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D.C. Labor Market Indicators: February 2017

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Highlights

- From January 2015 to February 2017:
 - ❖ The unemployment rate in DC decreased by **1.8** percentage points (or **24.0%** decrease);
 - ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by **3.2** percentage points (**24.8%** decrease) and **3.6** percentage points (**22.4%** decrease) respectively;
 - ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by **18,800**;
 - ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by **26,700**;
 - ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants decreased by **33.15%**;
 - ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by **5,900** people;
 - ❖ In DC there are **2.0** jobs available (advertised) for 1 unemployed DC resident;
 - ❖ The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by over **15 weeks**;
 - ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by **24,200** new jobs or **4.65%** increase from January 2015.
 - ❖ Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase by industry with **9,100 since January 2015**;
 - ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Computer Occupations, All Other; with an average monthly opening of **1,901**;
 - ❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor's degree is Computer User Support Specialists; with an average monthly opening of **1,076**.

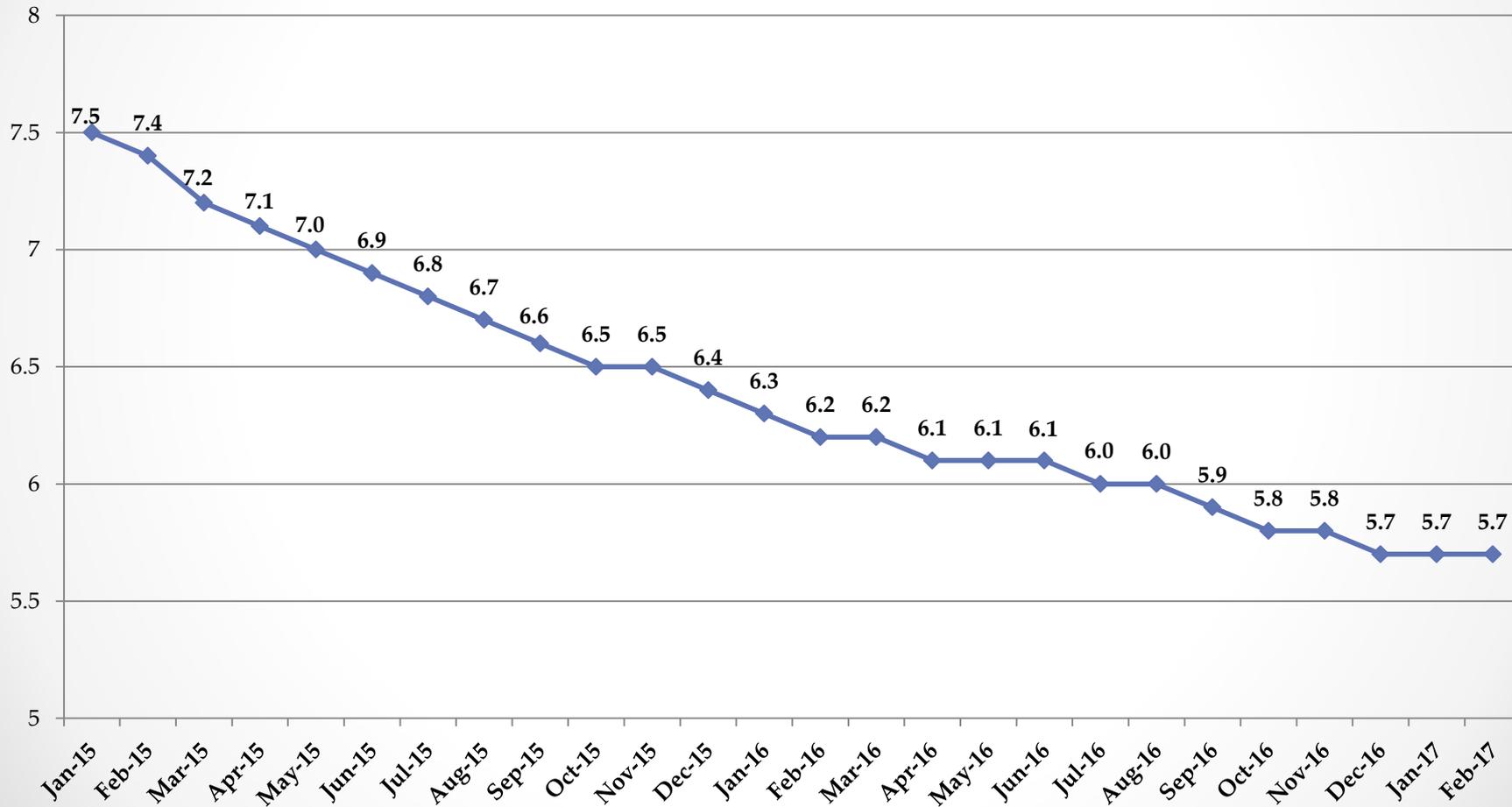




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The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Feb. 2017





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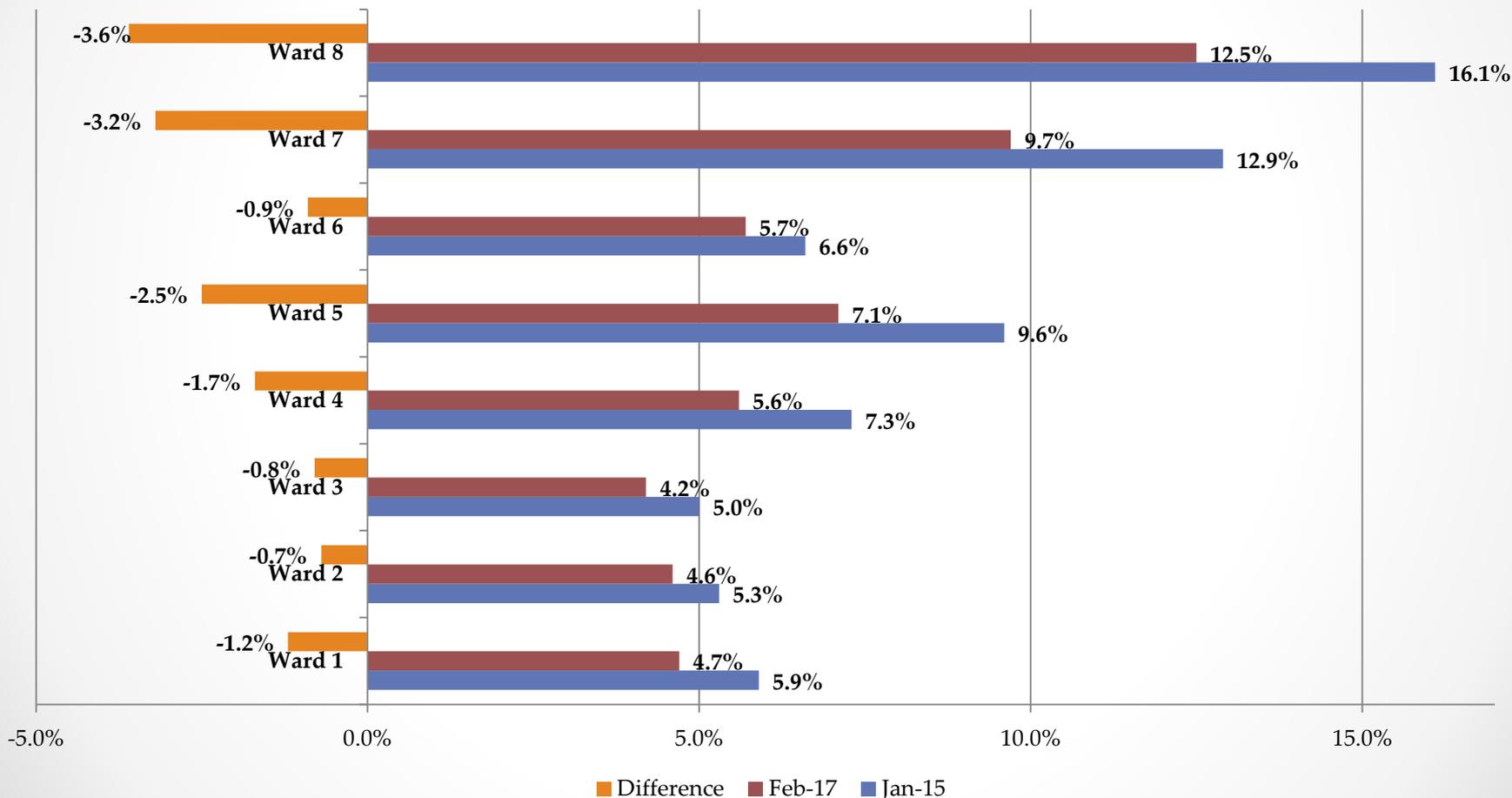




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Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - February 2017)

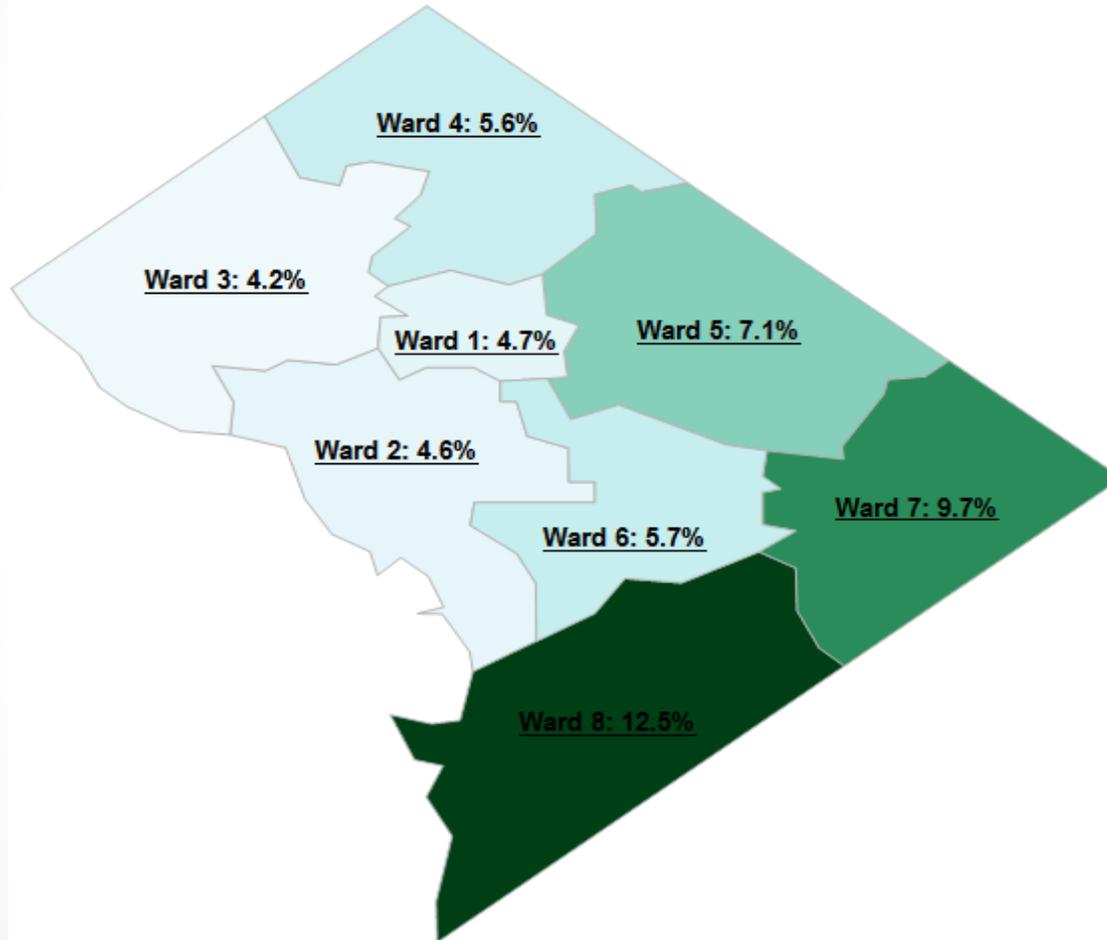




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Unemployment Rate by Ward: February 2017





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

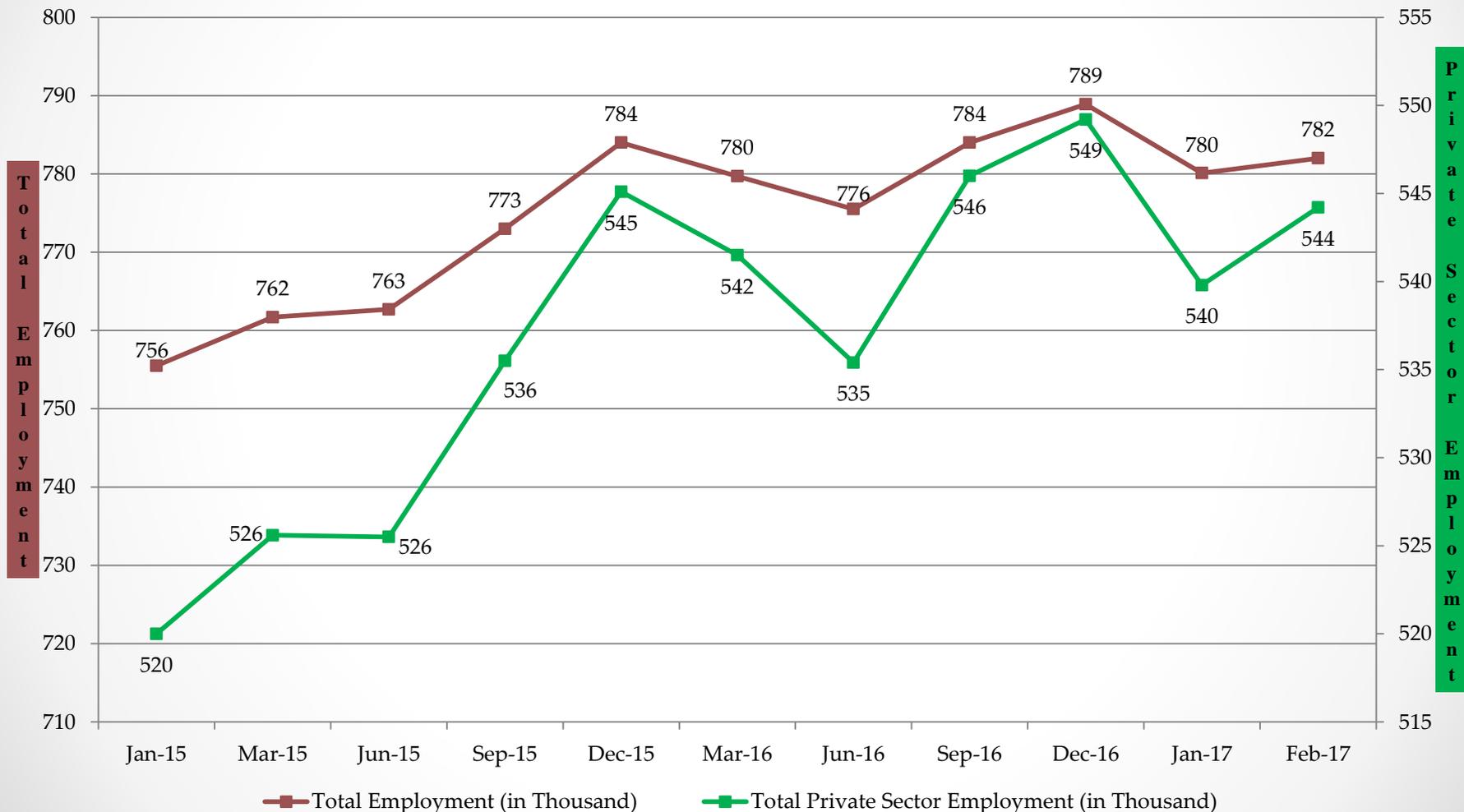




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Total Employment and Private Sector Employment in D.C. (Jan.2015 - Feb. 2017) (In Thousands)

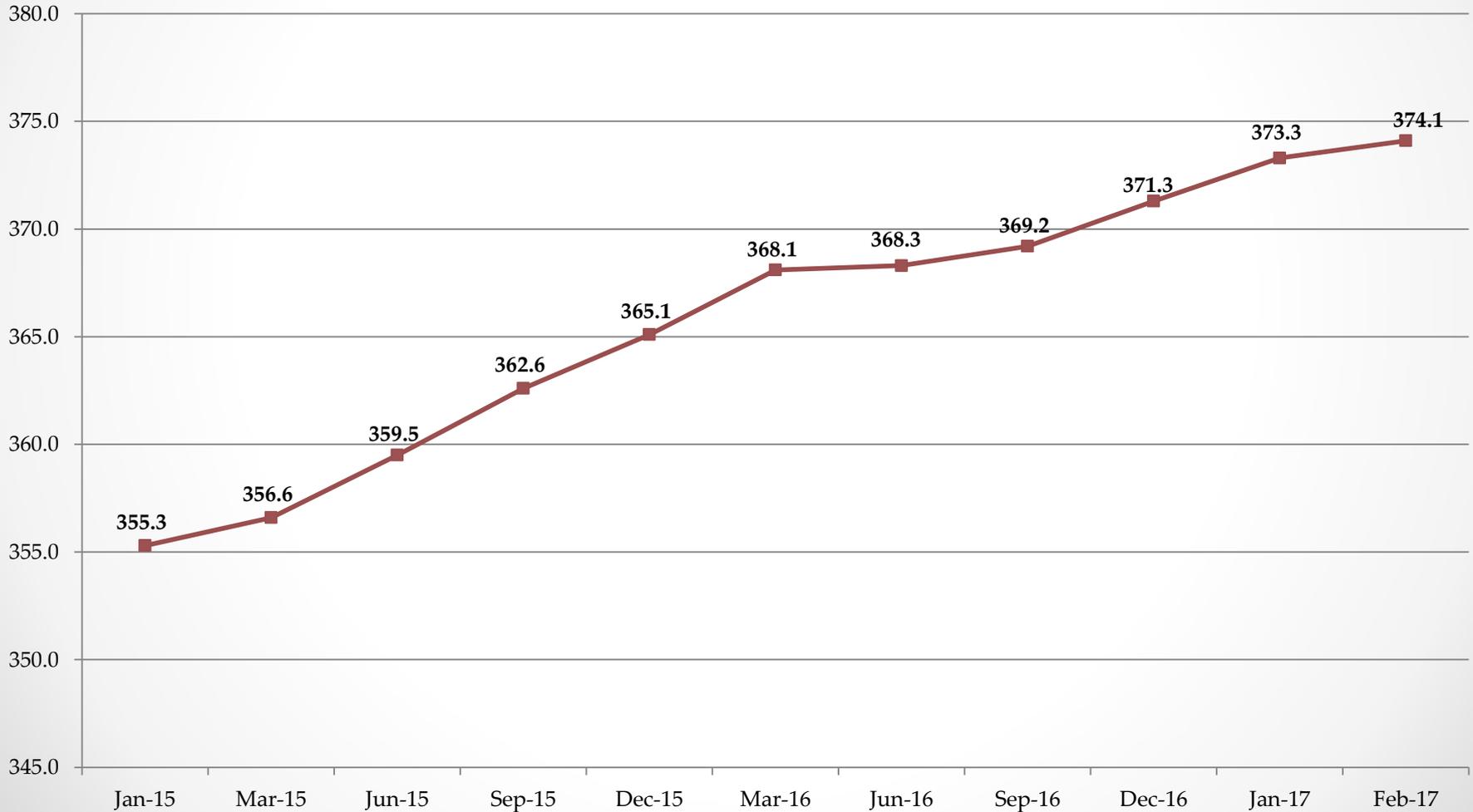




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Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 -Feb. 2017) (In Thousands)

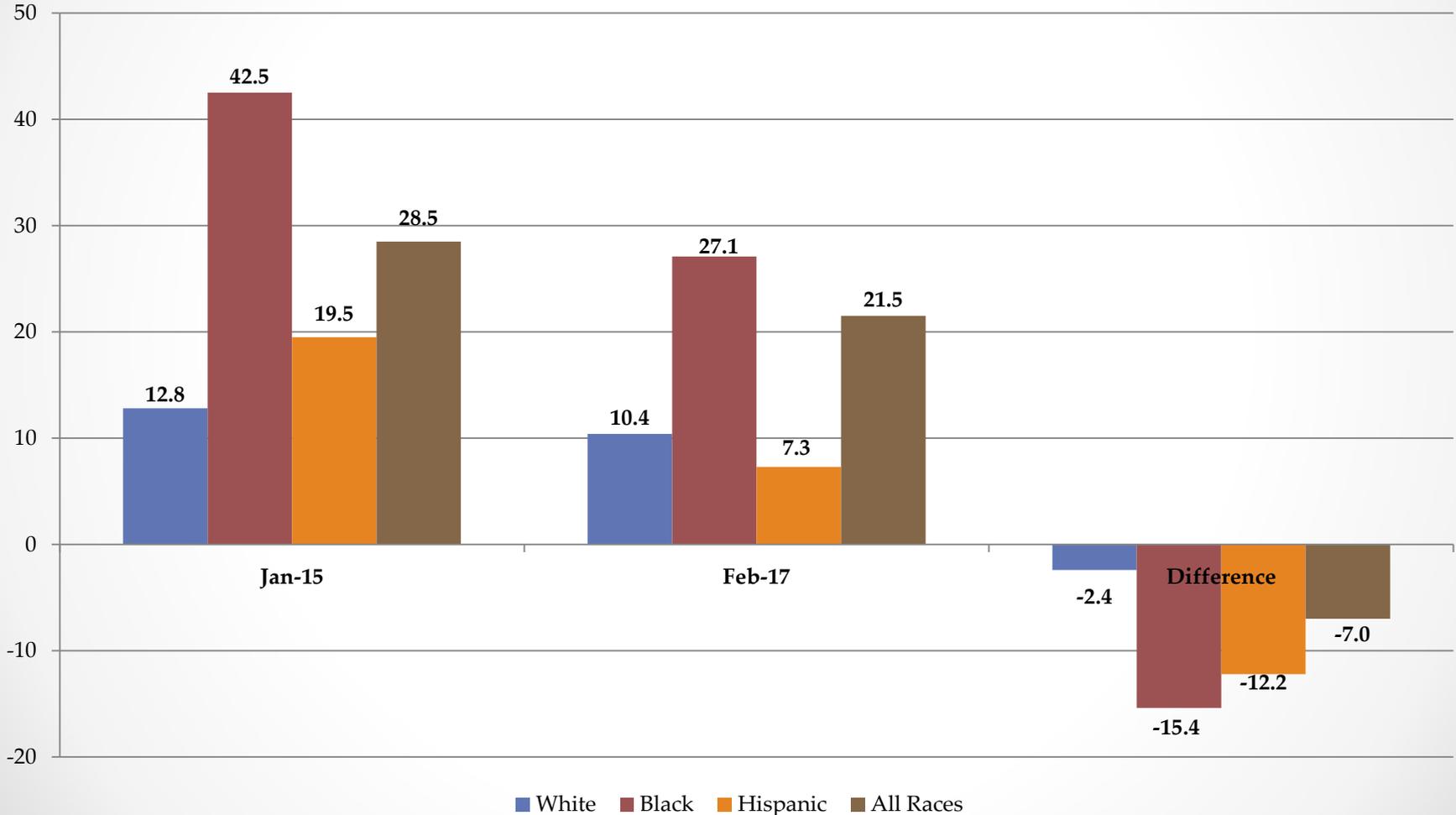




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Median Duration of Unemployment (Jan. 2015 - Feb. 2017)

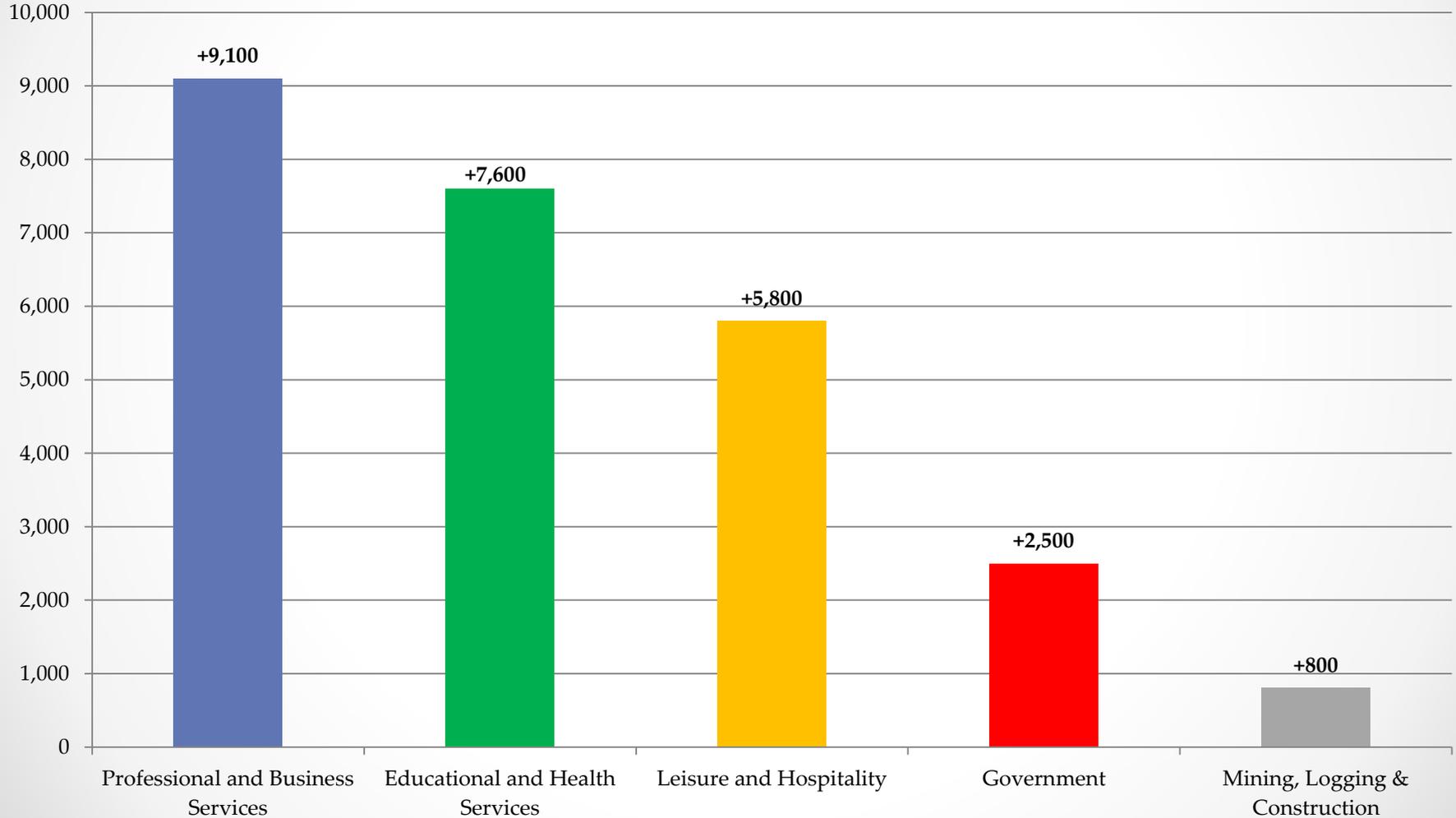




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Top 5 Industries with Highest Employment Increase (Jan.2015 – Feb. 2017)

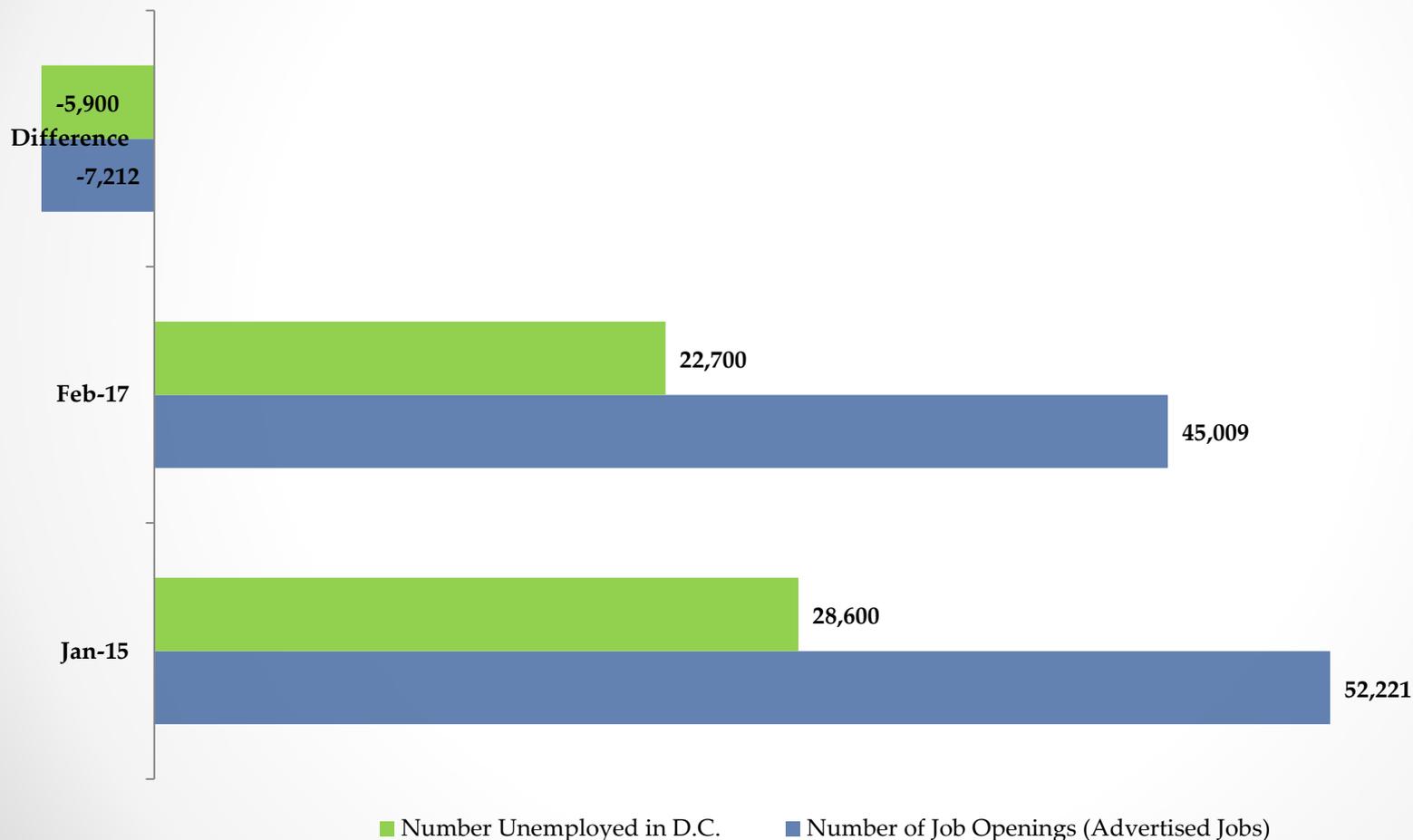




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Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 -Feb. 2017)

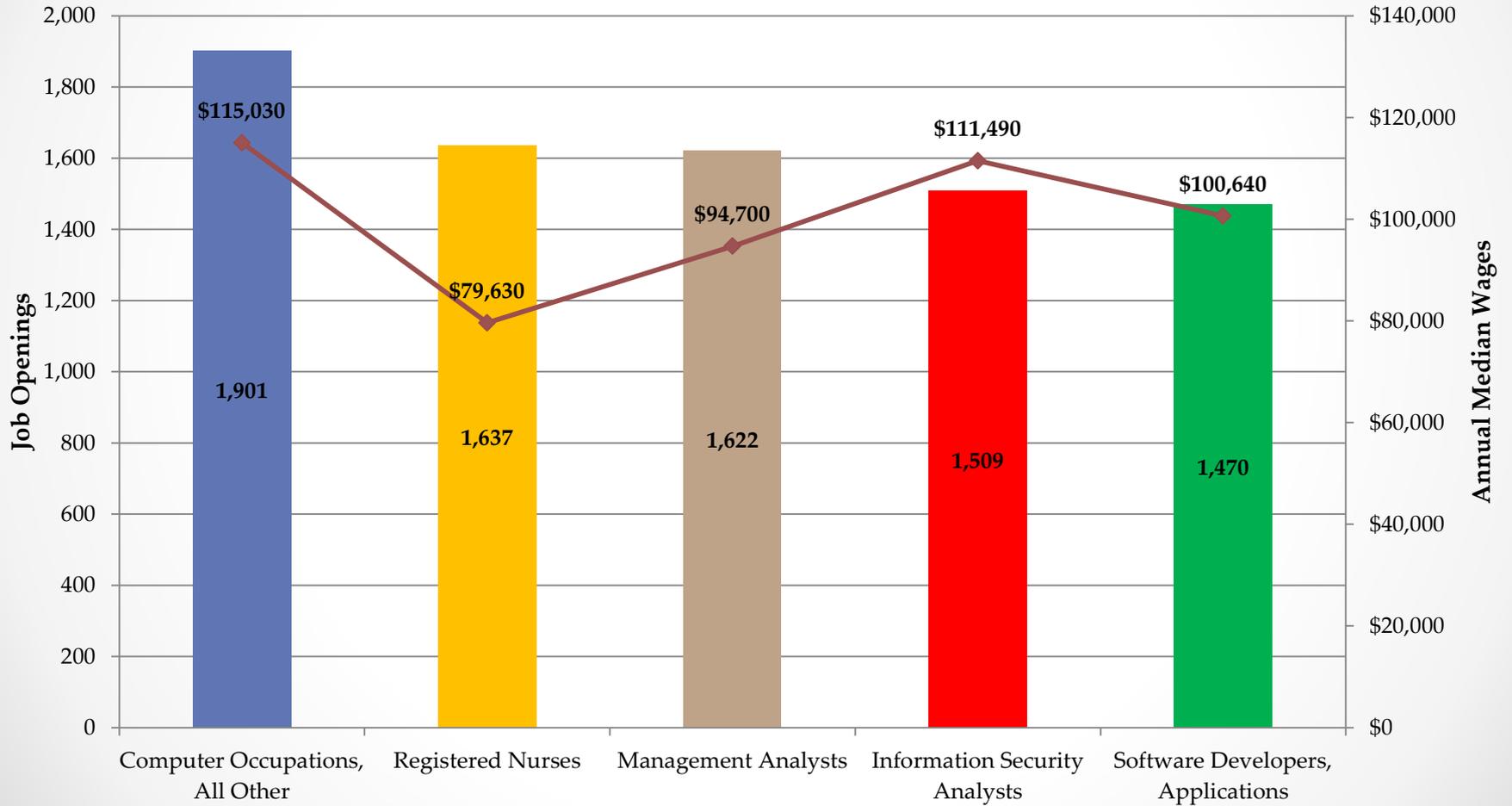




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Top 5 Job Openings: January 2015 - February 2017 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

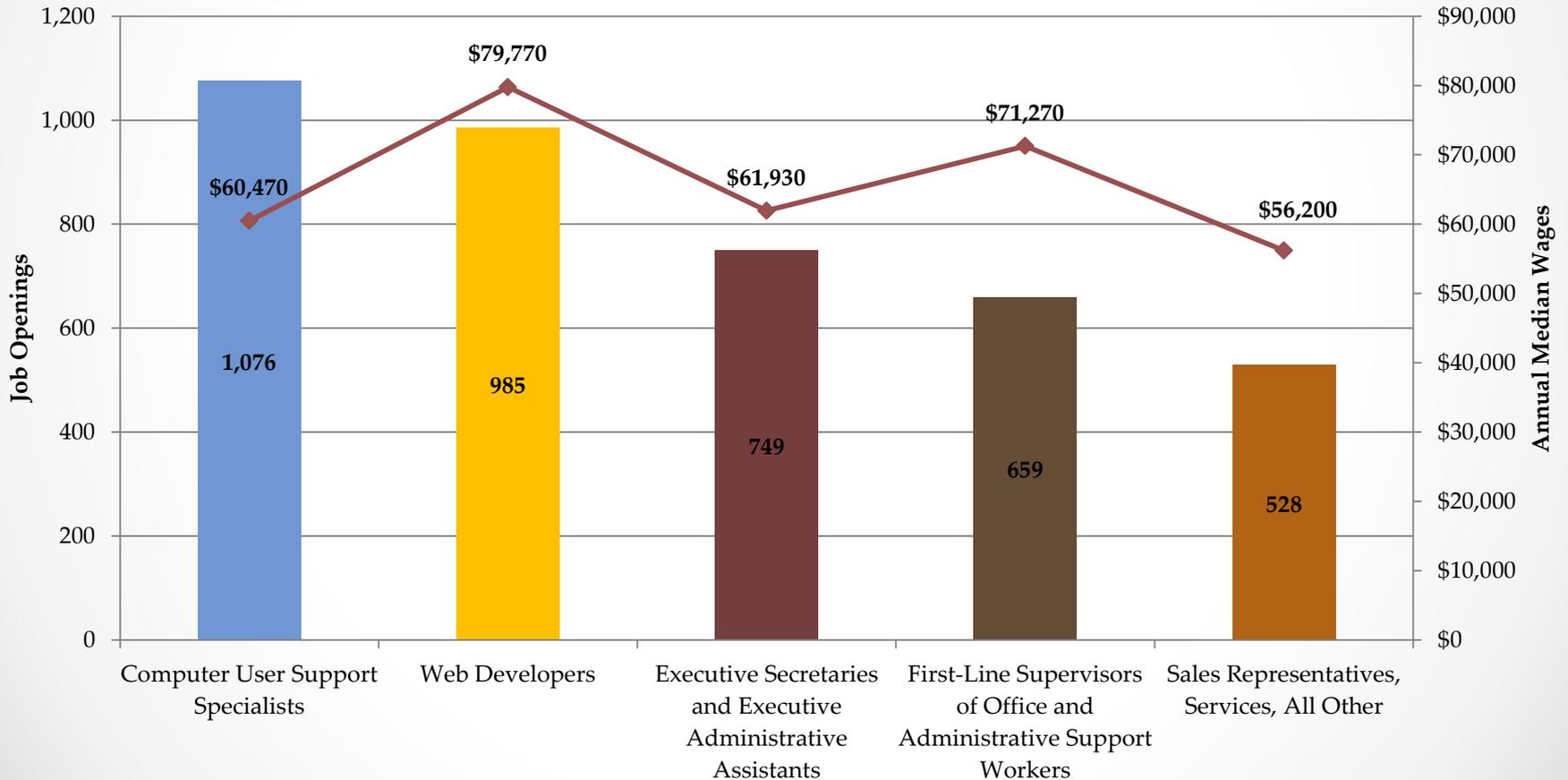




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Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2015 - February 2017
(Average Monthly Unique Job Openings)





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