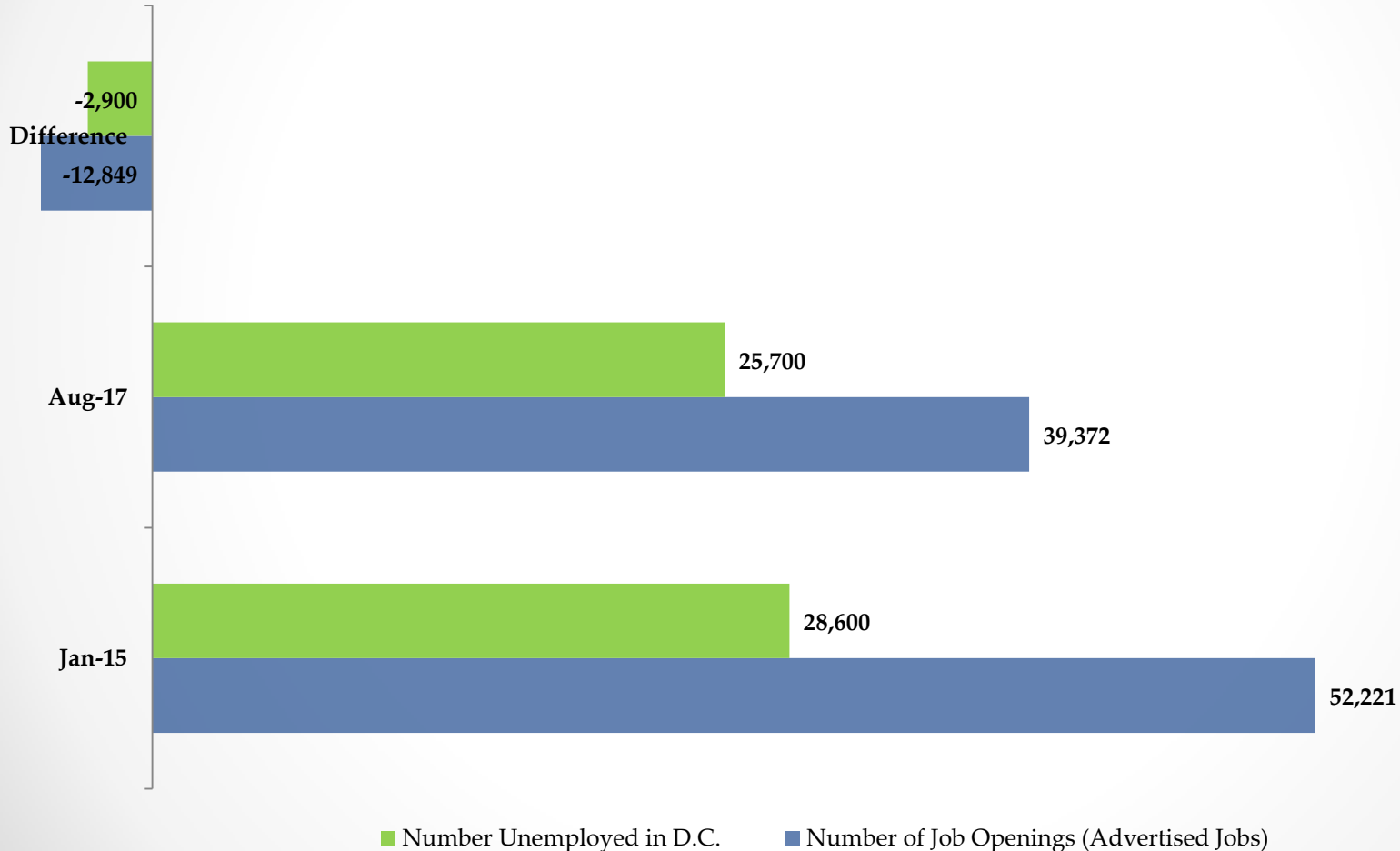




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Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 -August 2017)

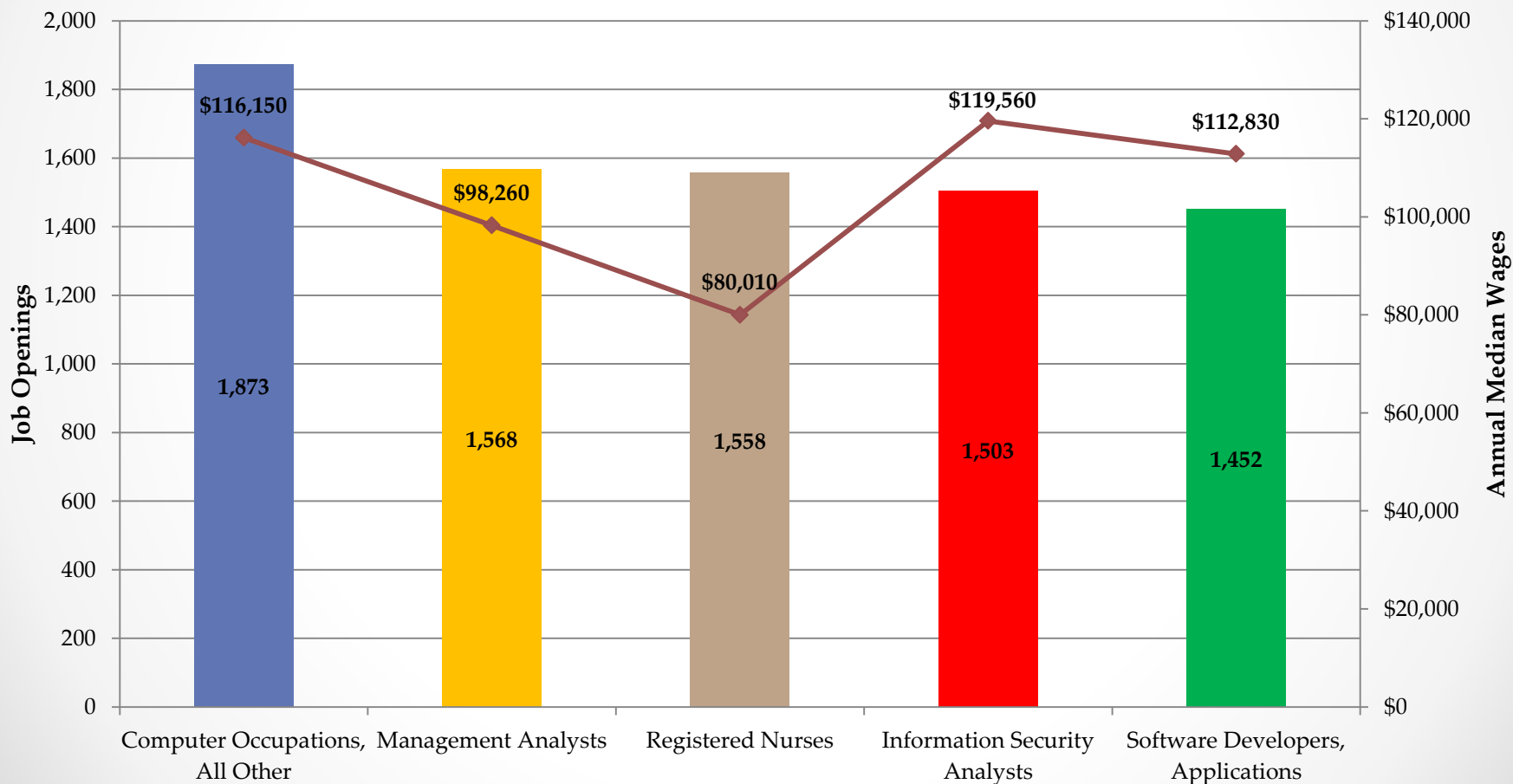




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Top 5 Job Openings: January 2015 - August 2017 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

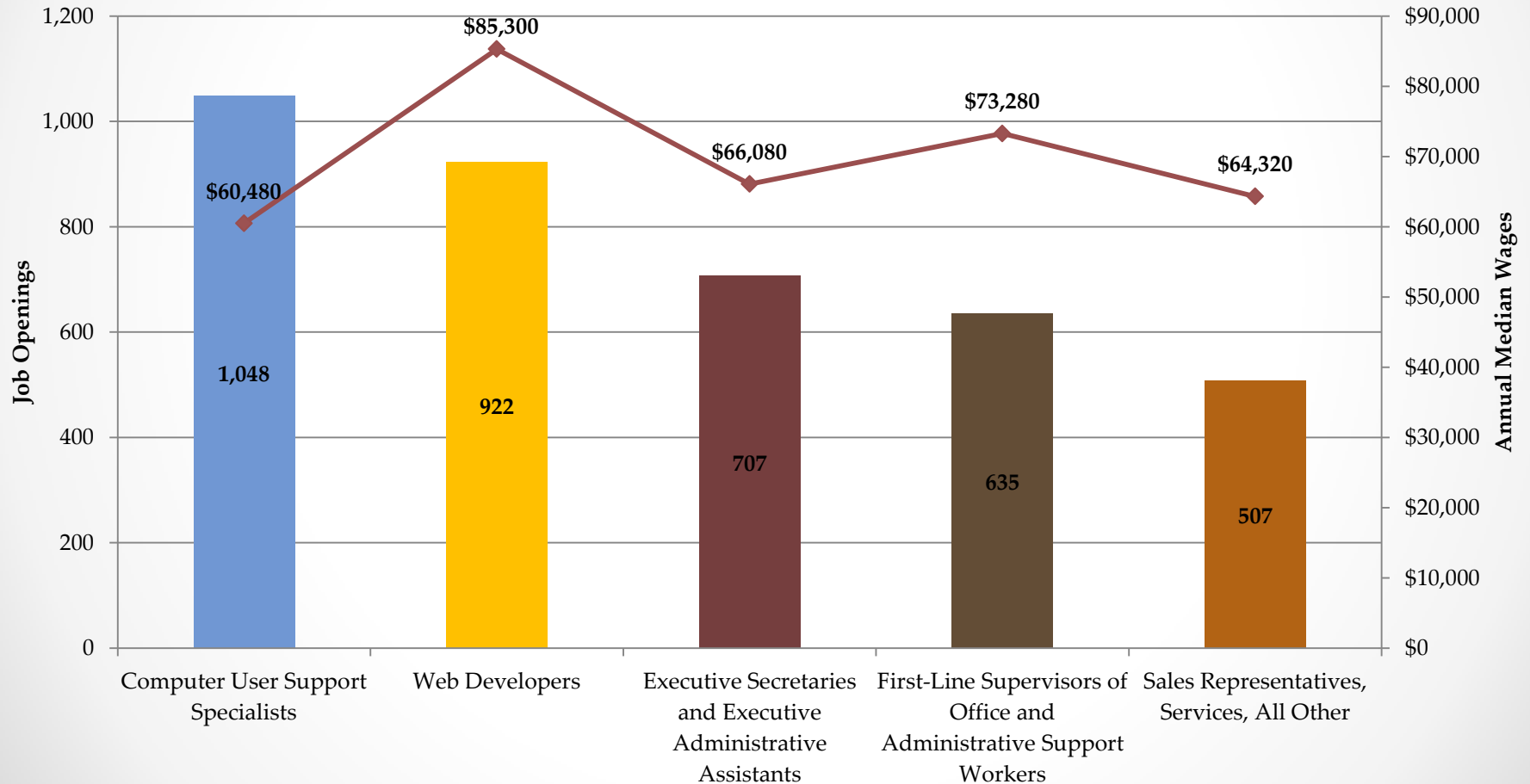




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Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelors Degree: January 2015 - August 2017 (Average Monthly Unique Job Openings)





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