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D.C. Labor Market Indicators: March 2018

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Highlights

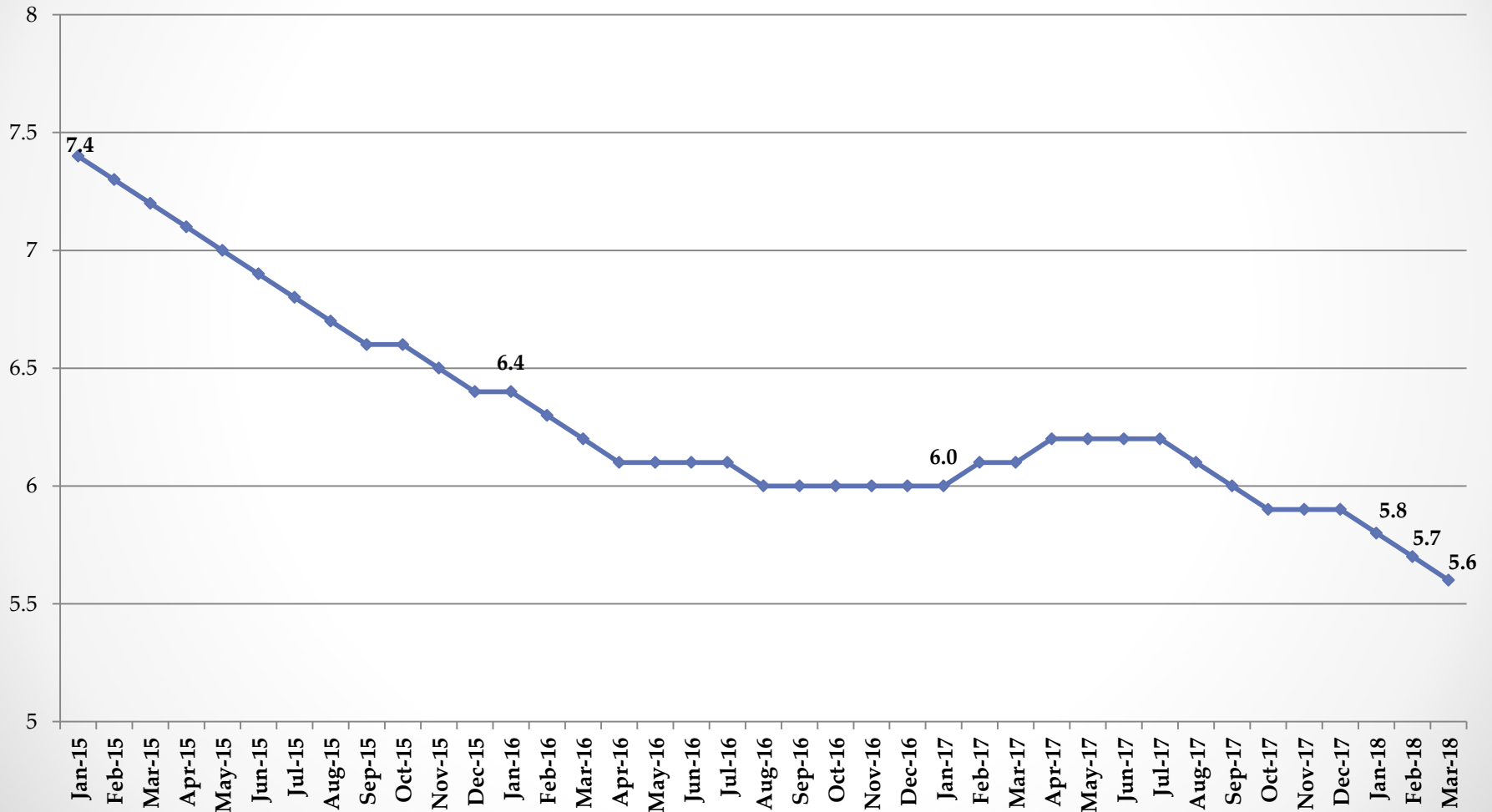
- From January 2015 to March 2018:
 - ❖ The unemployment rate in DC decreased by **1.8** percentage points (or **24.3%** decrease);
 - ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by **3.3** percentage points (**25.6%** decrease) and **3.8** percentage points (**23.6%** decrease) respectively;
 - ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by **24,600**;
 - ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by **37,800**;
 - ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants decreased by **38.35%**;
 - ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by **5,900** 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 **21.5** weeks;
 - ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by **36,400** new jobs or **7.00%** increase from January 2015;
 - ❖ Educational and Health Services has the highest employment increase by industry with **8,400 since January 2015**;
 - ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Computer Occupations, All Other; with an average monthly opening of **1,821(Feb. 2018)**;
 - ❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor's degree is Computer User Support Specialists; with an average monthly opening of **1,027(Feb.2018)**.



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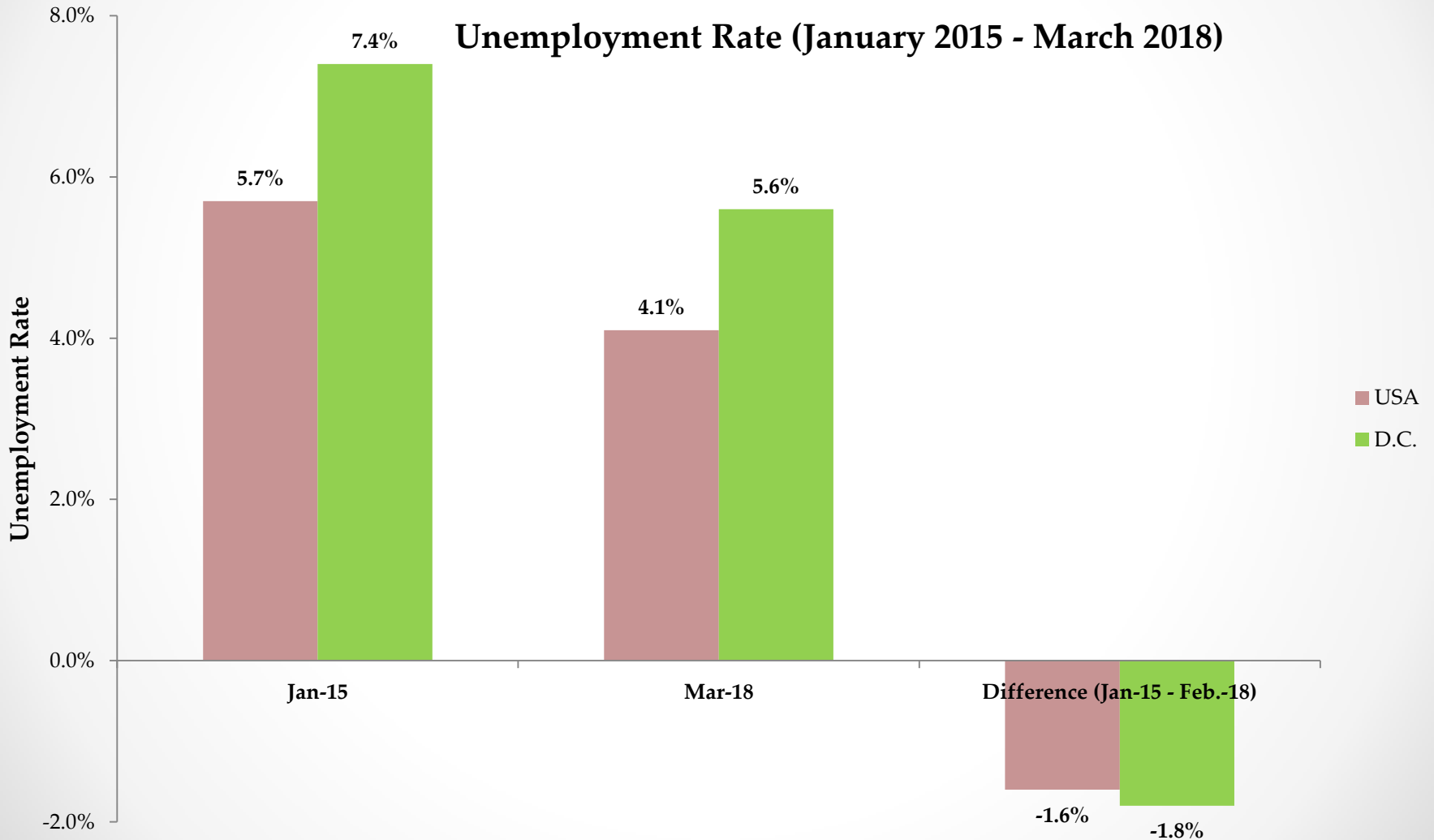
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2018





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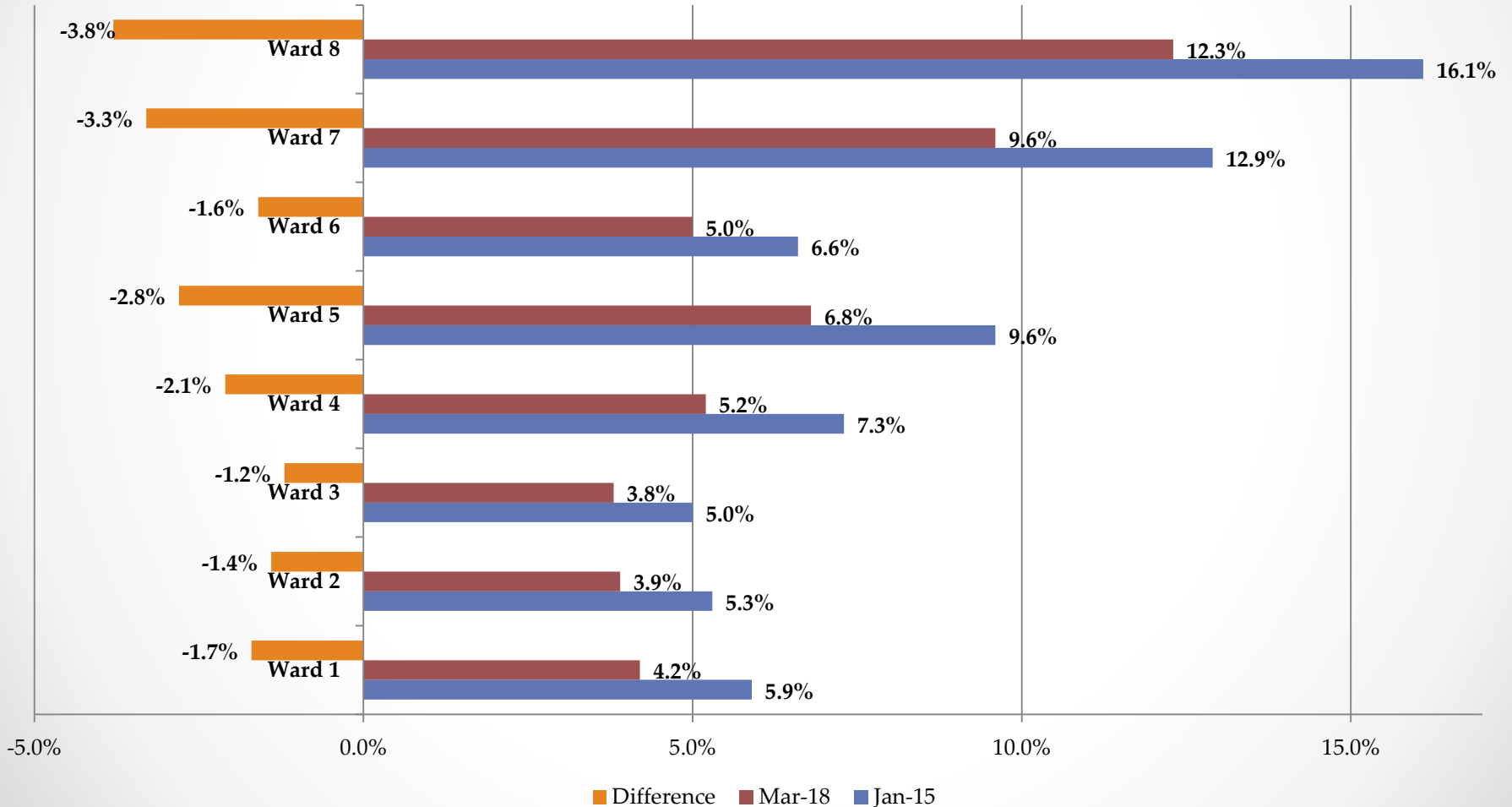




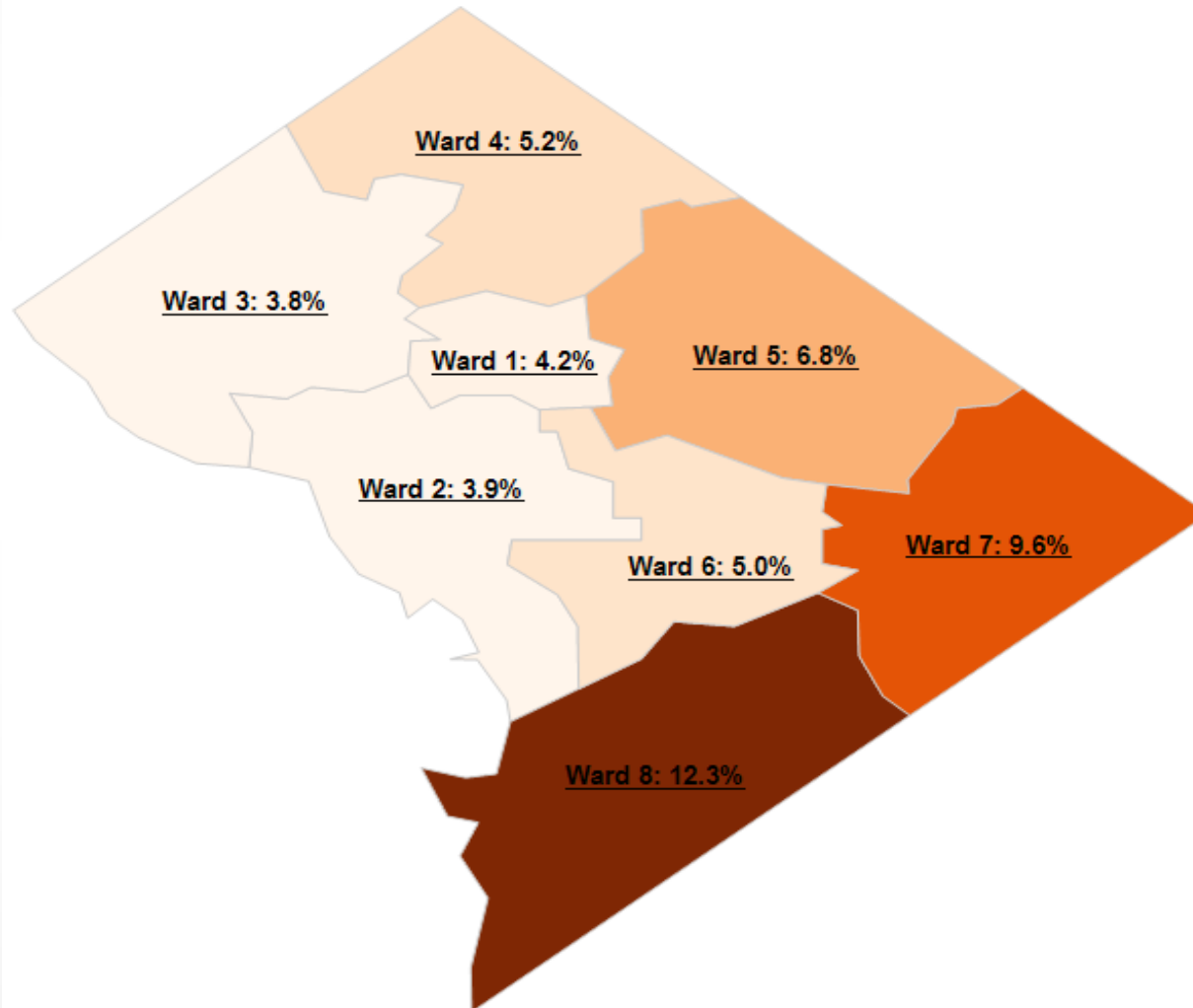
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Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - March 2018)



Unemployment Rate by Ward: March 2018

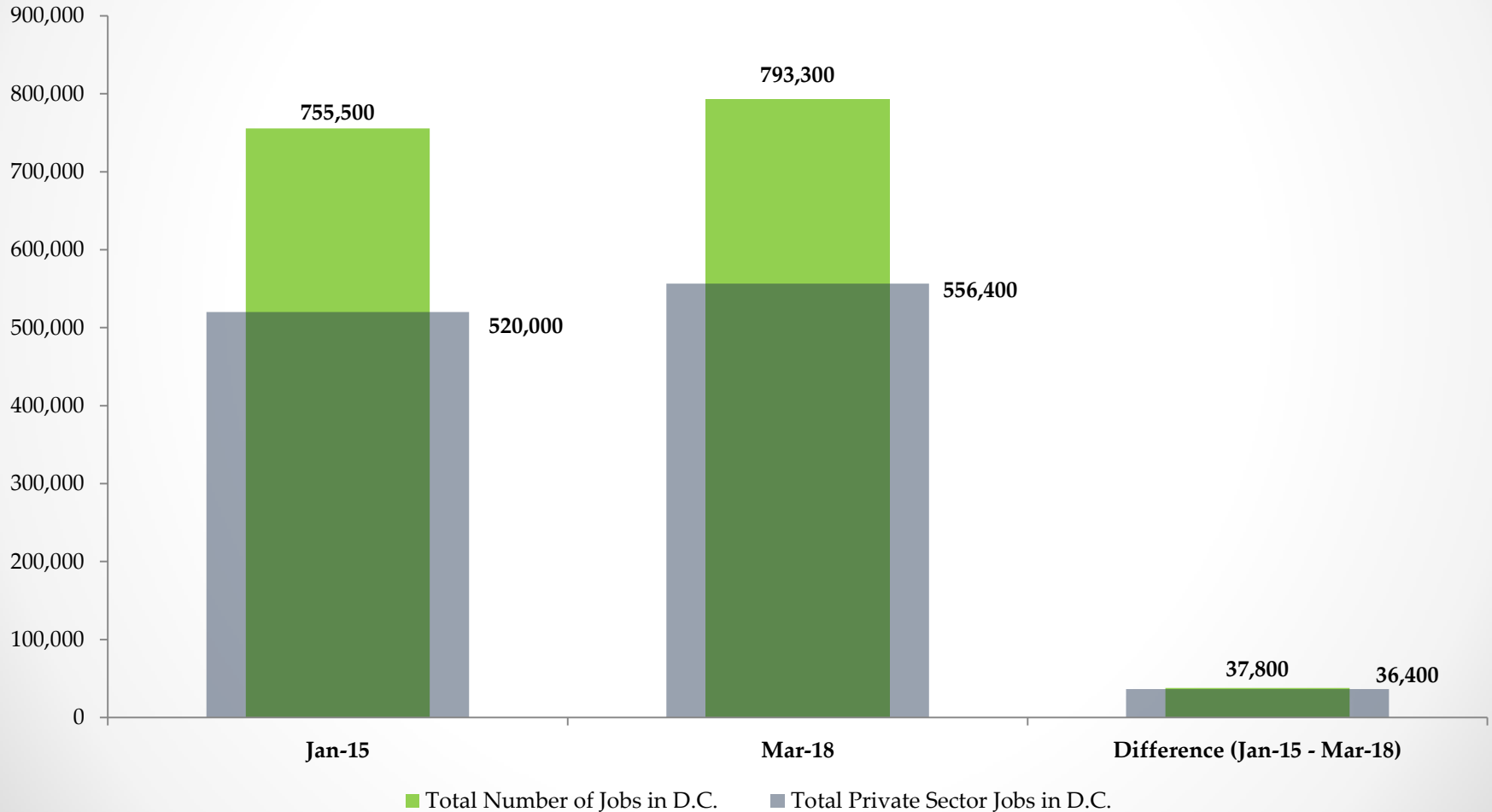




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Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2018)

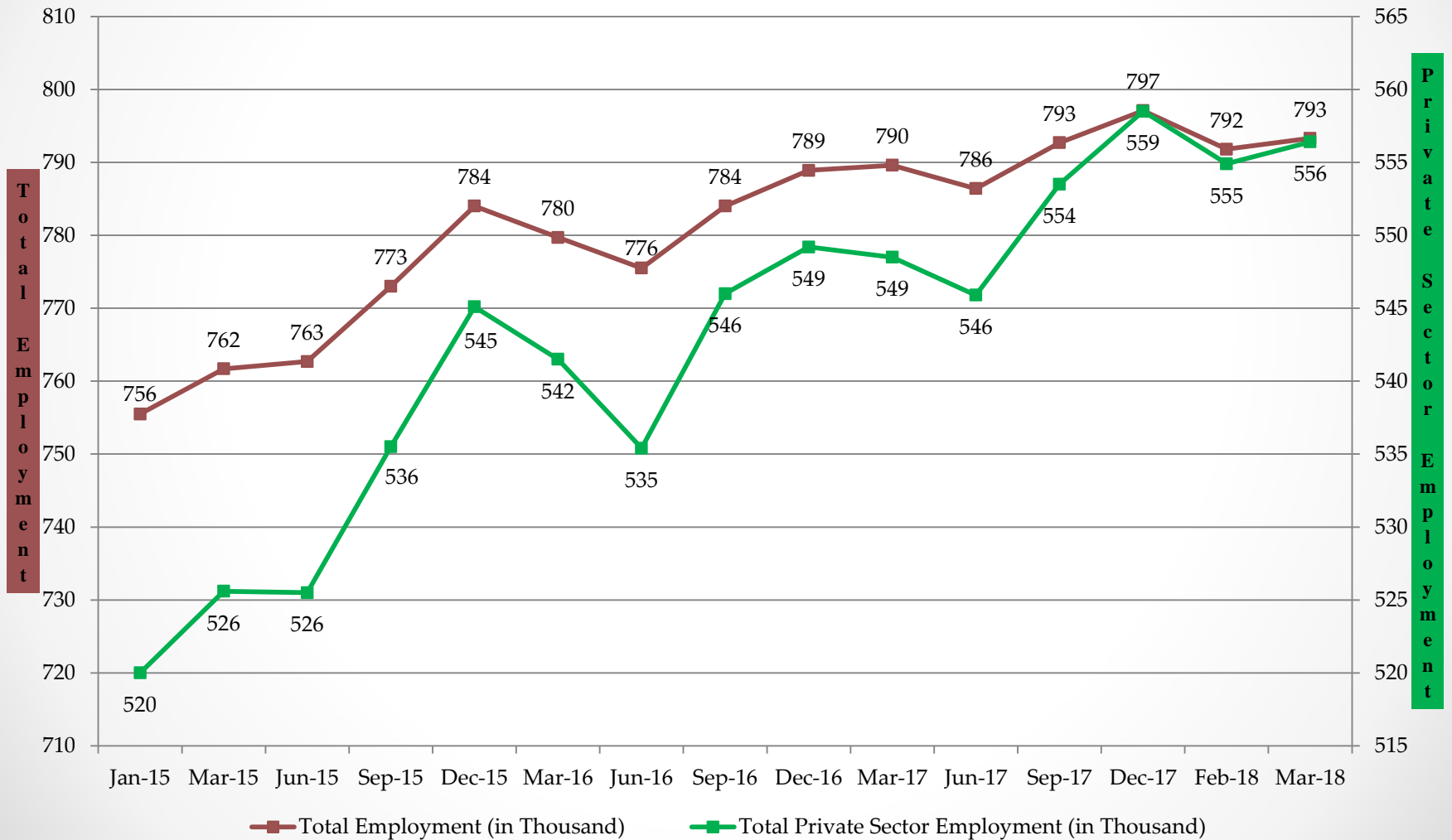




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Total Employment and Private Sector Employment in D.C. (Jan.2015 - Mar. 2018) (In Thousands)

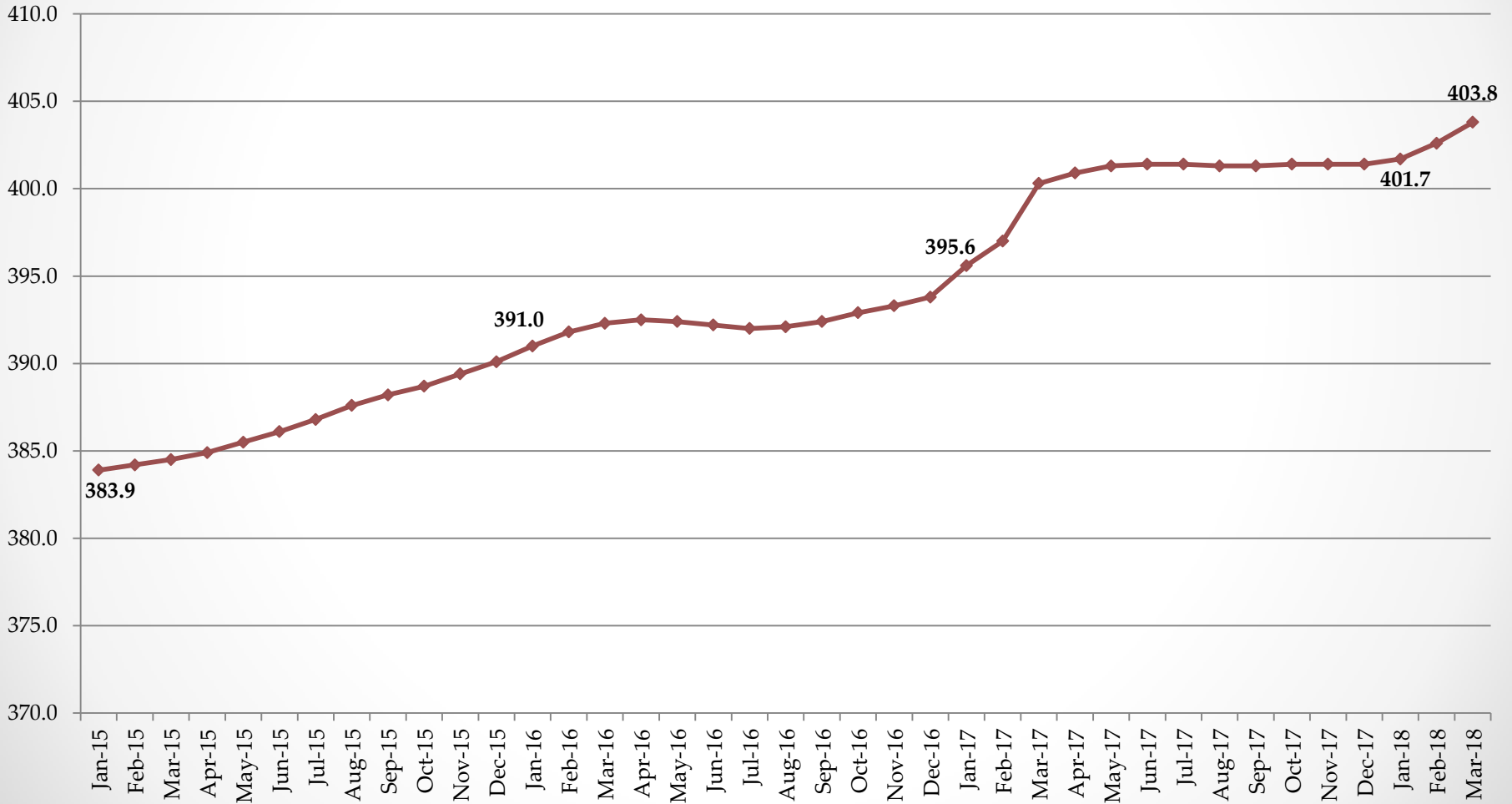




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The District's Labor Force (Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2018) (In Thousands)

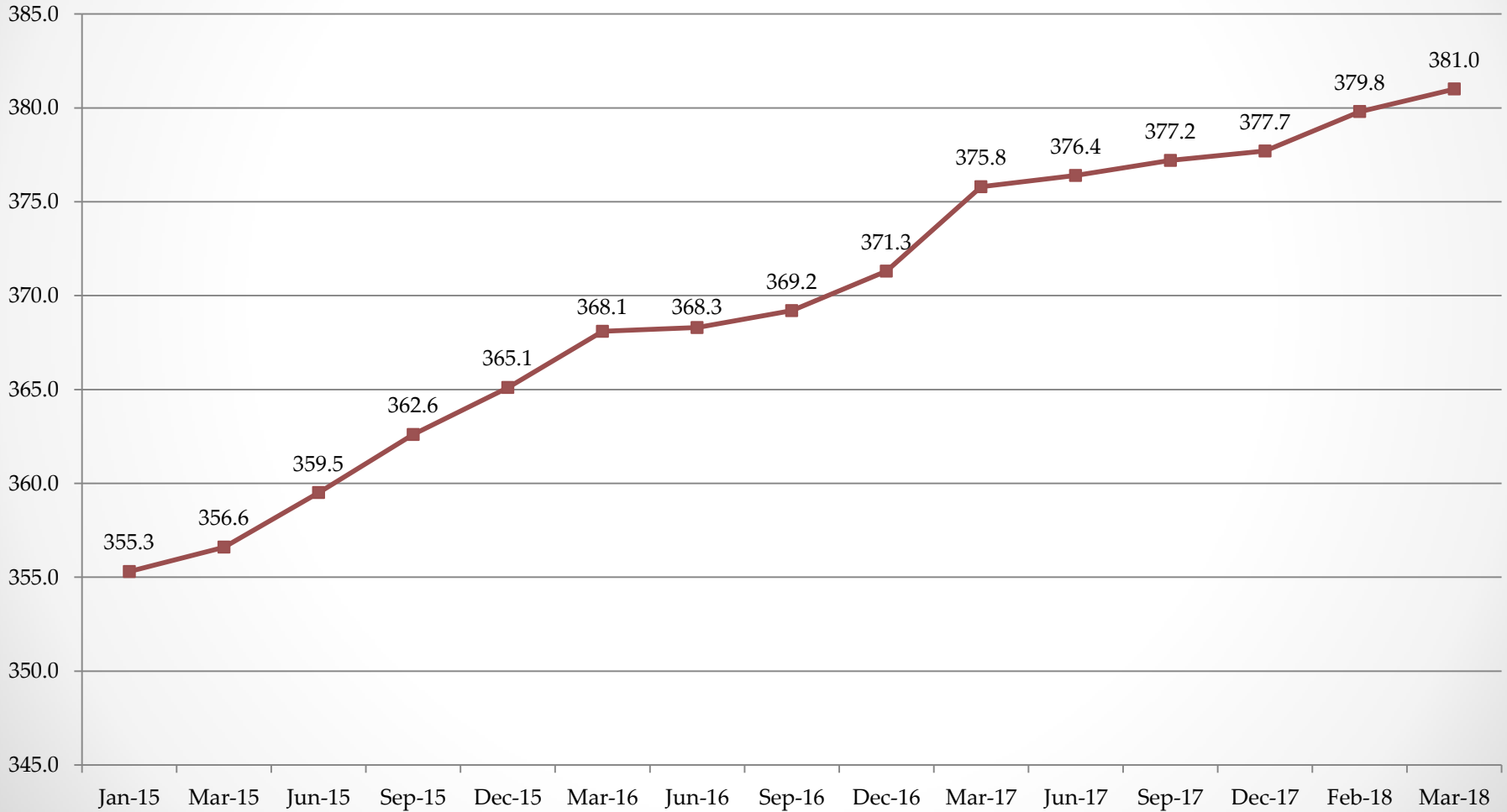




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Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2018) (In Thousands)

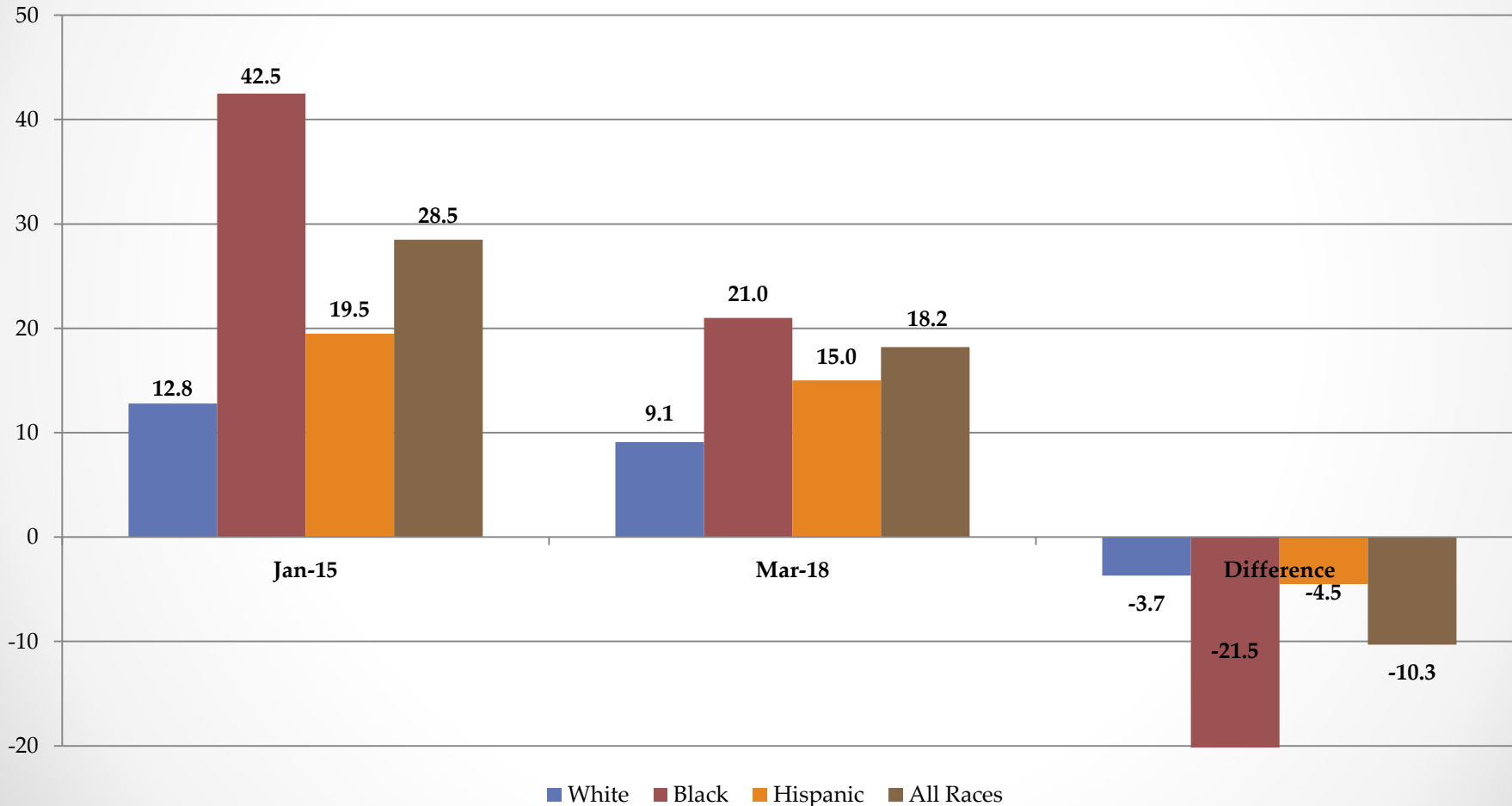




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Median Duration of Unemployment (Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2018)

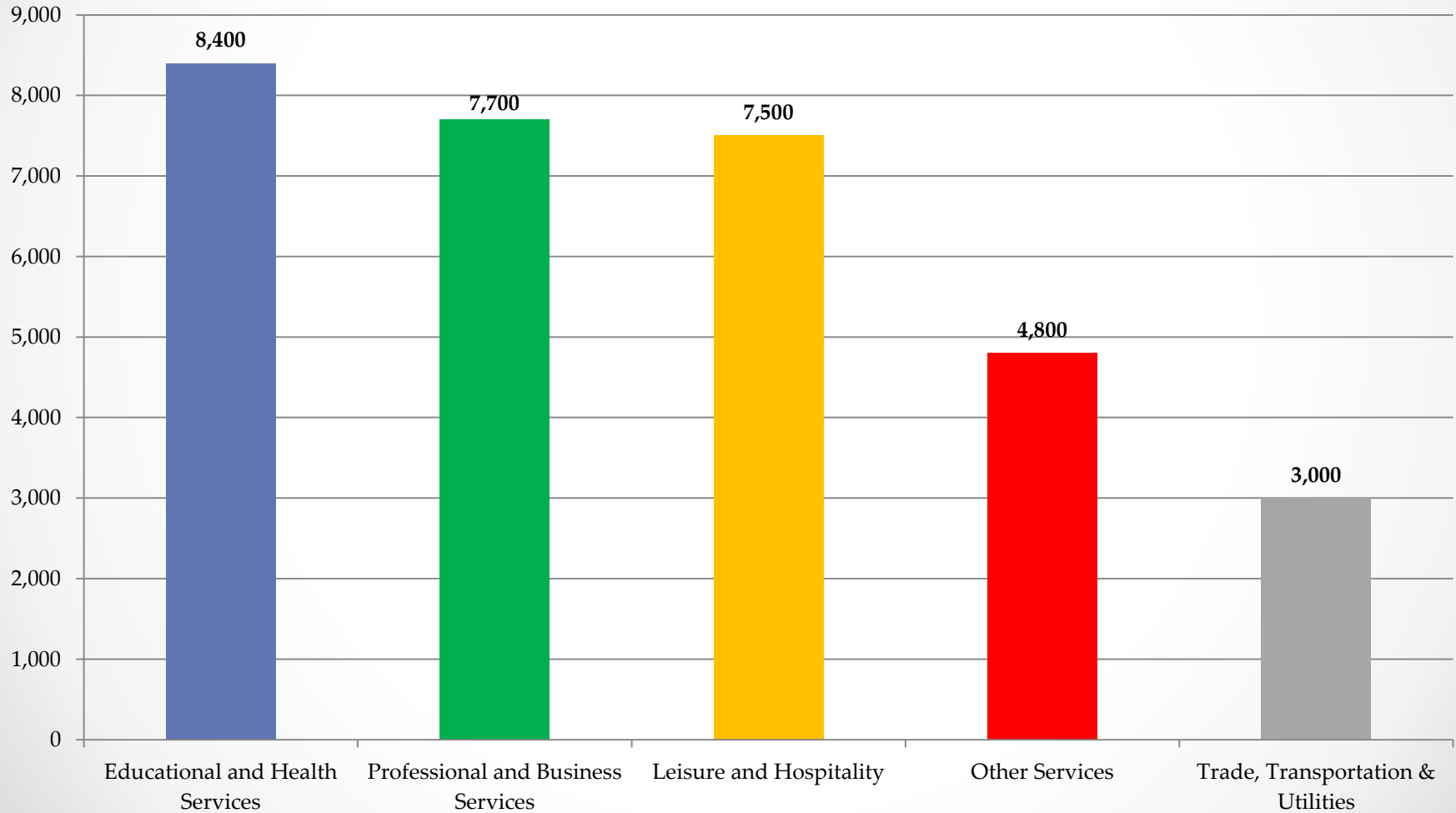




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Top 5 Industry with Highest Employment Increase (Jan.2015 – Mar. 2018)

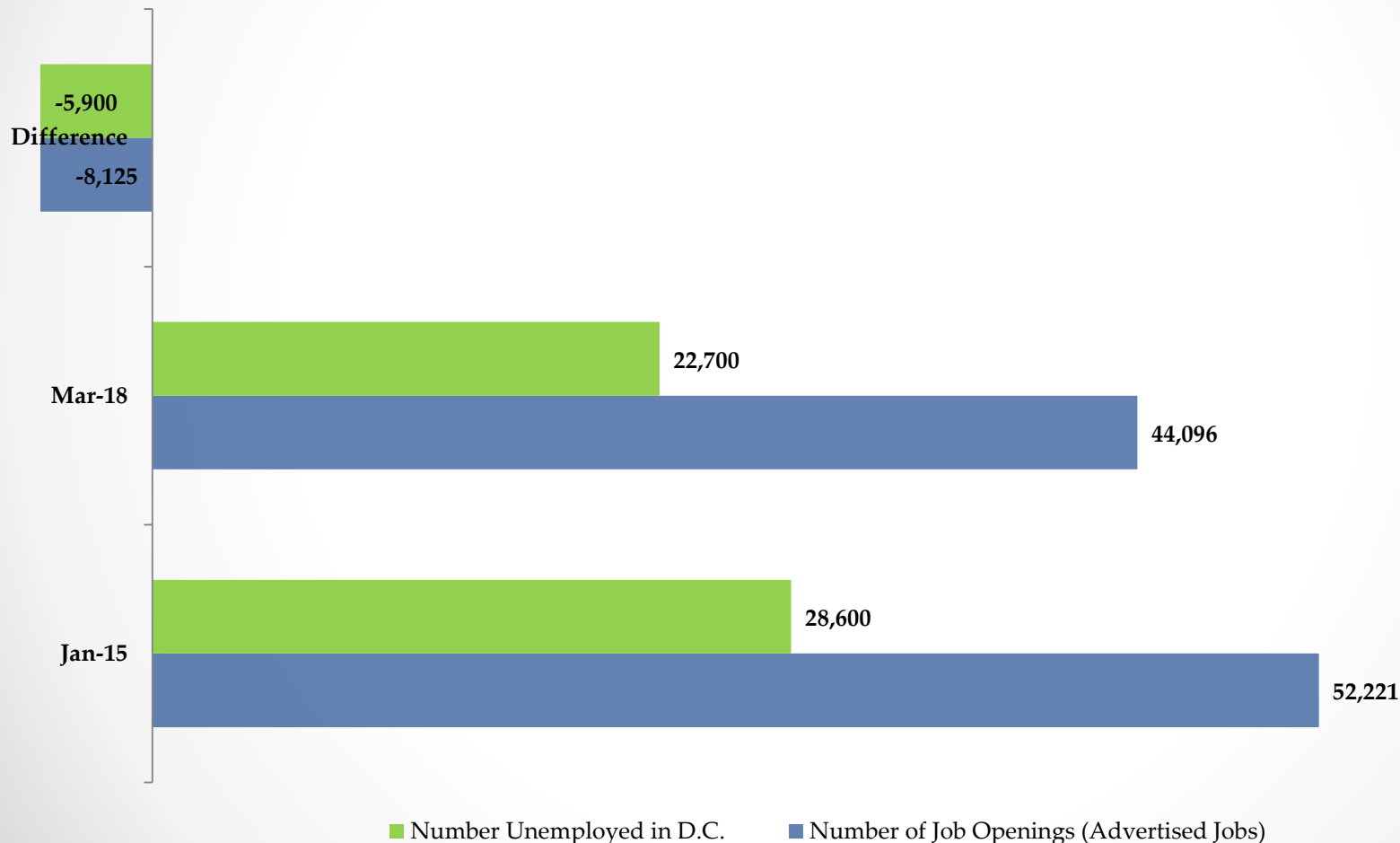




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Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 -Mar. 2018)

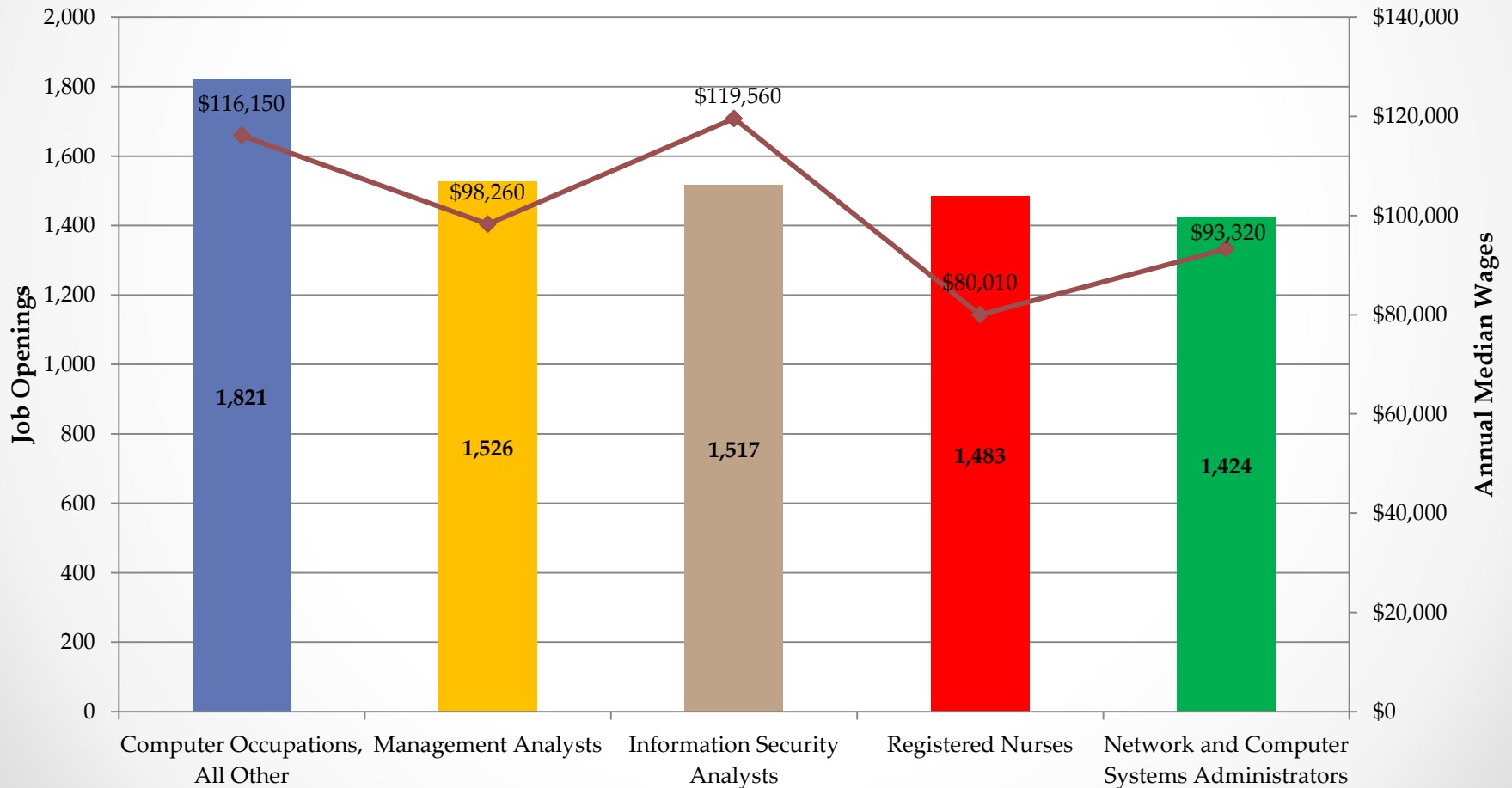




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Top 5 Job Openings: January 2015 - February 2018 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

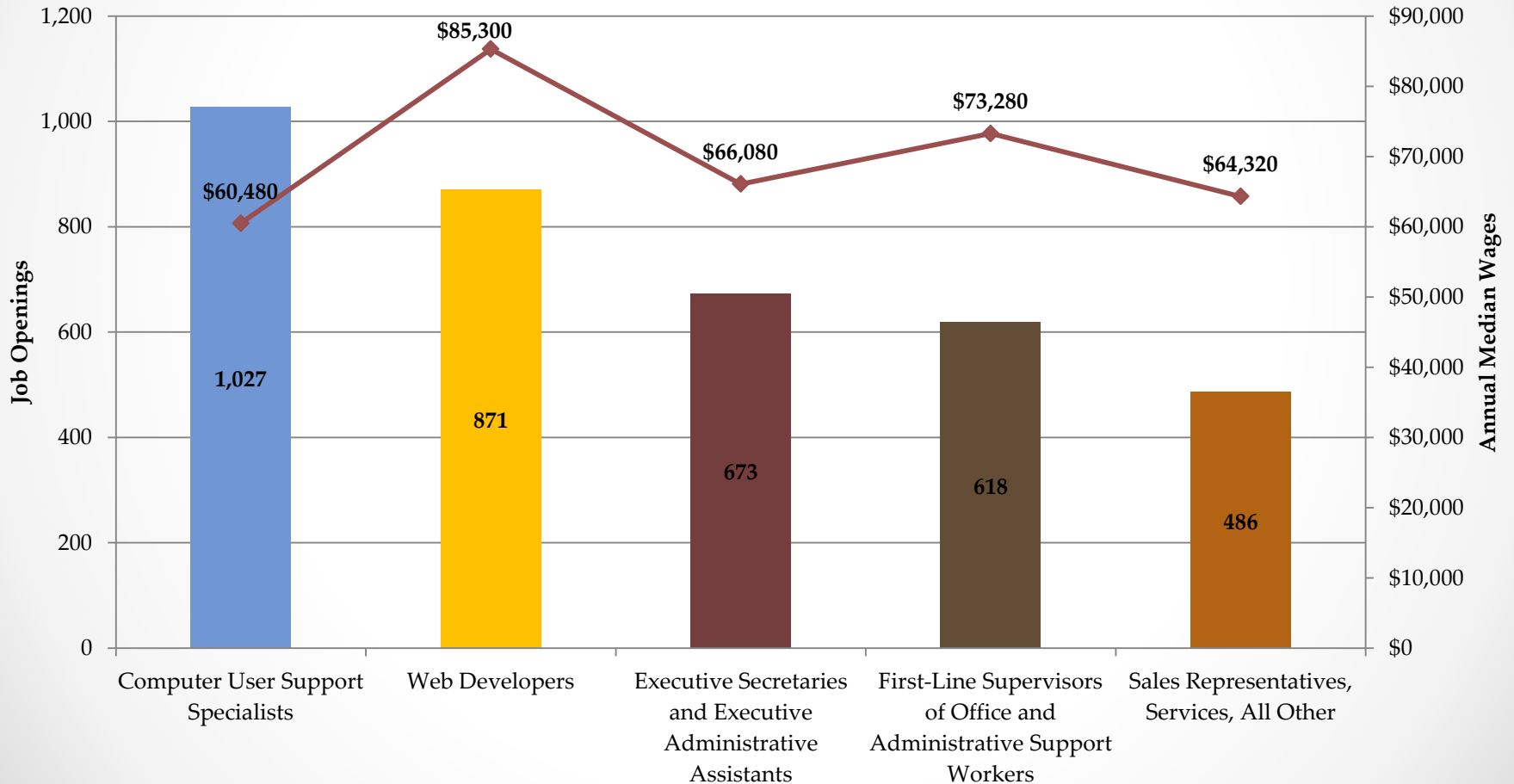




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Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2015 - February 2018 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)





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