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D.C. Labor Market Indicators: March 2017

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Highlights

- From January 2015 to March 2017:
 - ❖ The unemployment rate in DC decreased by **1.7** percentage points (or **22.7%** decrease);
 - ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by **3.7** percentage points (**28.7%** decrease) and **4.1** percentage points (**25.5%** decrease) respectively;
 - ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by **19,700**;
 - ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by **30,400**;
 - ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants decreased by **32.4%**;
 - ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by **5,600** people;
 - ❖ In DC there are **1.9** jobs available (advertised) for 1 unemployed DC resident;
 - ❖ The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by almost **16 weeks**;
 - ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by **27,500** new jobs or **5.29%** increase from January 2015;
 - ❖ Educational and Health Services has the highest employment increase by industry with **10,600 since January 2015**;
 - ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Computer Occupations, All Other; with an average monthly opening of **1,893**;
 - ❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor's degree is Computer User Support Specialist; with an average monthly opening of **1,073**.

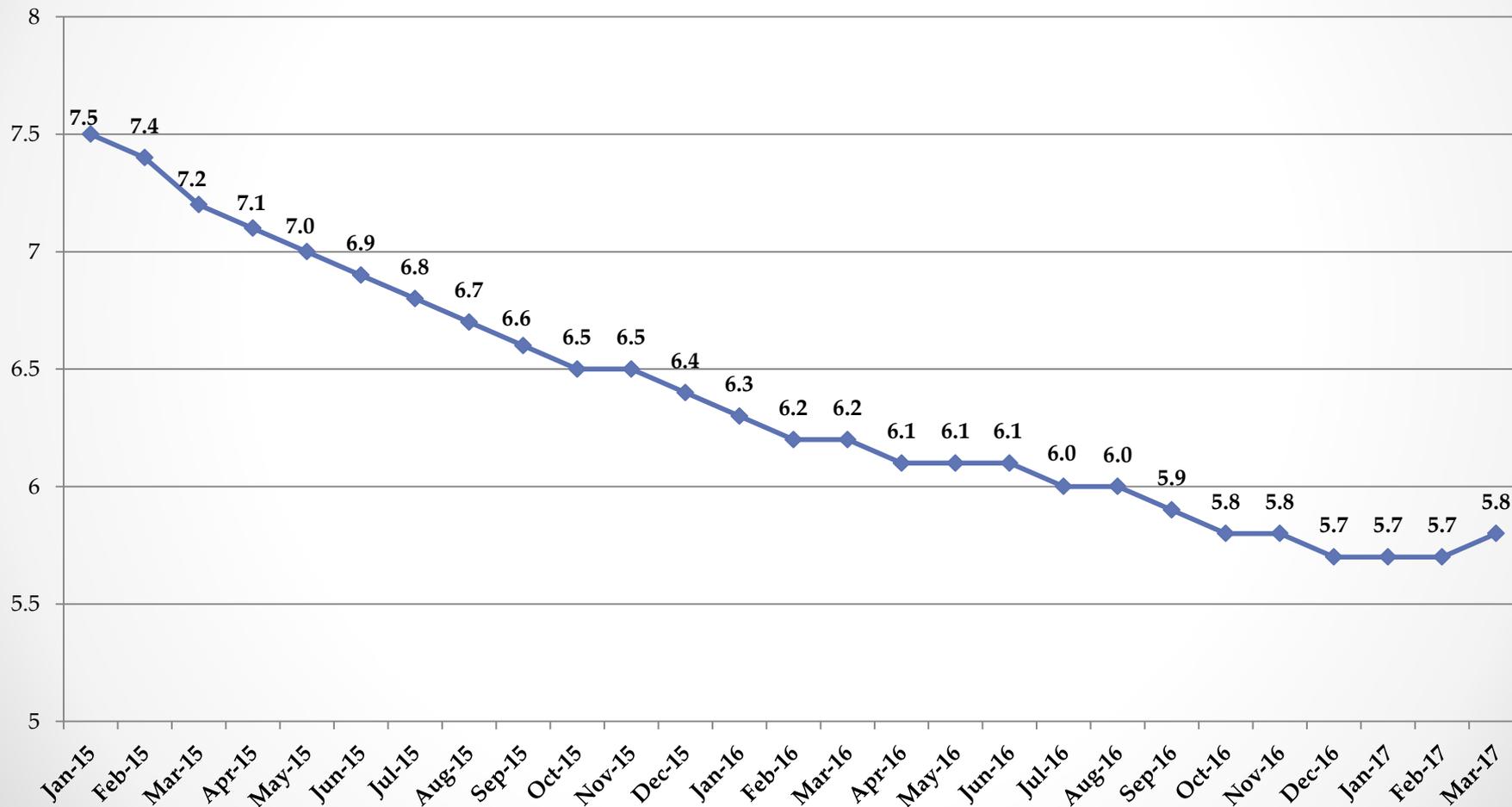




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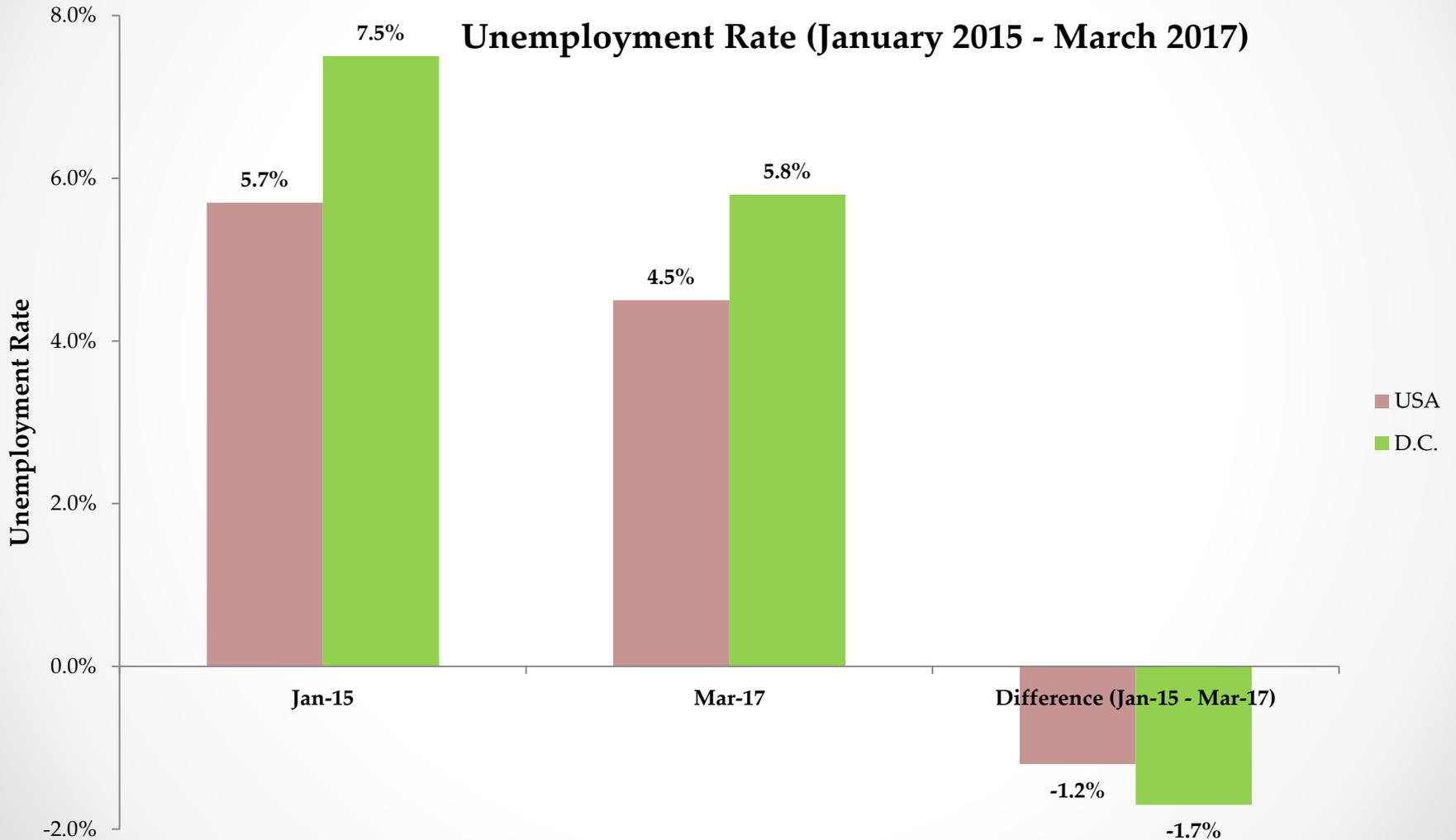
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2017





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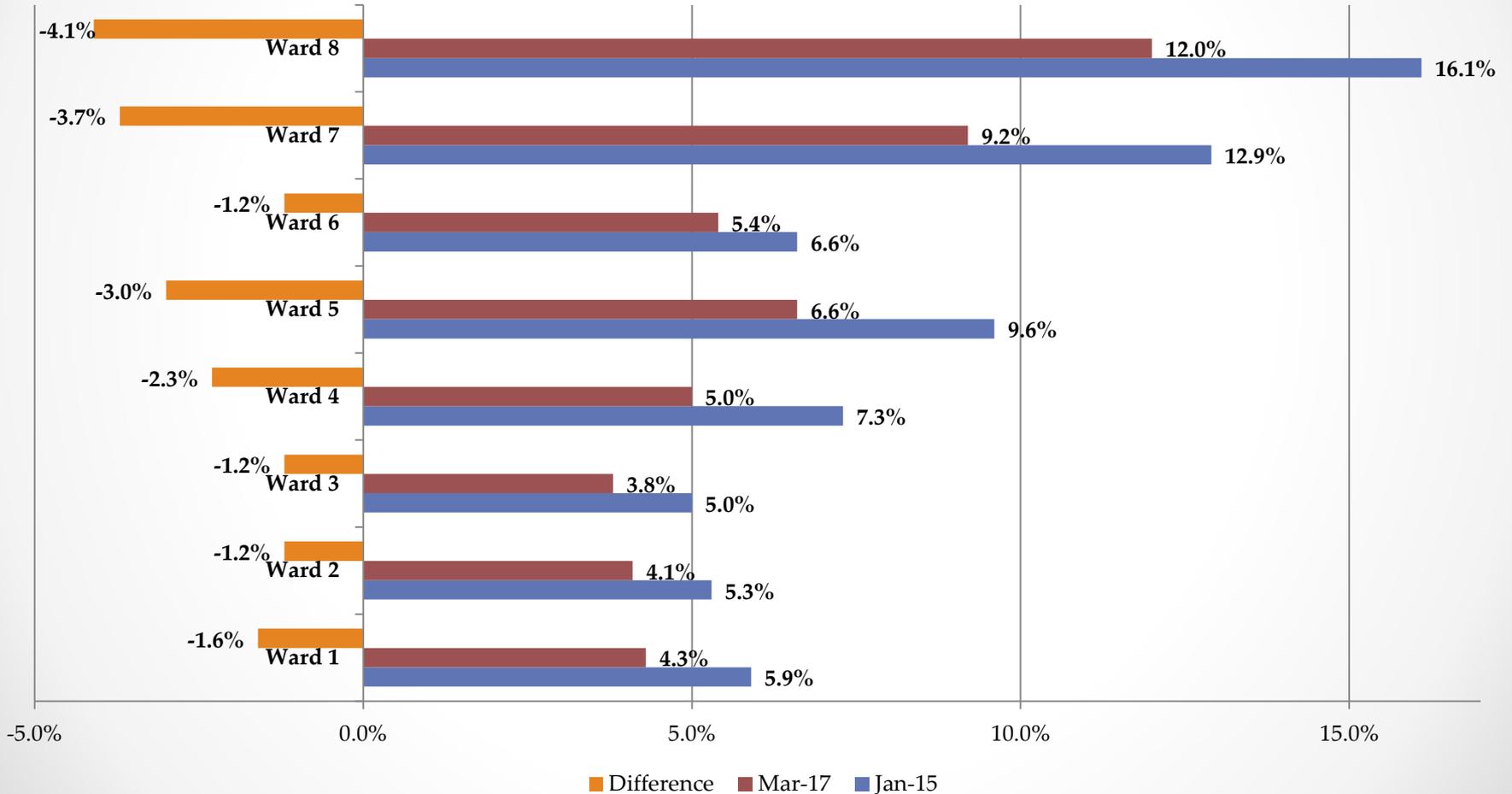




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Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - March 2017)

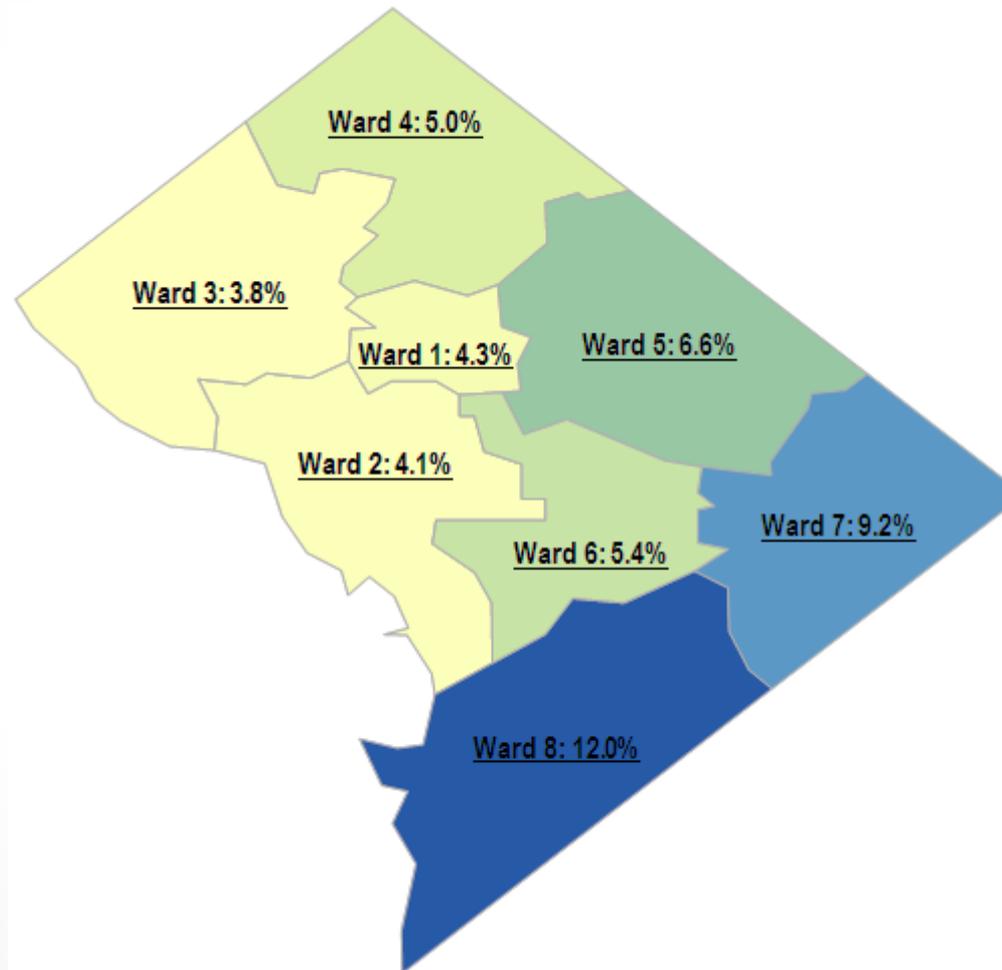




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Unemployment Rate by Ward: March 2017





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

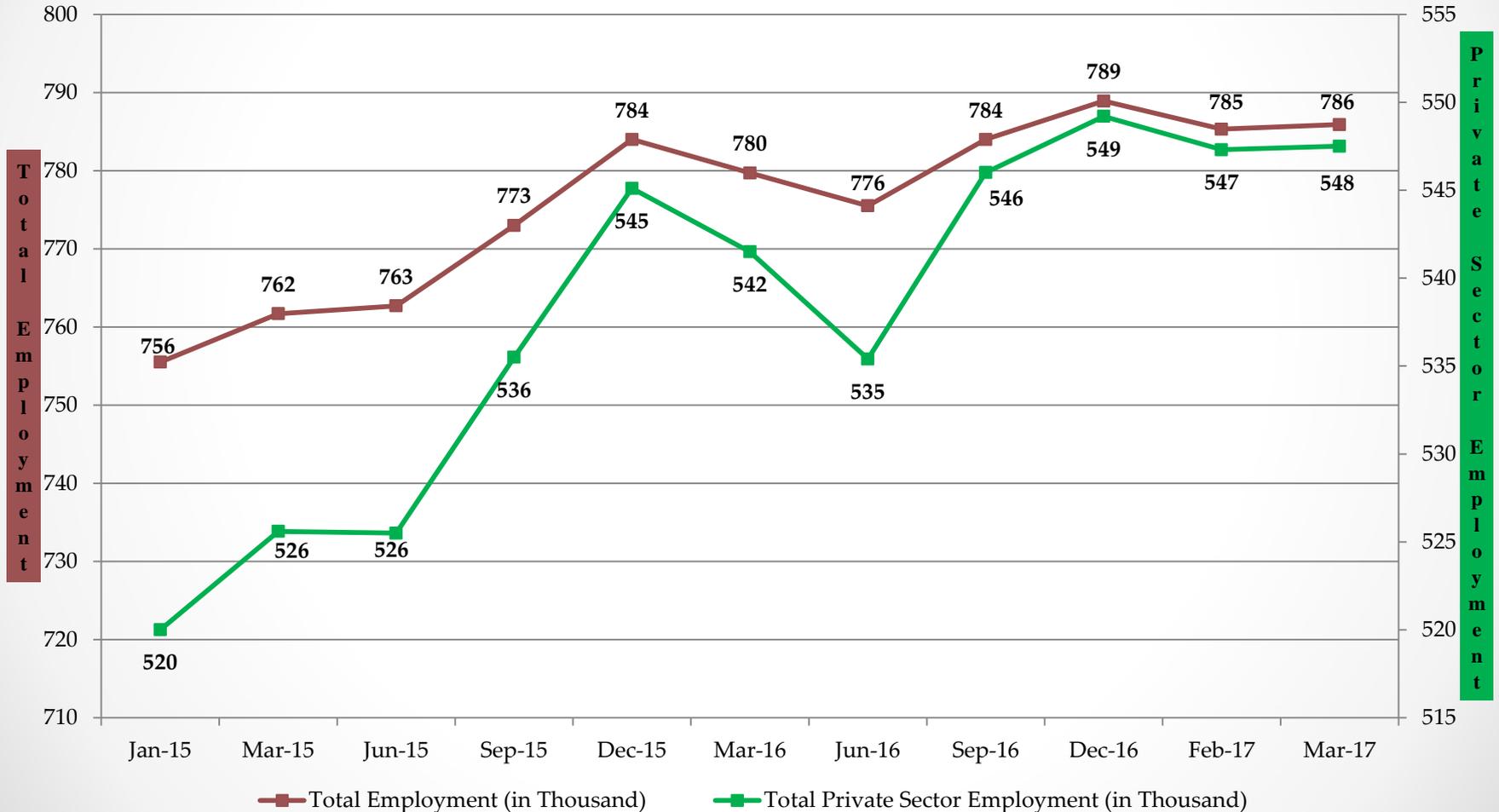




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Total Employment and Private Sector Employment in D.C. (Jan.2015 - Mar. 2017) (In Thousands)

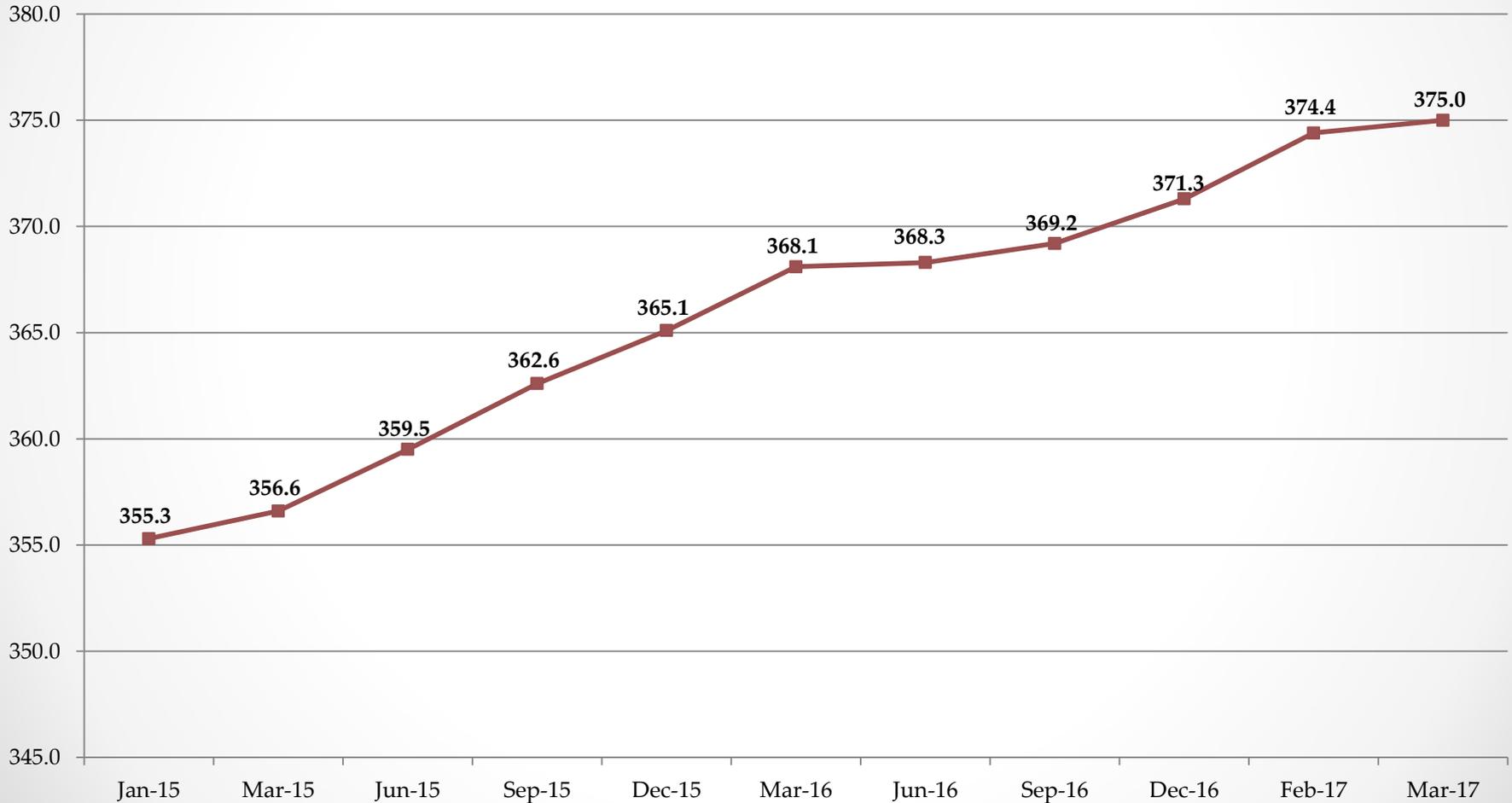




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Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 -Mar. 2017) (In Thousands)

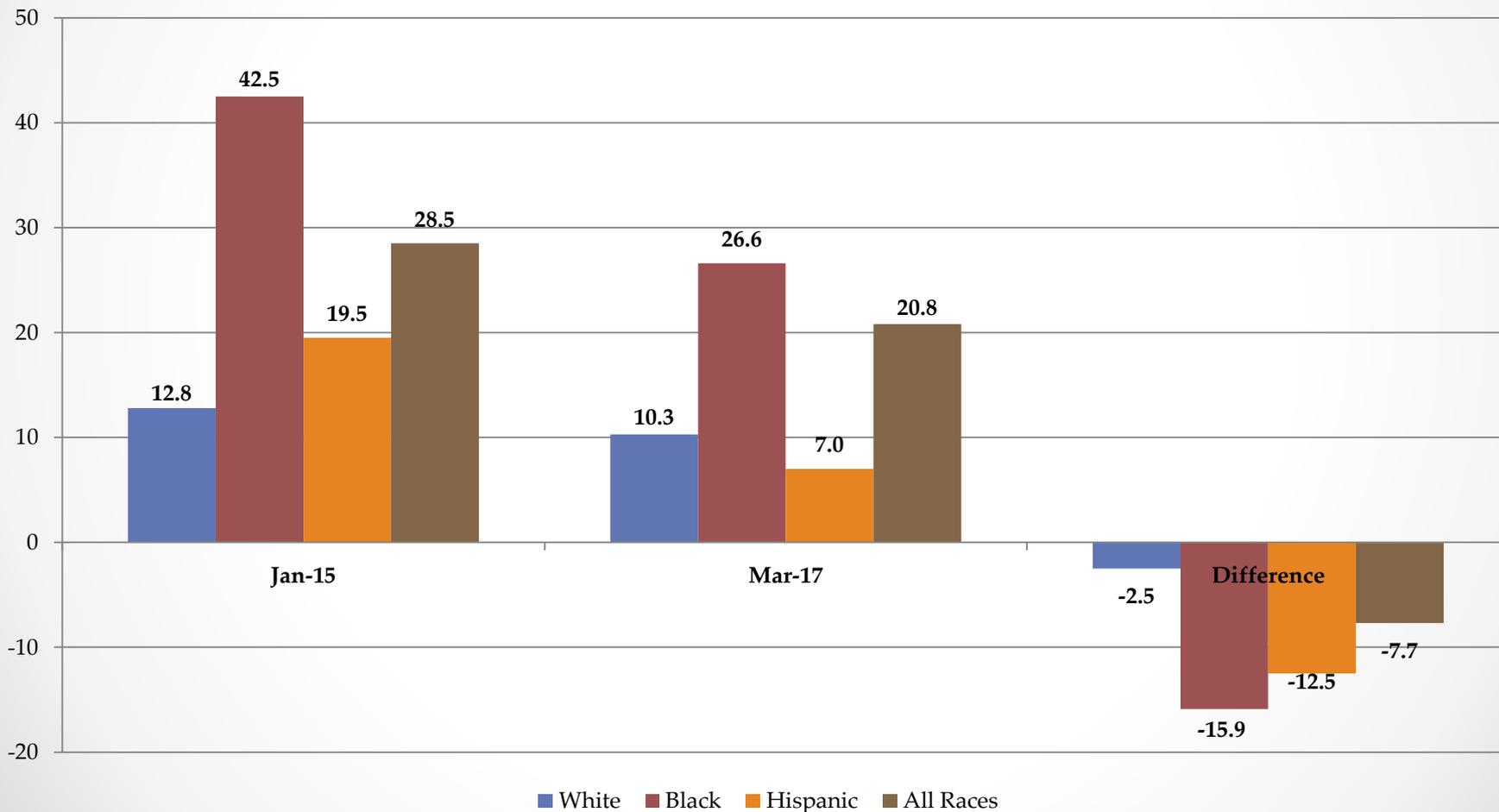




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Median Duration of Unemployment (Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2017)

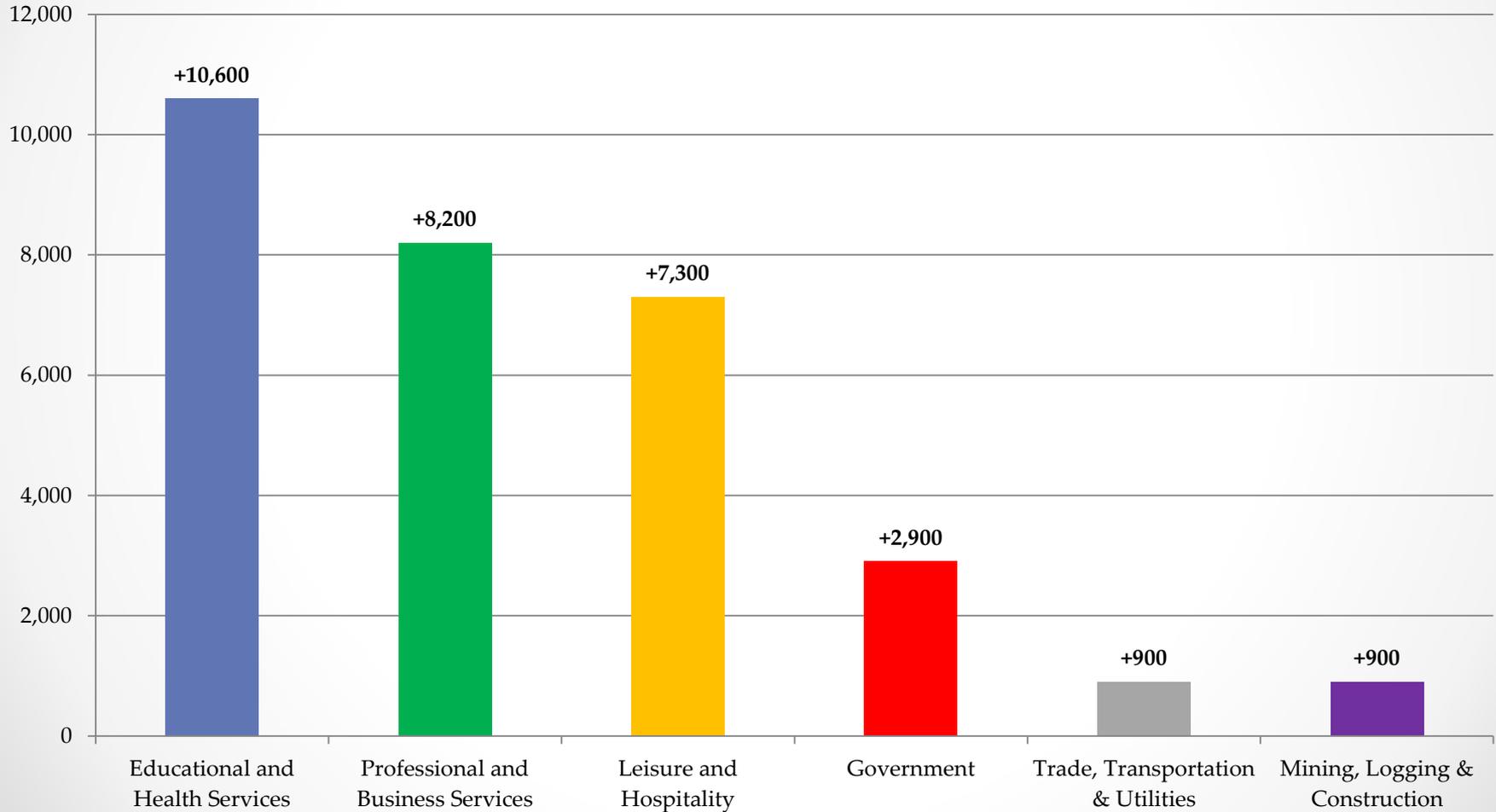




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Top 5 Industries with Highest Employment Increase (Jan.2015 –Mar. 2017)

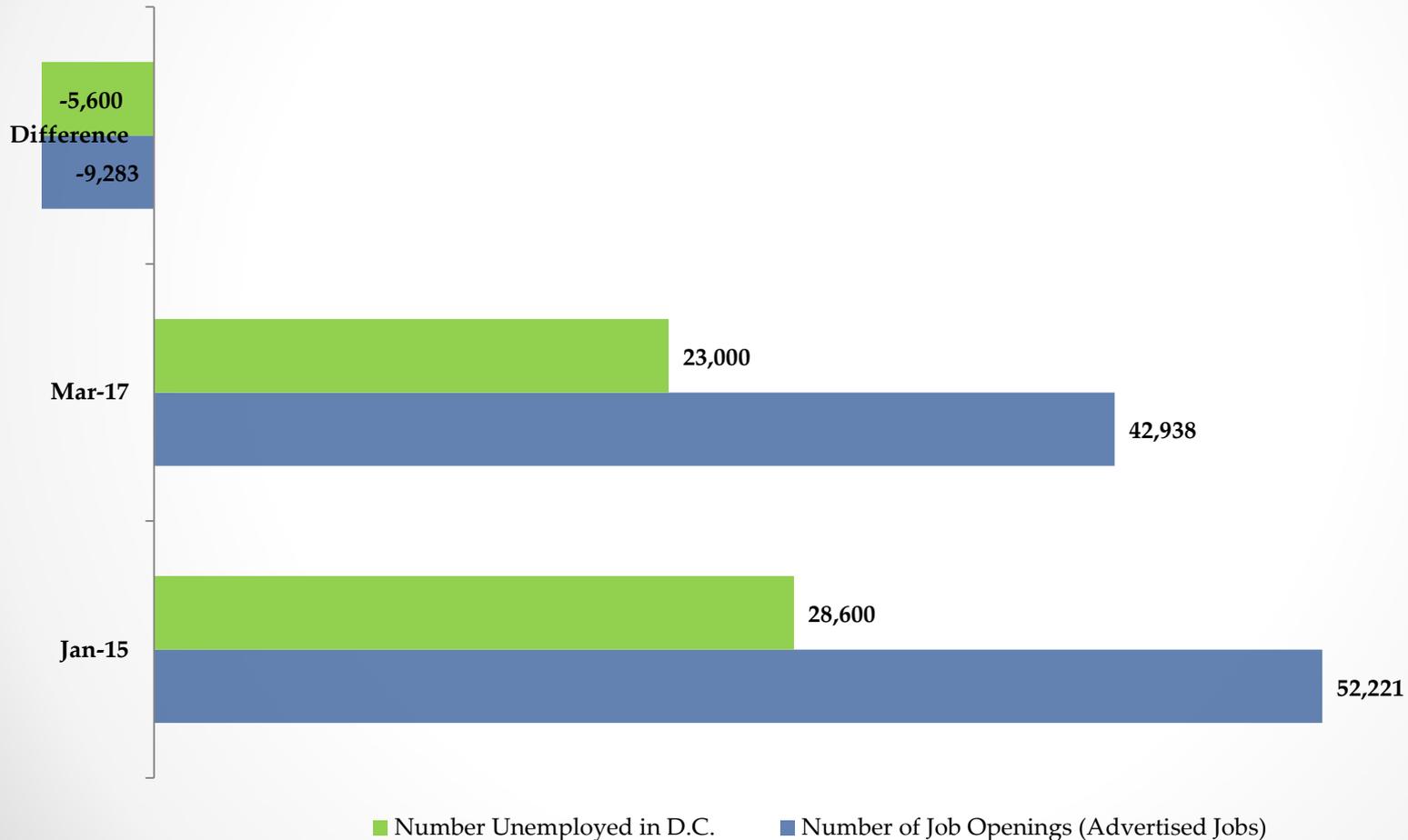




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Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 -Mar. 2017)

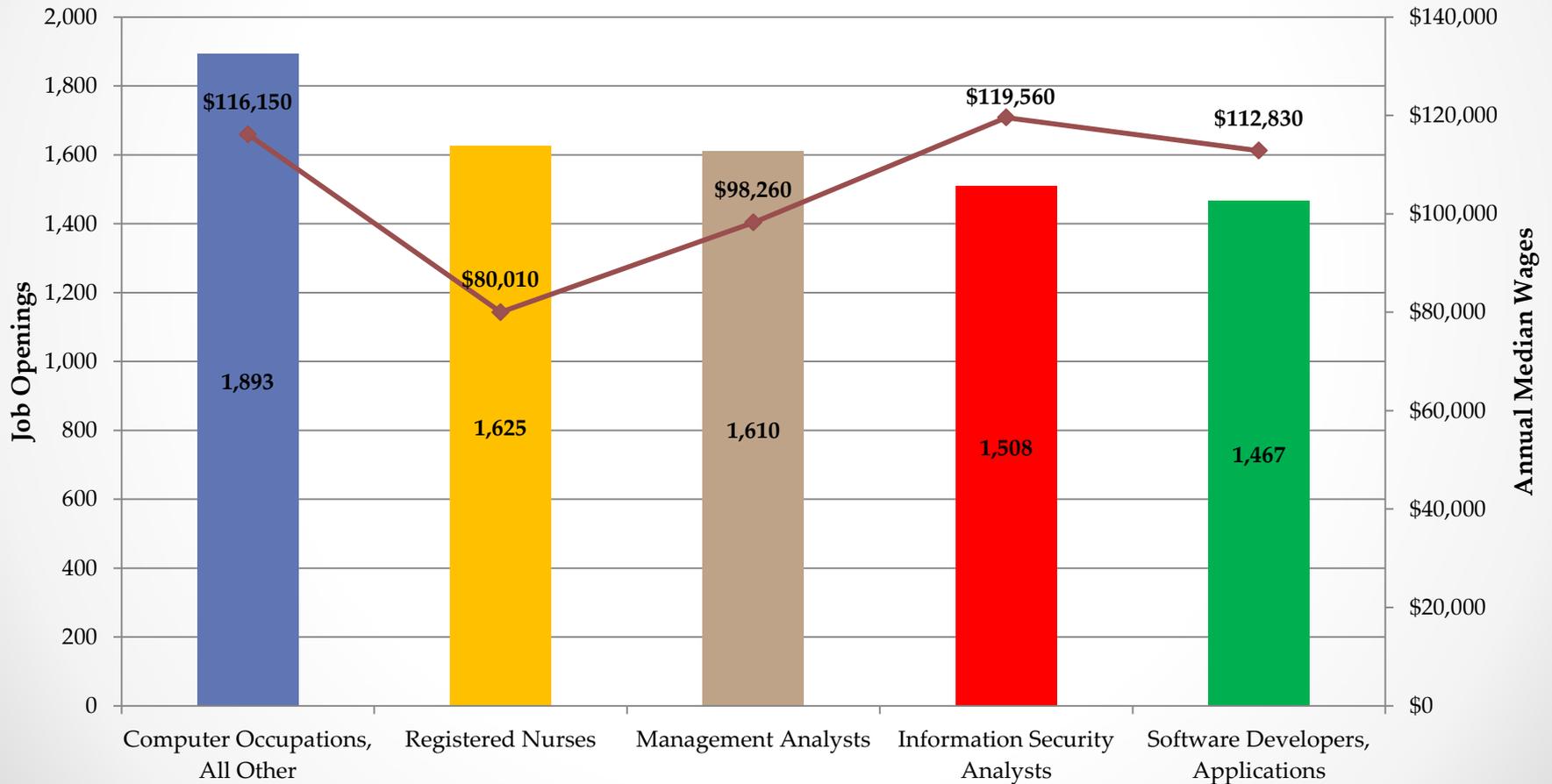




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Top 5 Job Openings: January 2015 – March 2017 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

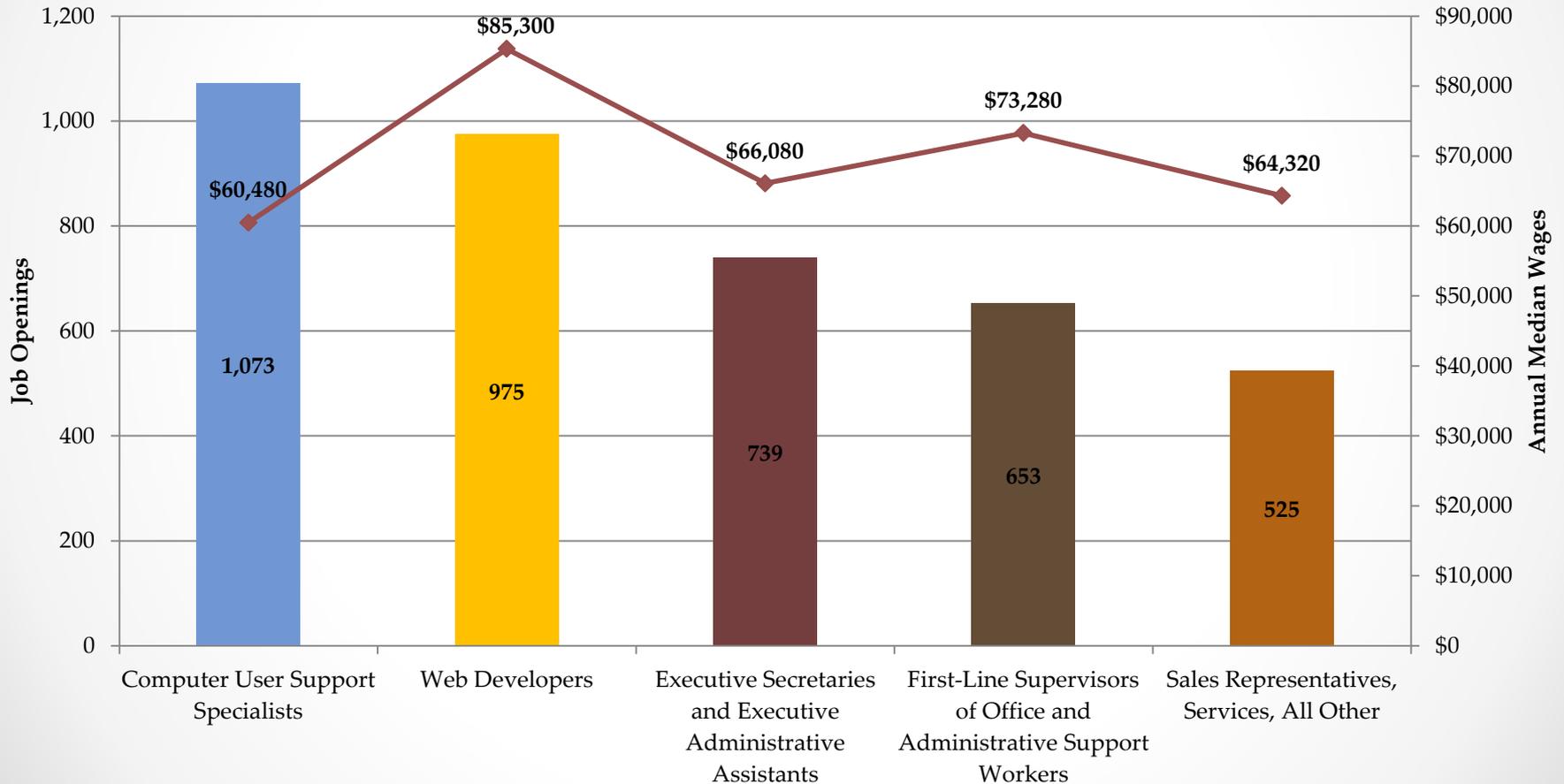




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Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelors Degree: January 2015 – March 2017 (Average Monthly Unique Job Openings)





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