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# D.C. Labor Market Indicators: May 2017

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## Highlights

- From January 2015 to May 2017:
  - ❖ The unemployment rate in DC decreased by **1.5** percentage points (or **20.0%** decrease);
  - ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by **3.8** percentage points (**29.5%** decrease) and **4.7** percentage points (**29.2%** decrease) respectively;
  - ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by **22,400**;
  - ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by **35,700**;
  - ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants decreased by **19.66%**;
  - ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by **4,300** 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 **18 weeks**;
  - ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by **32,700** new jobs or **6.29%** increase from January 2015;
  - ❖ Leisure and Hospitality has the highest employment increase by industry with **12,000 since January 2015**;
  - ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Computer Occupations, All Other; with an average monthly opening of **1,878**;
  - ❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor's degree is Computer User Support Specialist; with an average monthly opening of **1,058**.

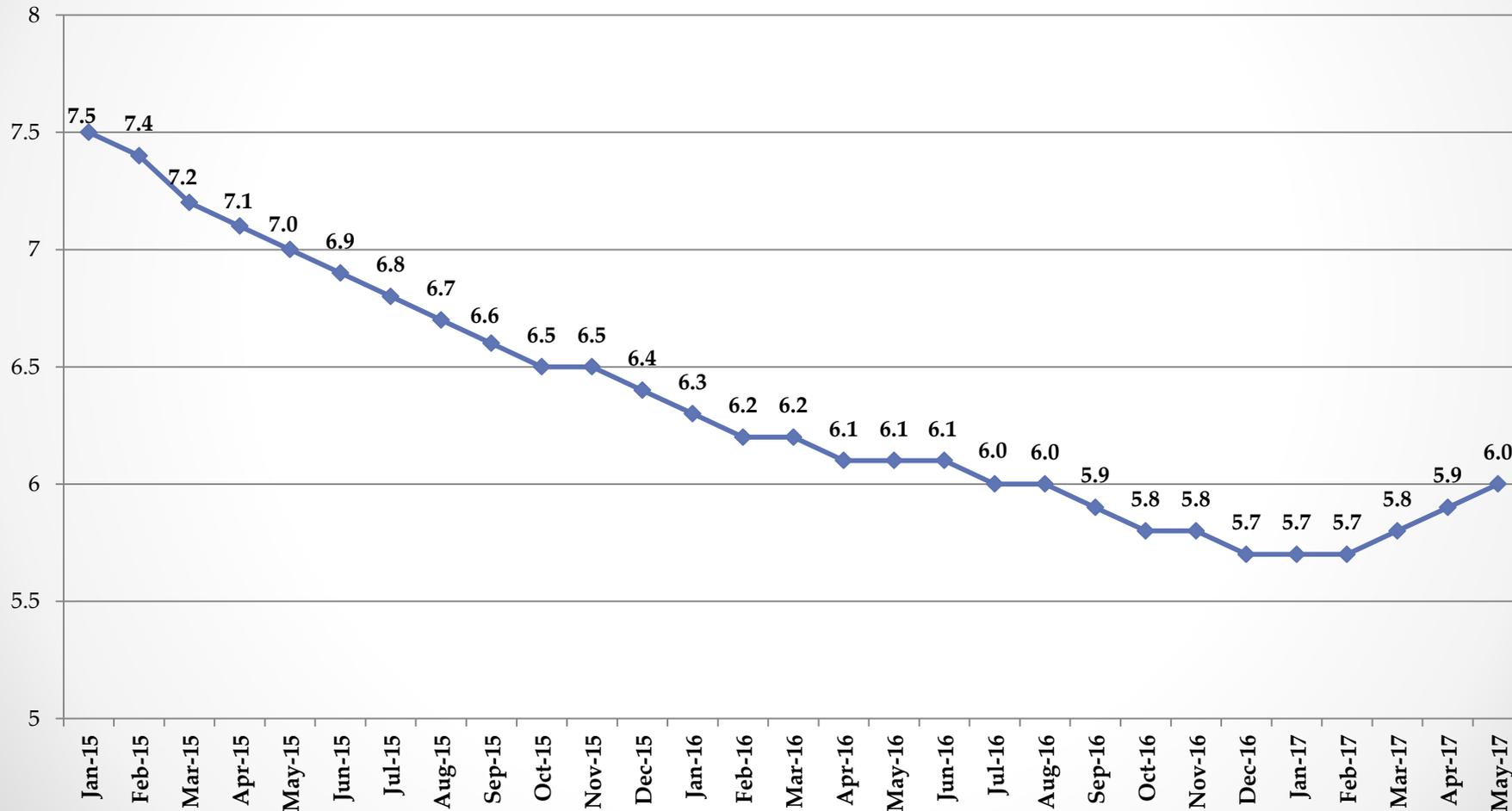




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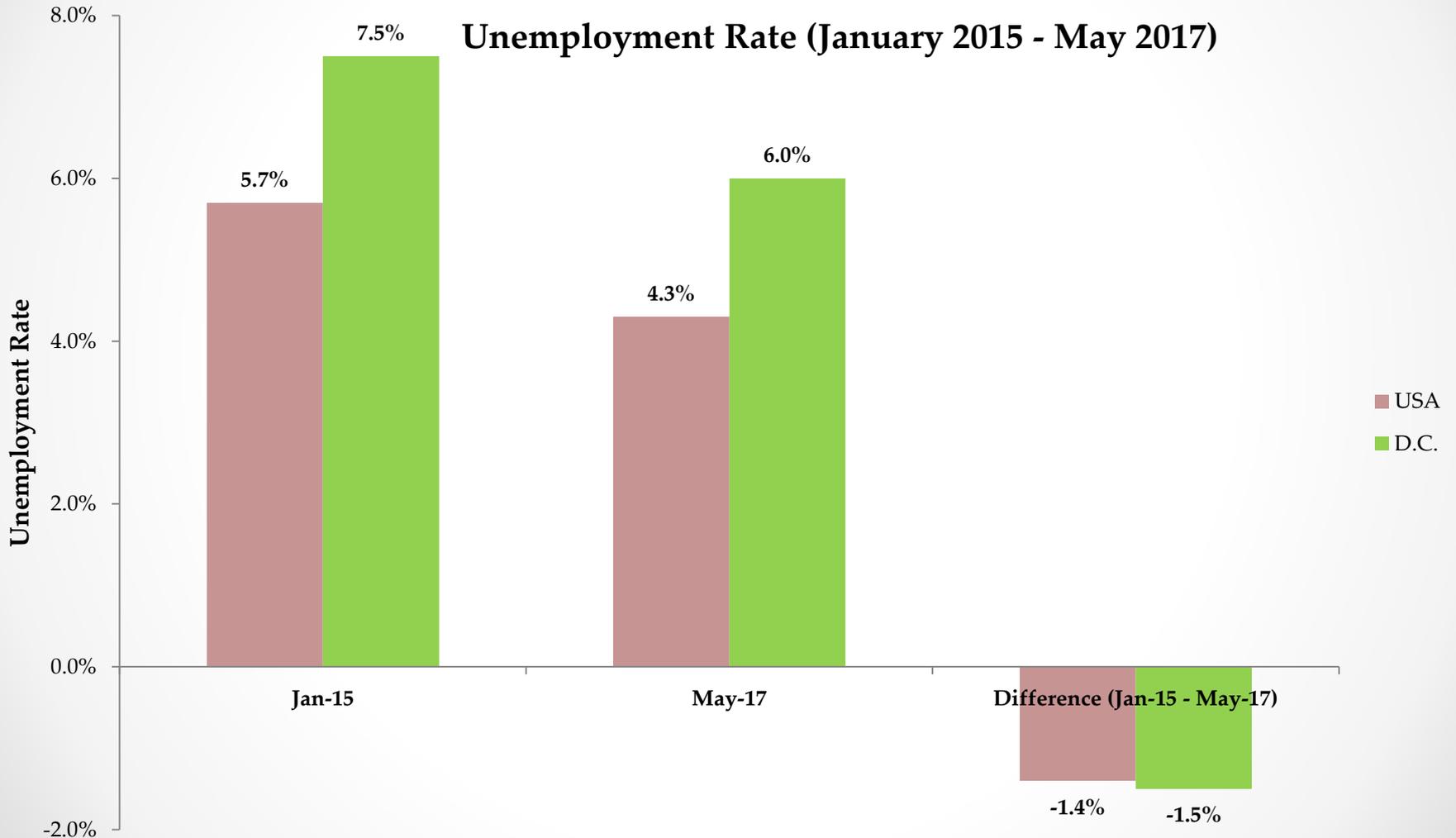
## The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - May 2017





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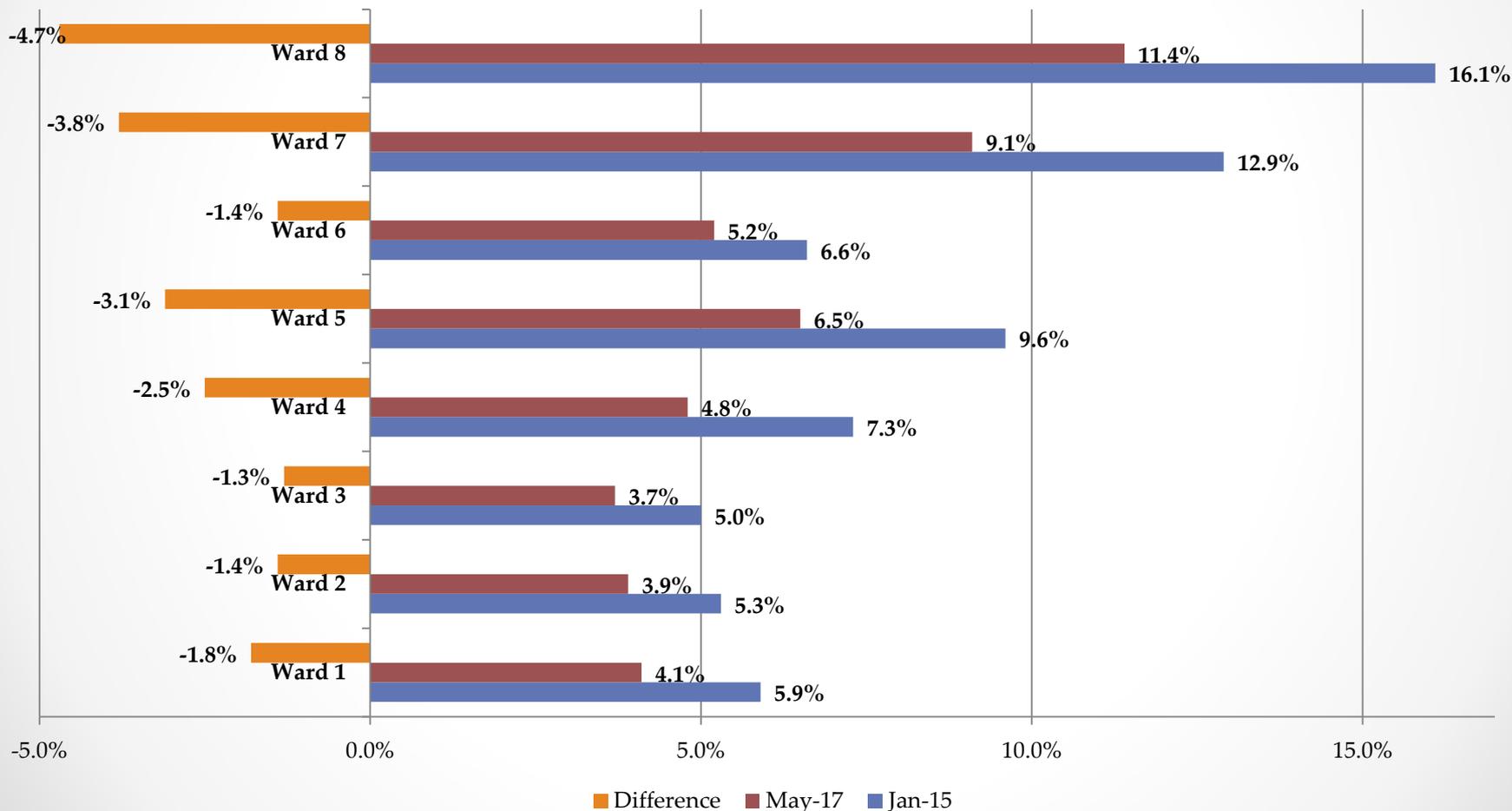




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## Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - May 2017)



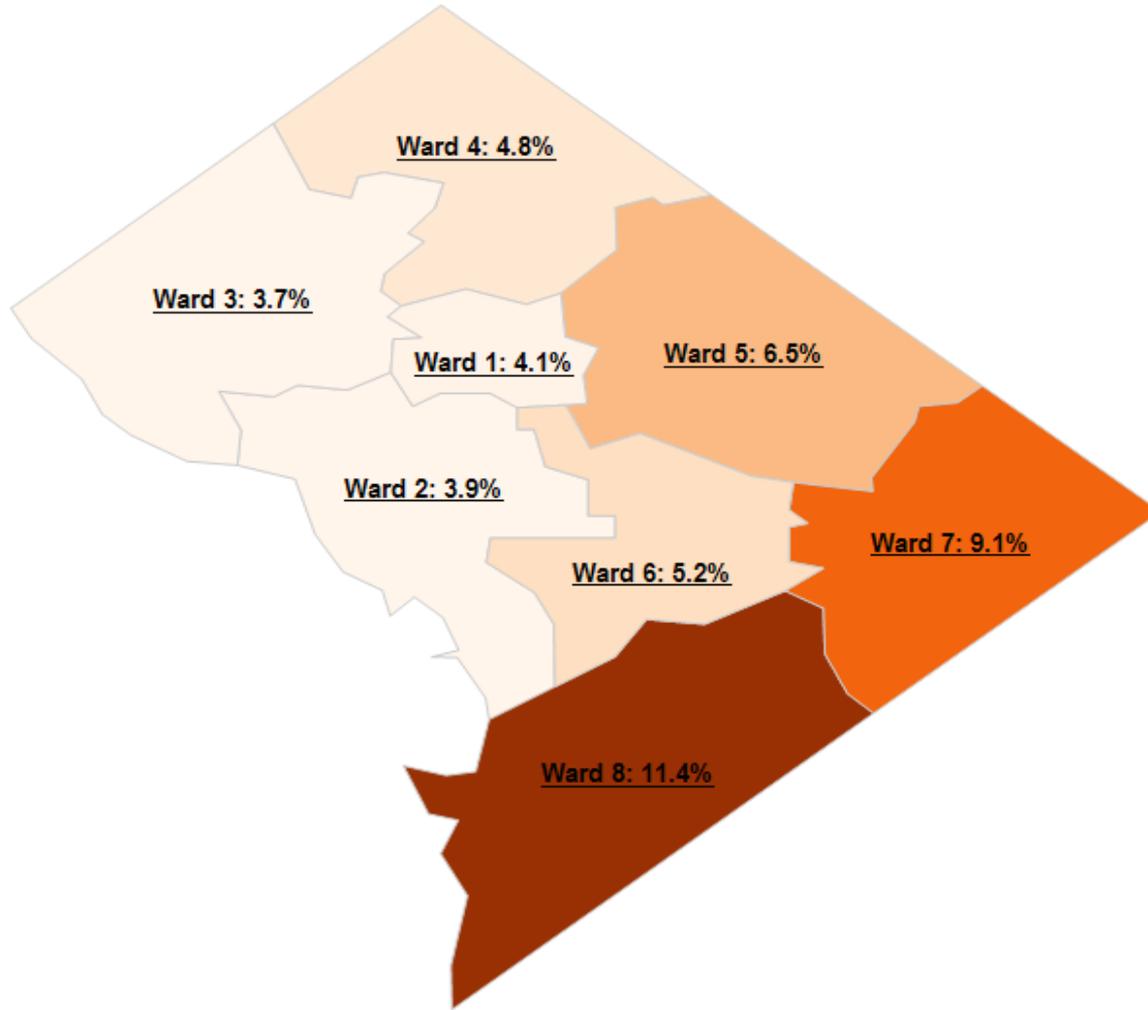


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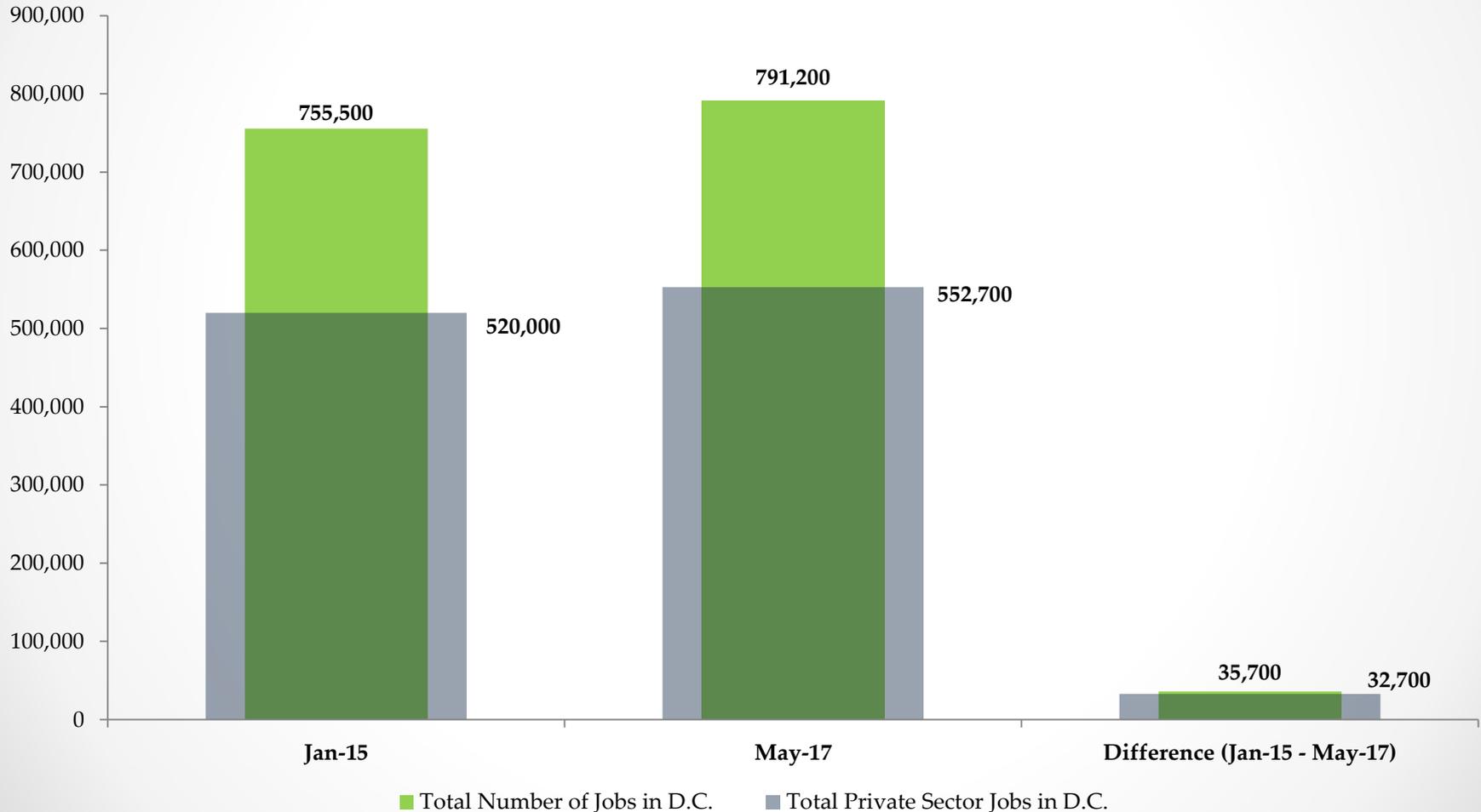




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Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - May 2017)

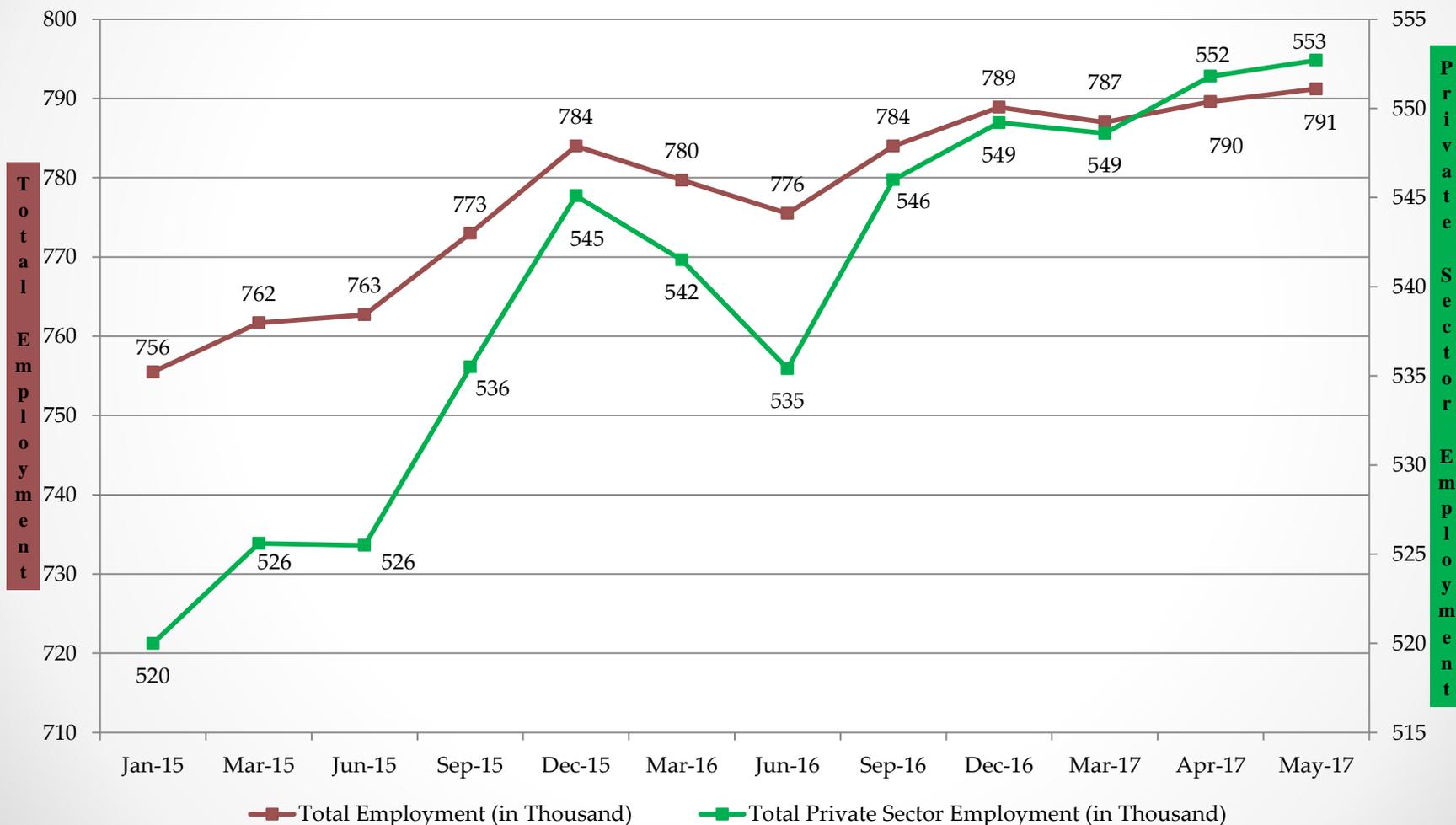




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Total Employment and Private Sector Employment in D.C. (Jan.2015 - May 2017) (In Thousands)

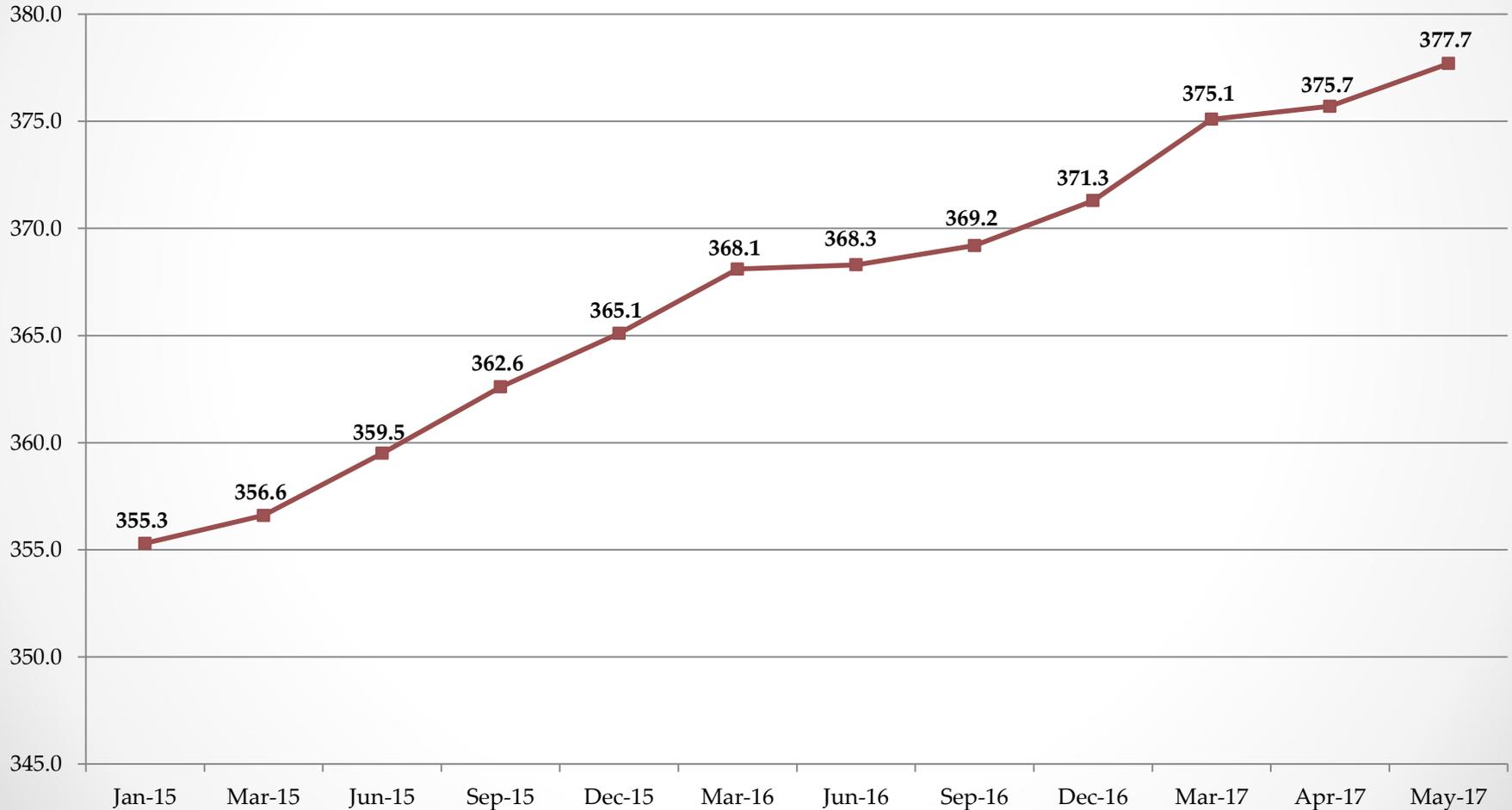




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Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 -May 2017) (In Thousands)

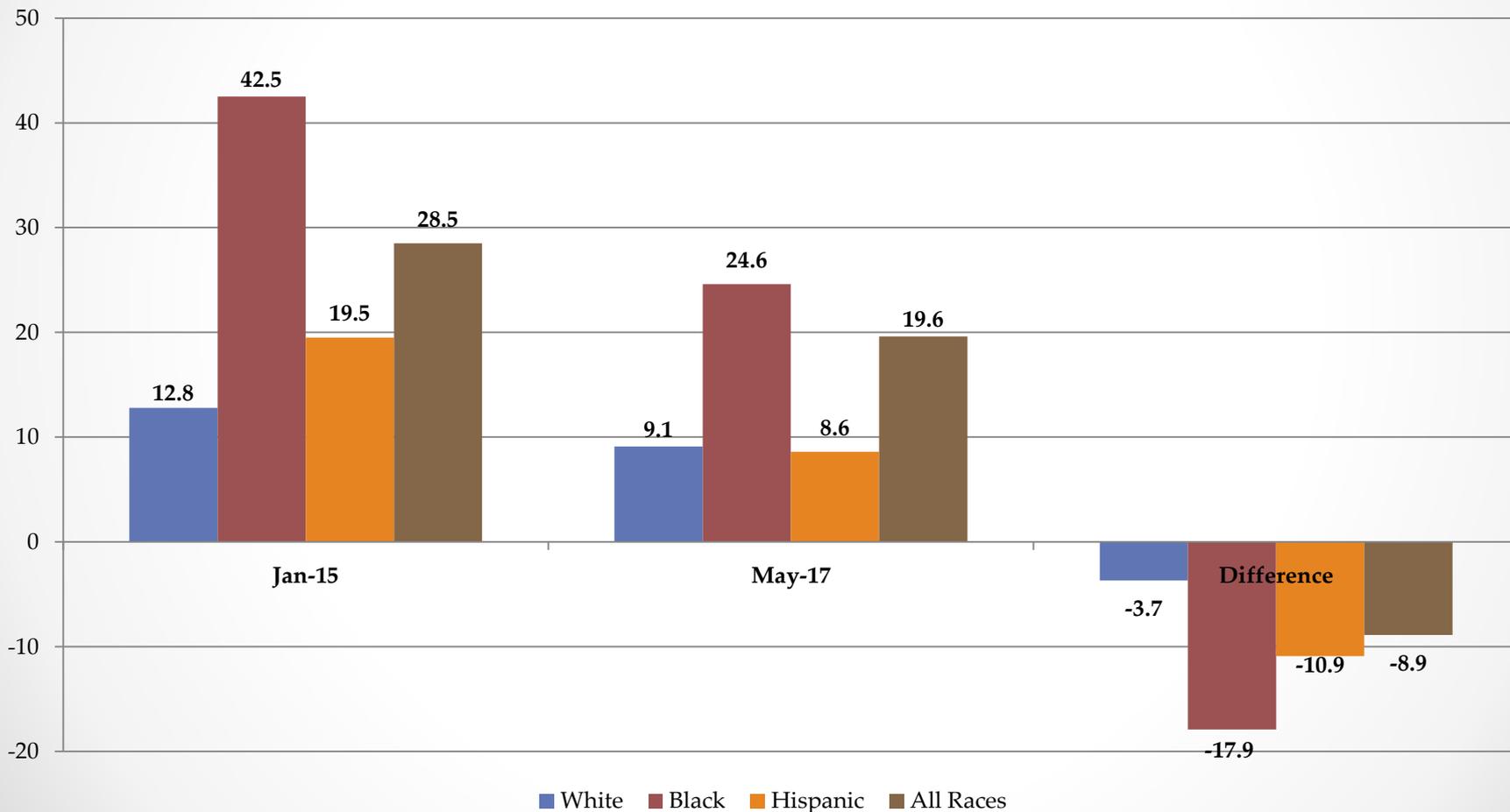




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## Median Duration of Unemployment (Jan. 2015 - May 2017)

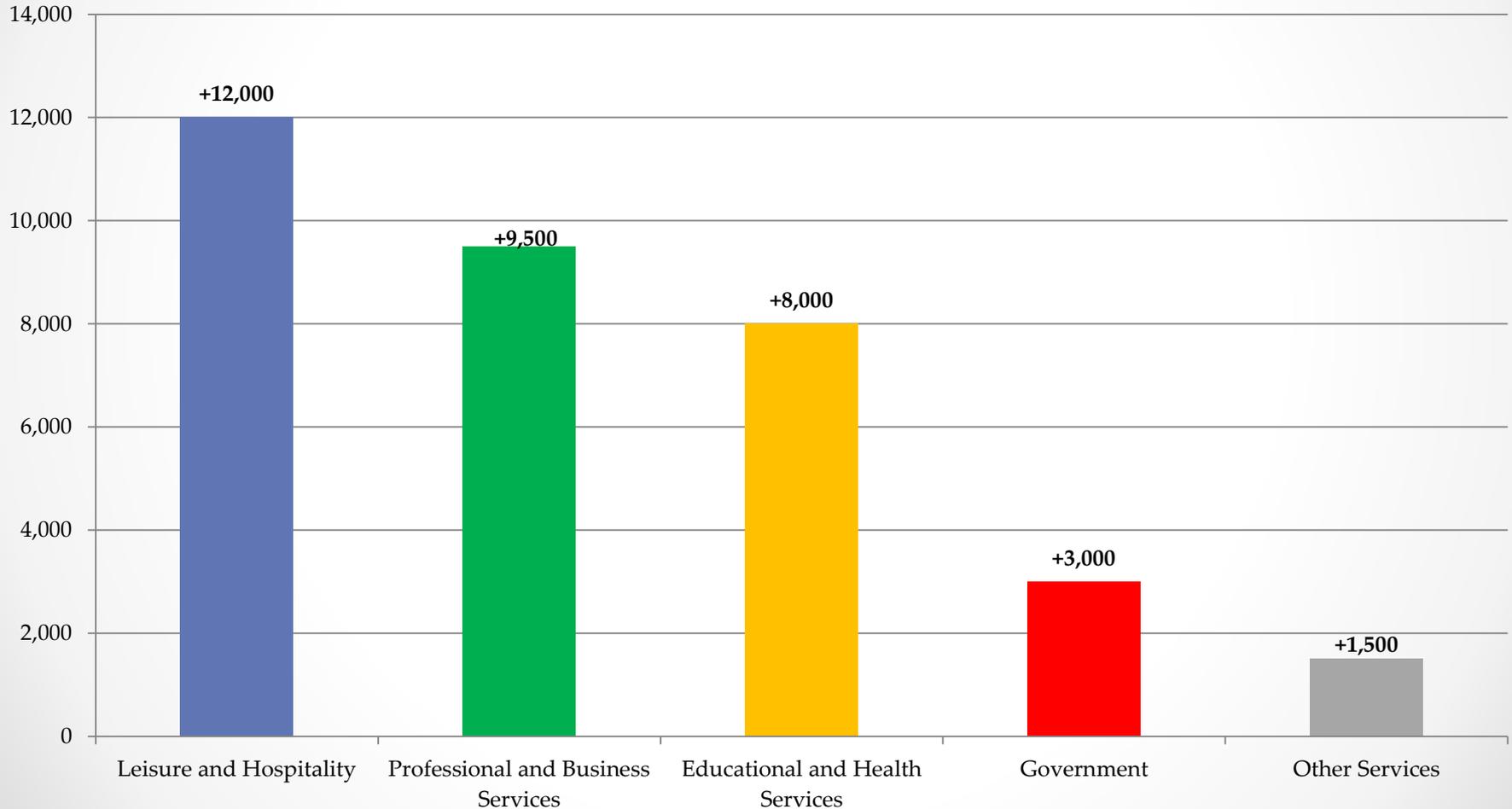




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Top 5 Industry with Highest Employment Increase (Jan.2015 – May 2017)

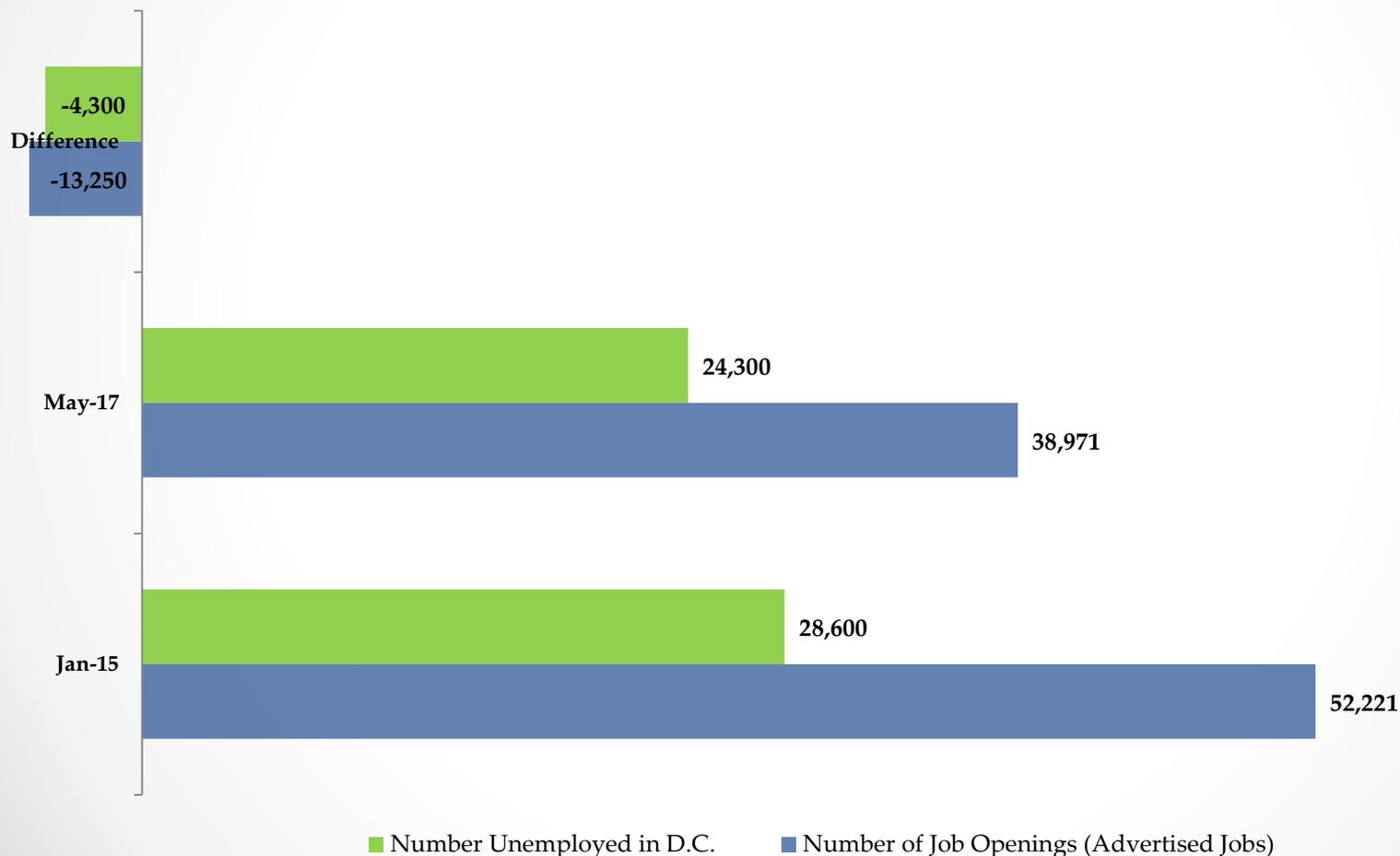




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## Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - May 2017)

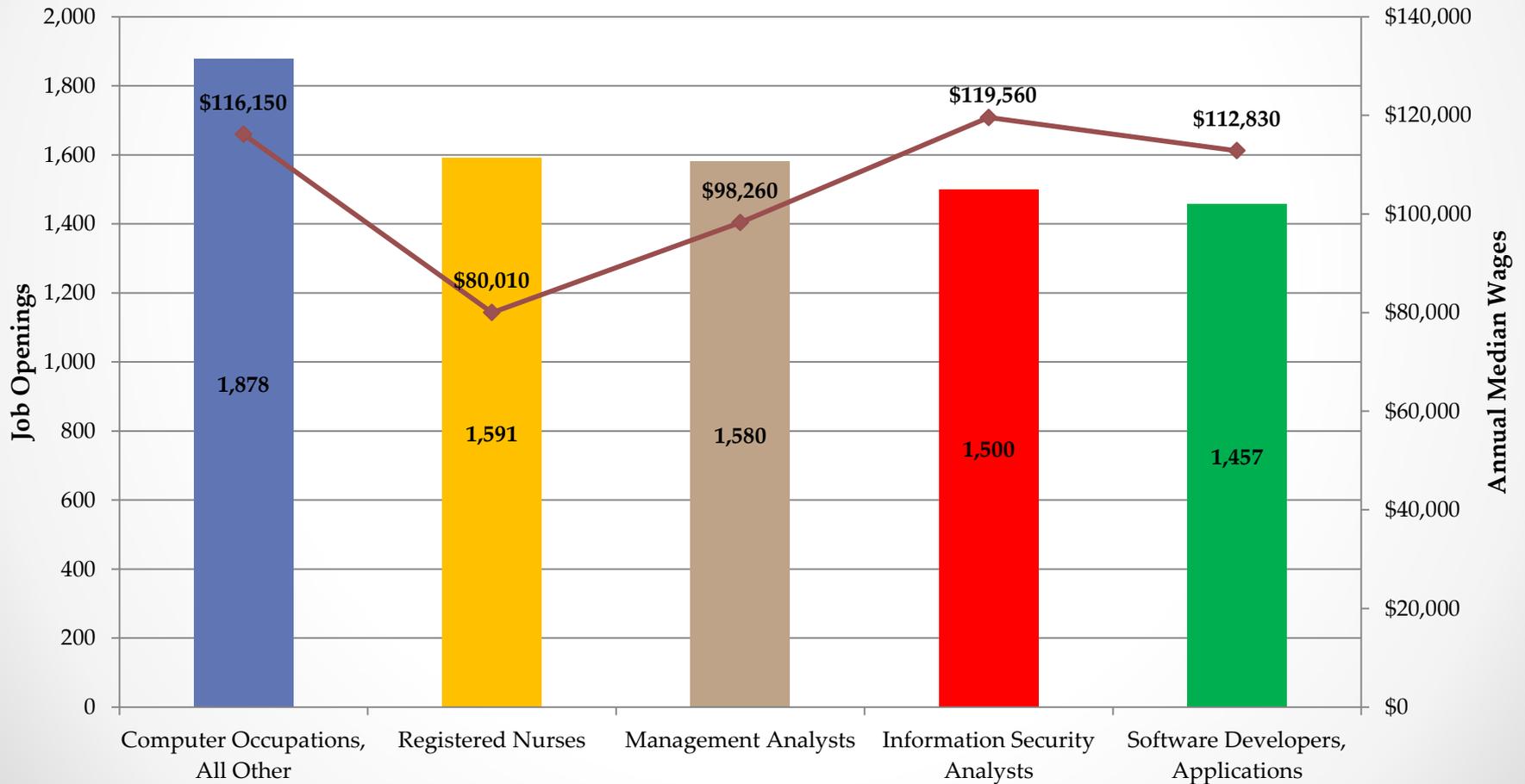




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**Top 5 Job Openings: January 2015 - May 2017 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)**

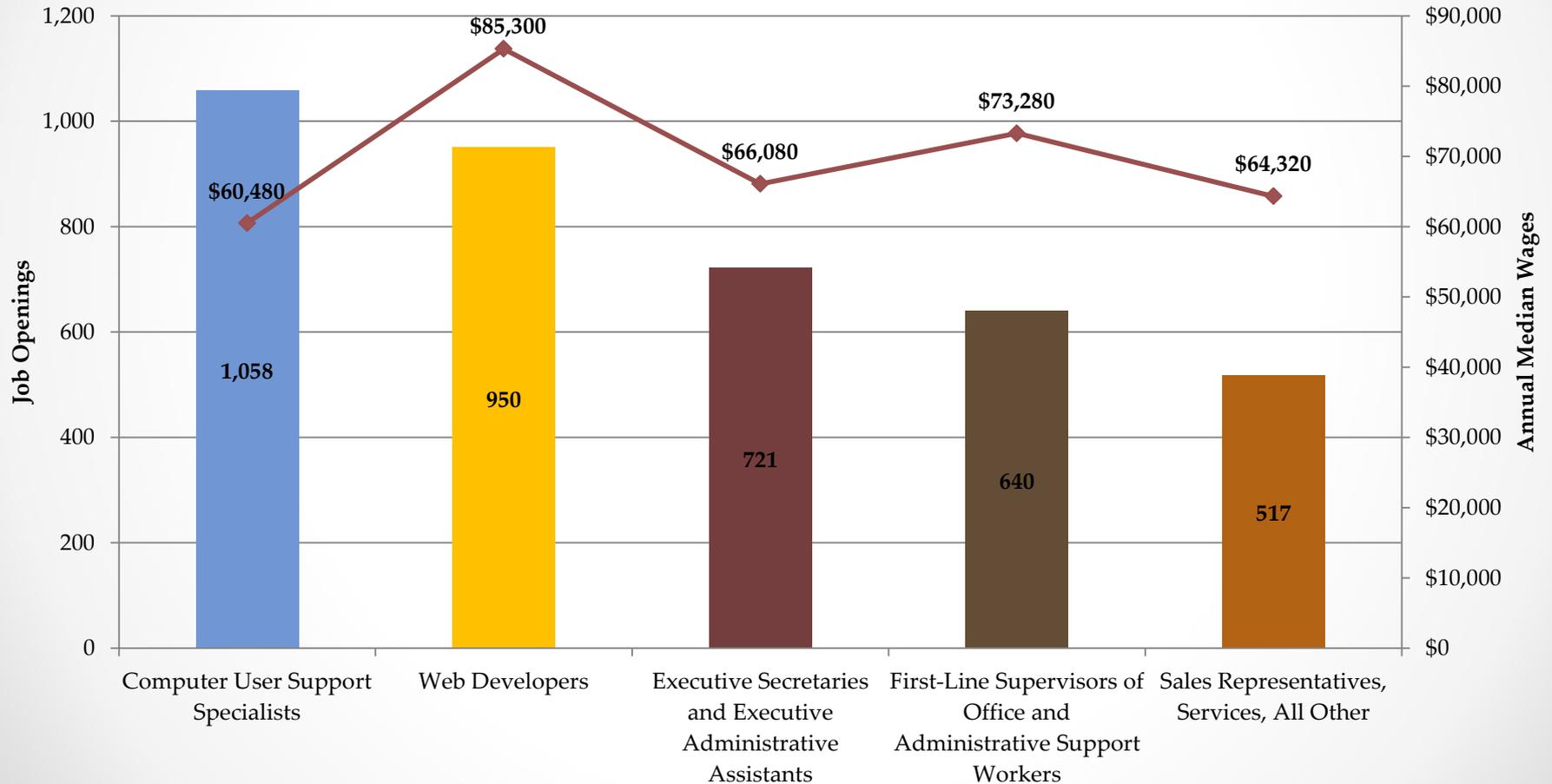




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**Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelors Degree: January 2015 - May 2017 (Average Monthly Unique Job Openings)**





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