



**Department of Employment Services**  
*Washington, DC's lead workforce development and labor agency*

---

# D.C. Labor Market Indicators: October 2017

Odie Donald II, Director

Dr. Unique Morris-Hughes, Chief Strategy  
Officer

Saikou A. Diallo, Chief Economist

**Prepared by the Office of Labor Market Research and  
Information**



# Department of Employment Services

*Washington, DC's lead workforce development and labor agency*

---

## Highlights

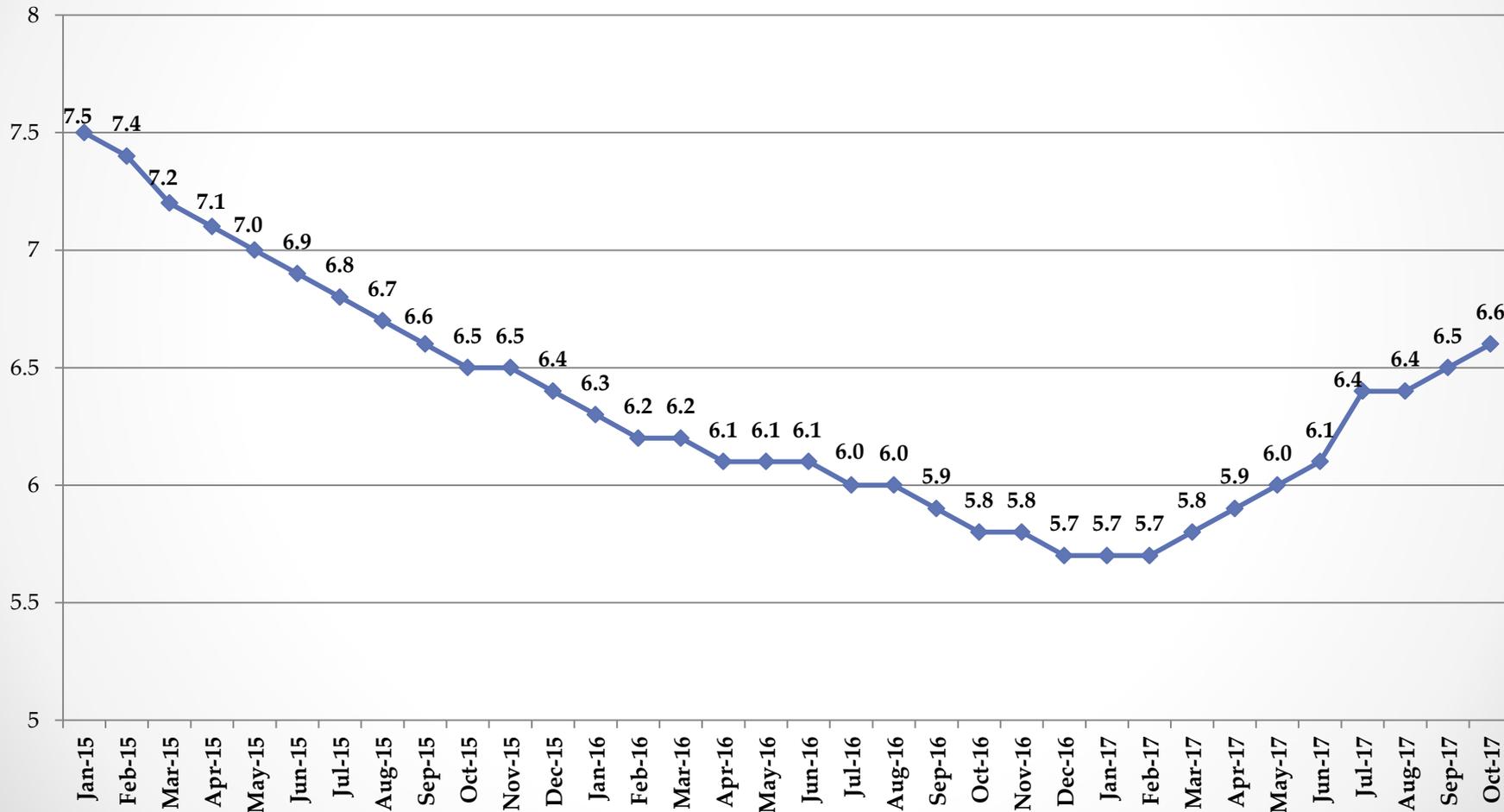
- From January 2015 to October 2017:
  - ❖ The unemployment rate in DC decreased by **0.9** percentage points (or **12.0%** decrease);
  - ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by **1.0** percentage points (**7.8%** decrease) and **1.1** percentage points (**6.8%** decrease) respectively;
  - ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by **19,000**;
  - ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by **42,000**;
  - ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants decreased by **7.66%**;
  - ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by **2,000** 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 **20 weeks**;
  - ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by **40,100** new jobs or **7.71%** increase from January 2015;
  - ❖ Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase by industry with **12,500** since January 2015;
  - ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Computer Occupations, All Other; with an average monthly opening of **1,684**;
  - ❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor's degree is Computer User Support Specialists; with an average monthly opening of **923**.



# Department of Employment Services

*Washington, DC's lead workforce development and labor agency*

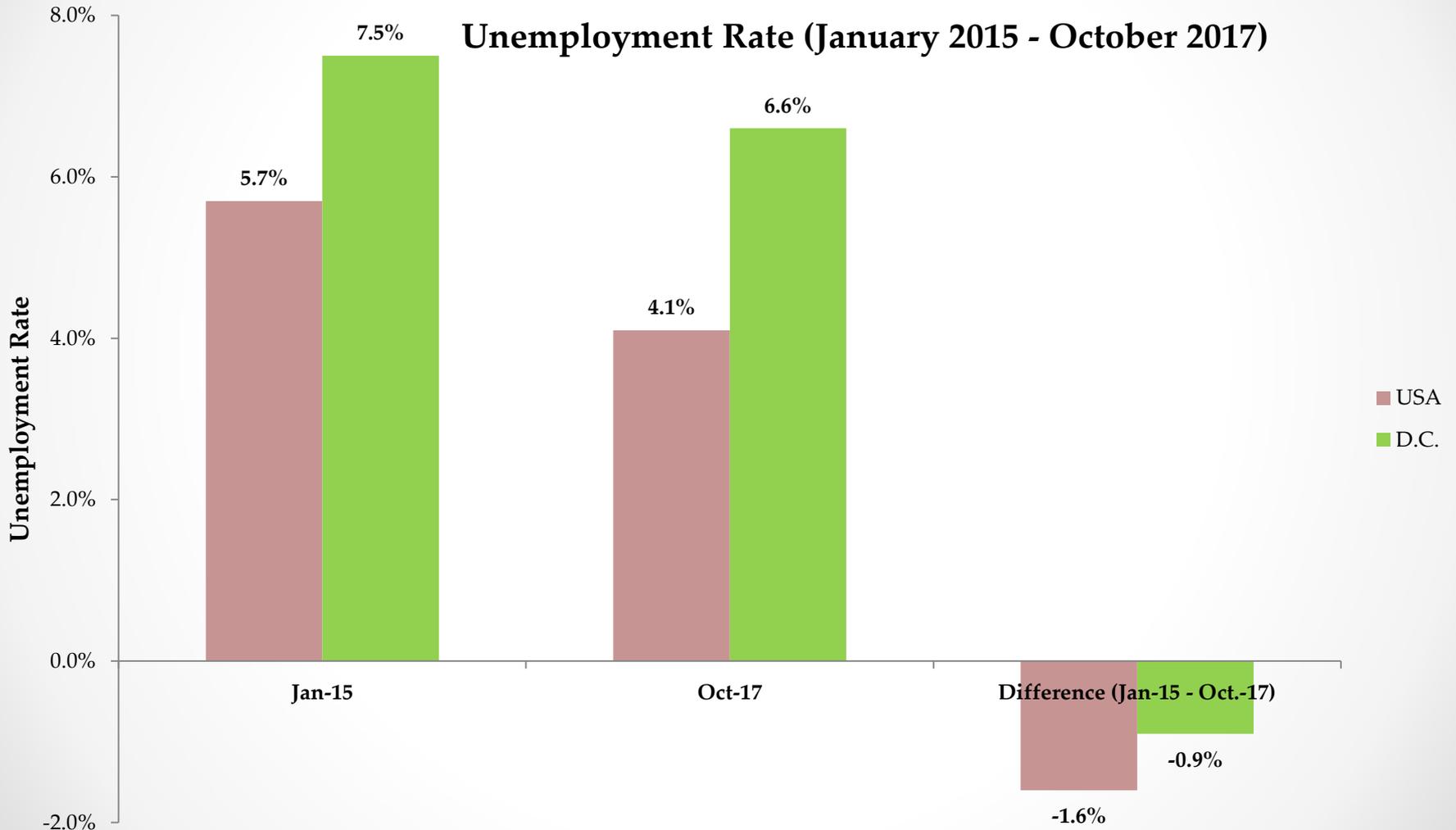
## The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Oct. 2017



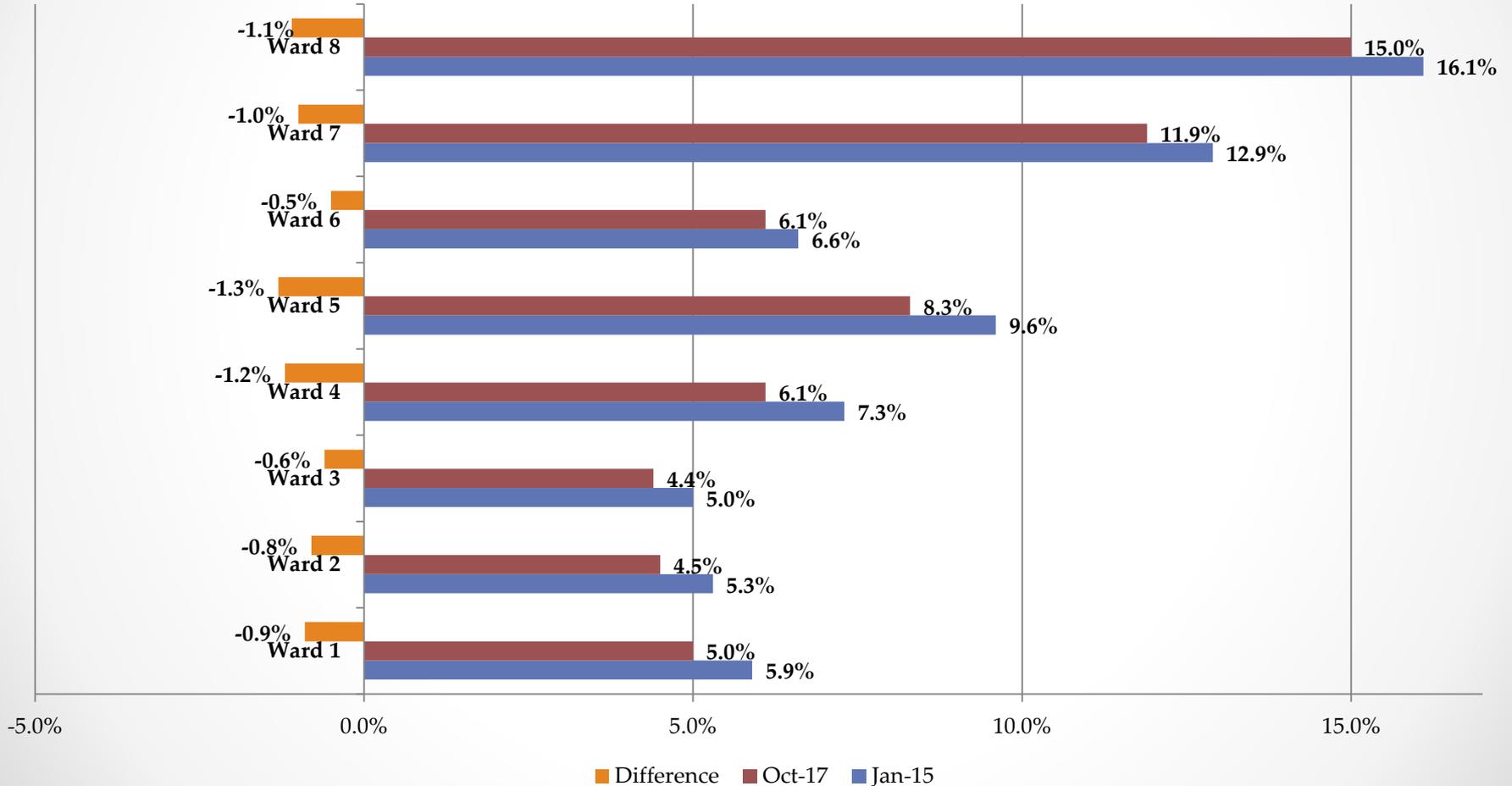


# Department of Employment Services

Washington, DC's lead workforce development and labor agency



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

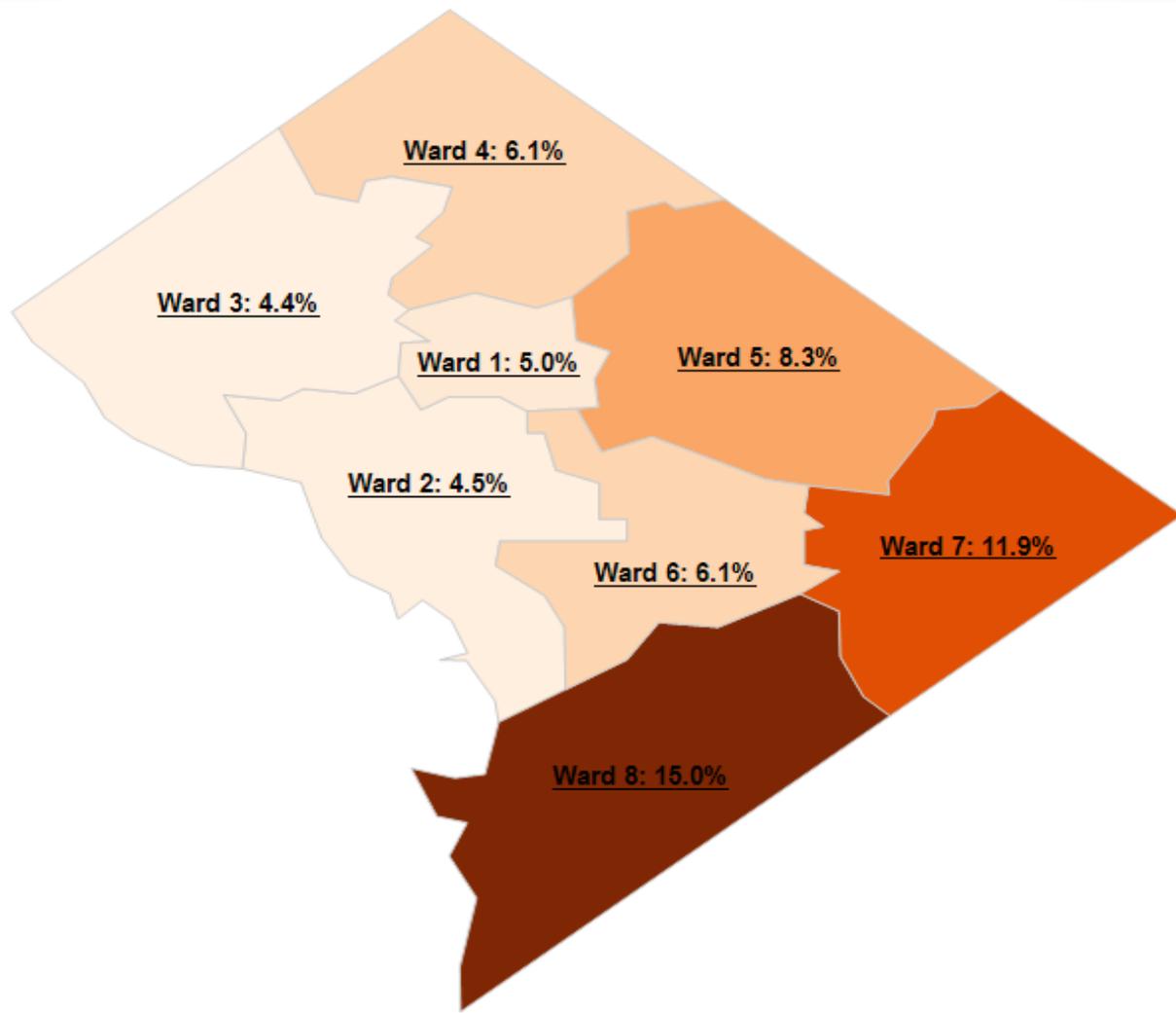


# Department of Employment Services

*Washington, DC's lead workforce development and labor agency*

---

## Unemployment Rate by Ward: October 2017

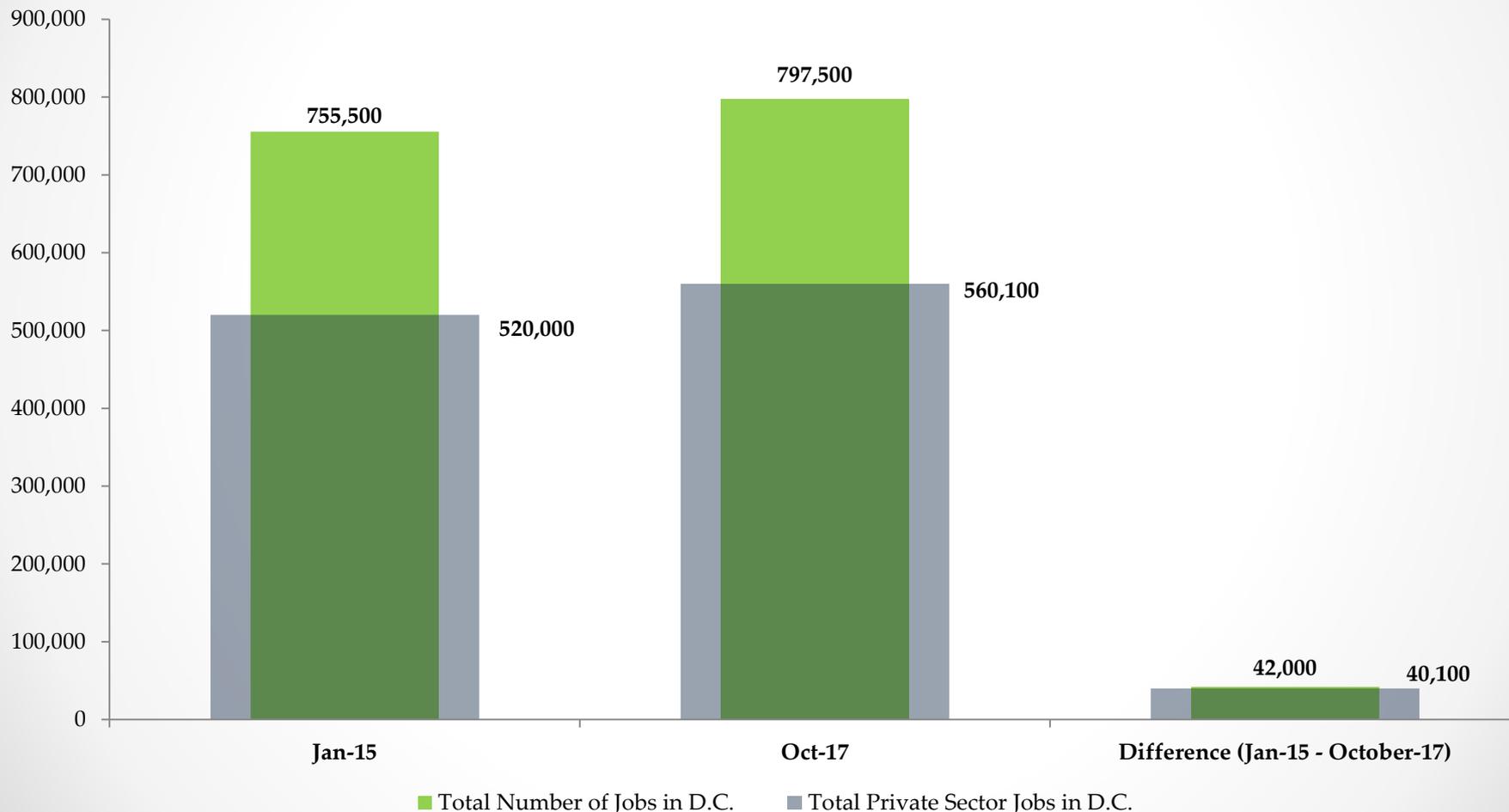




# Department of Employment Services

*Washington, DC's lead workforce development and labor agency*

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

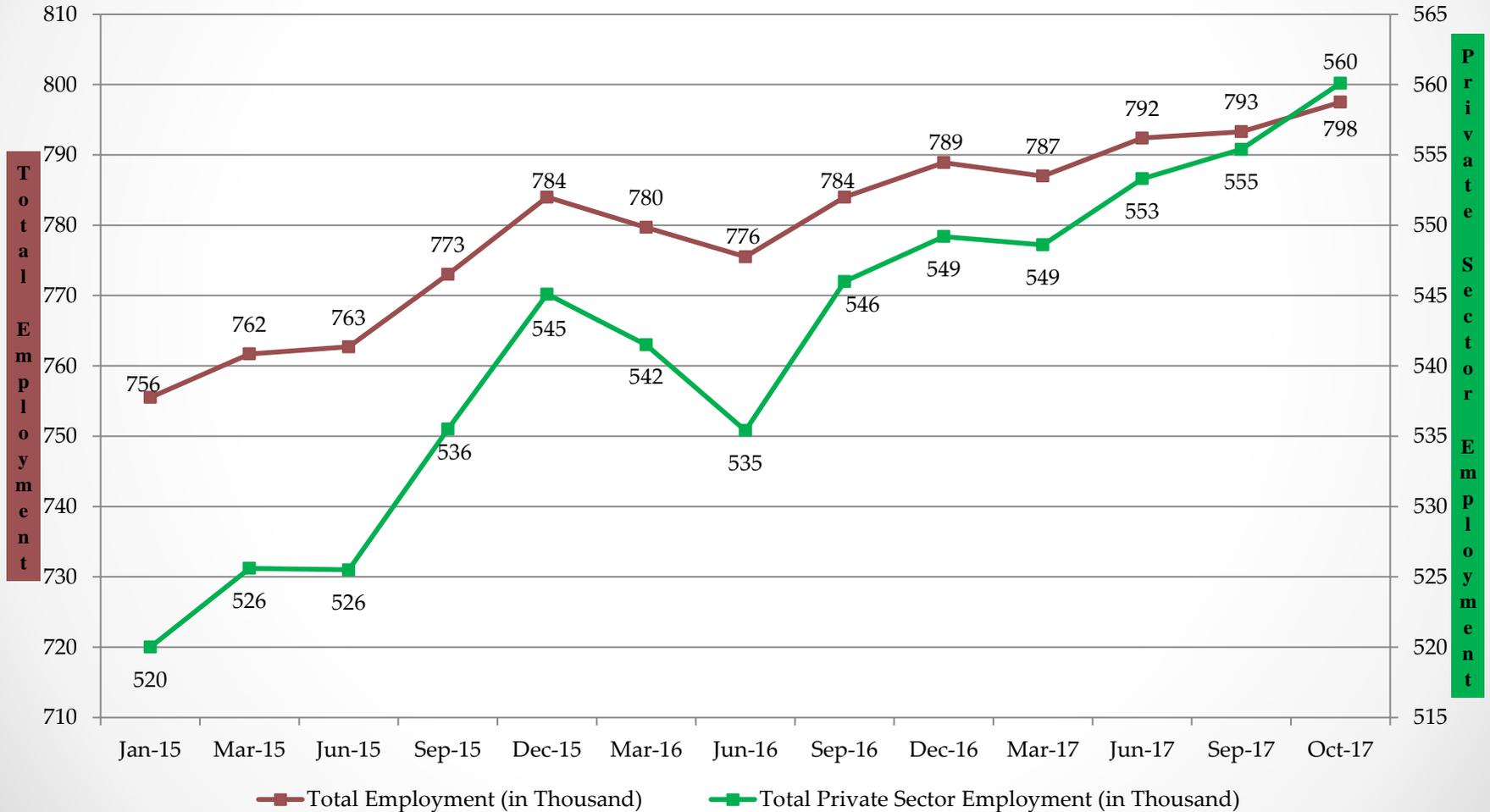




# Department of Employment Services

Washington, DC's lead workforce development and labor agency

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

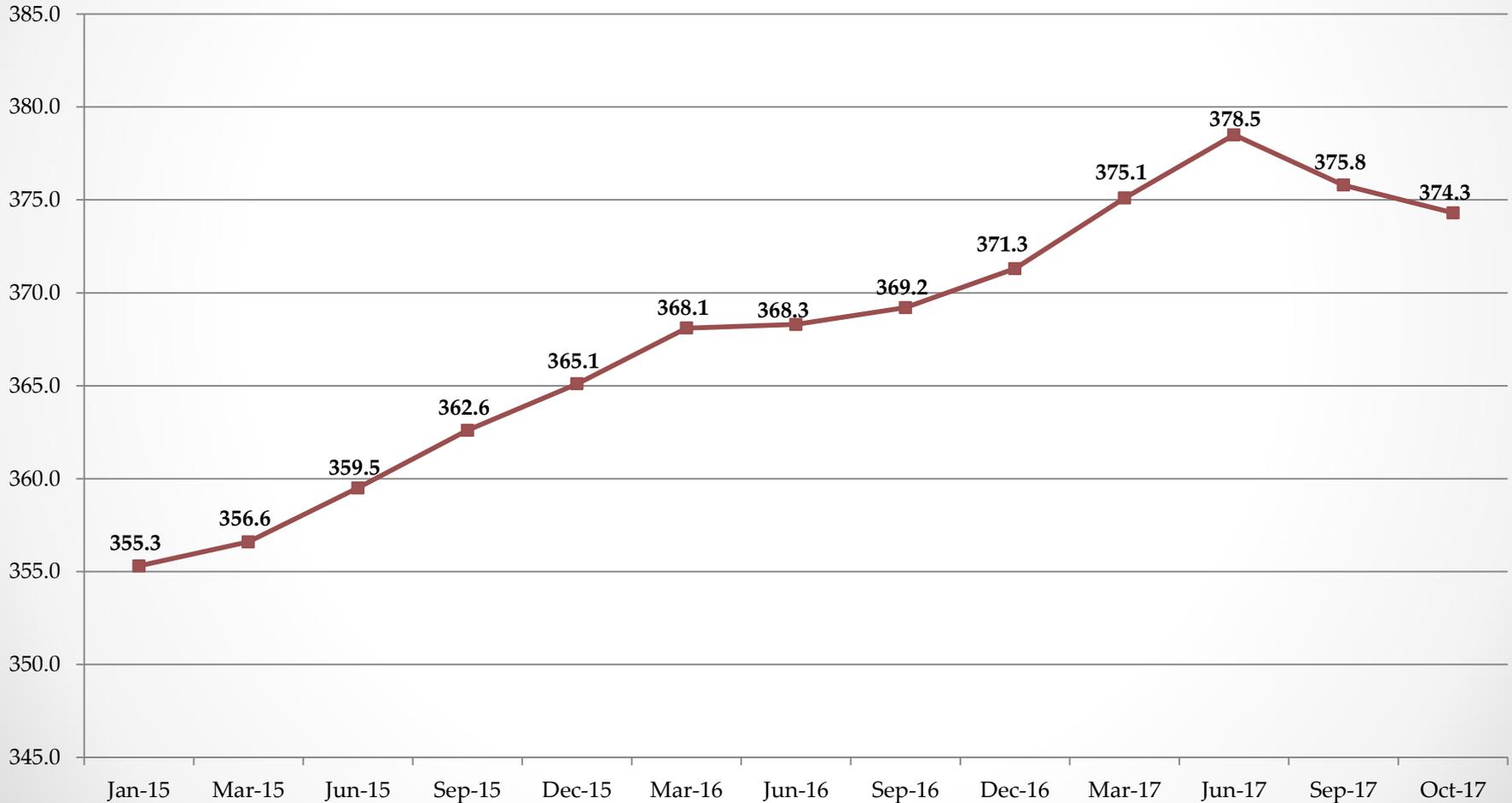




# Department of Employment Services

*Washington, DC's lead workforce development and labor agency*

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

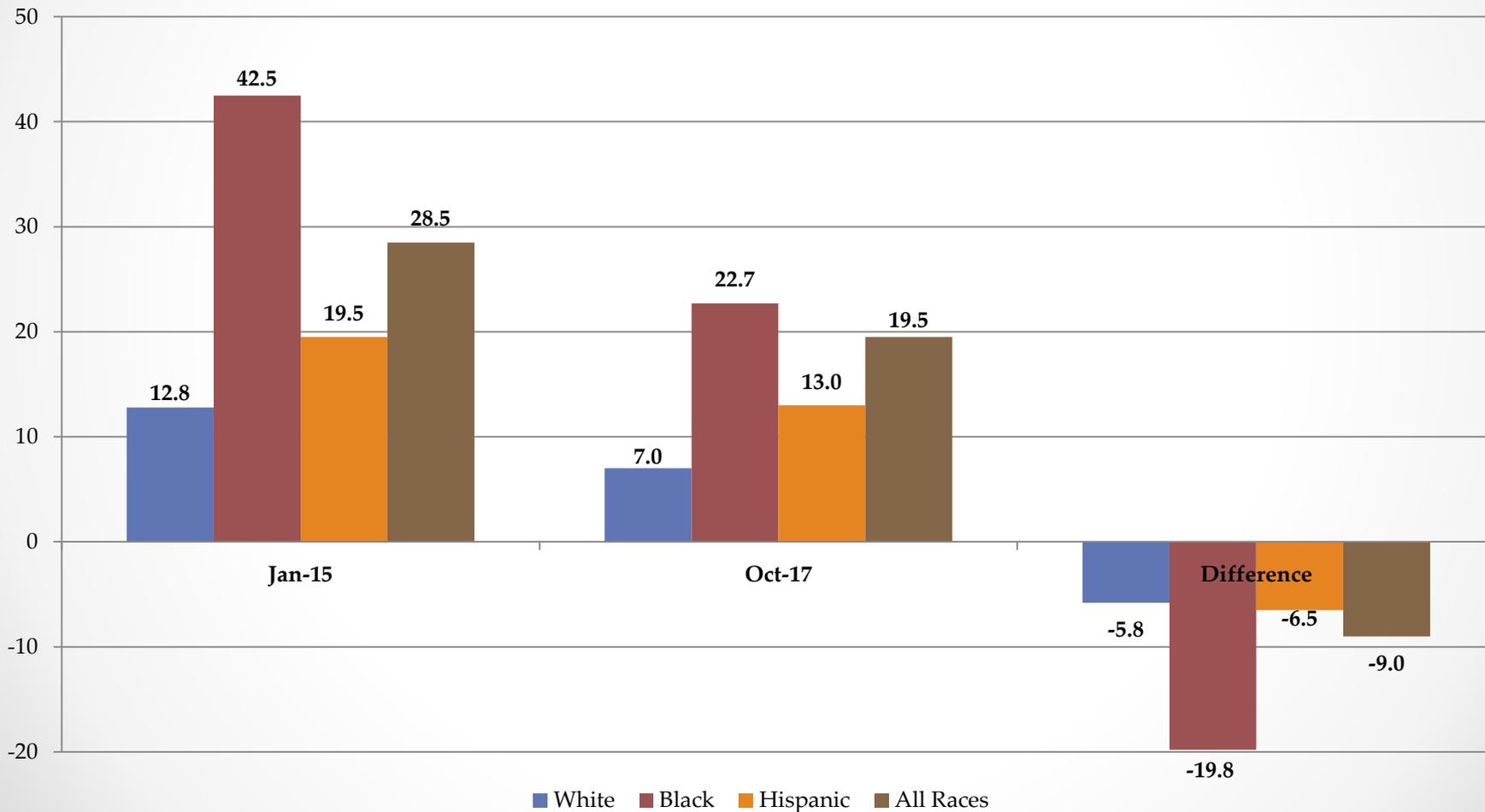




# Department of Employment Services

*Washington, DC's lead workforce development and labor agency*

Median Duration of Unemployment (Jan. 2015 – Oct. 2017)

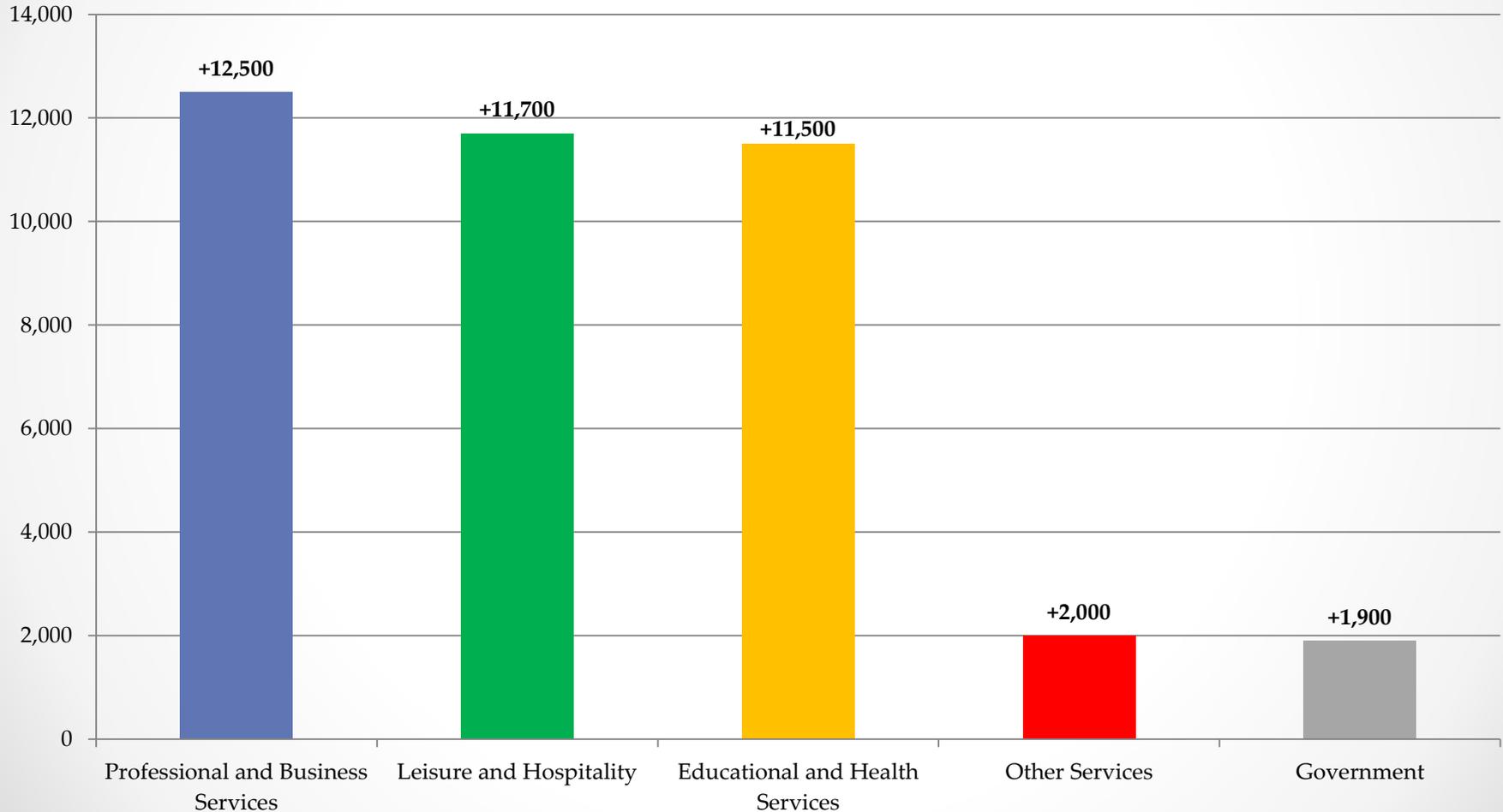




# Department of Employment Services

*Washington, DC's lead workforce development and labor agency*

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

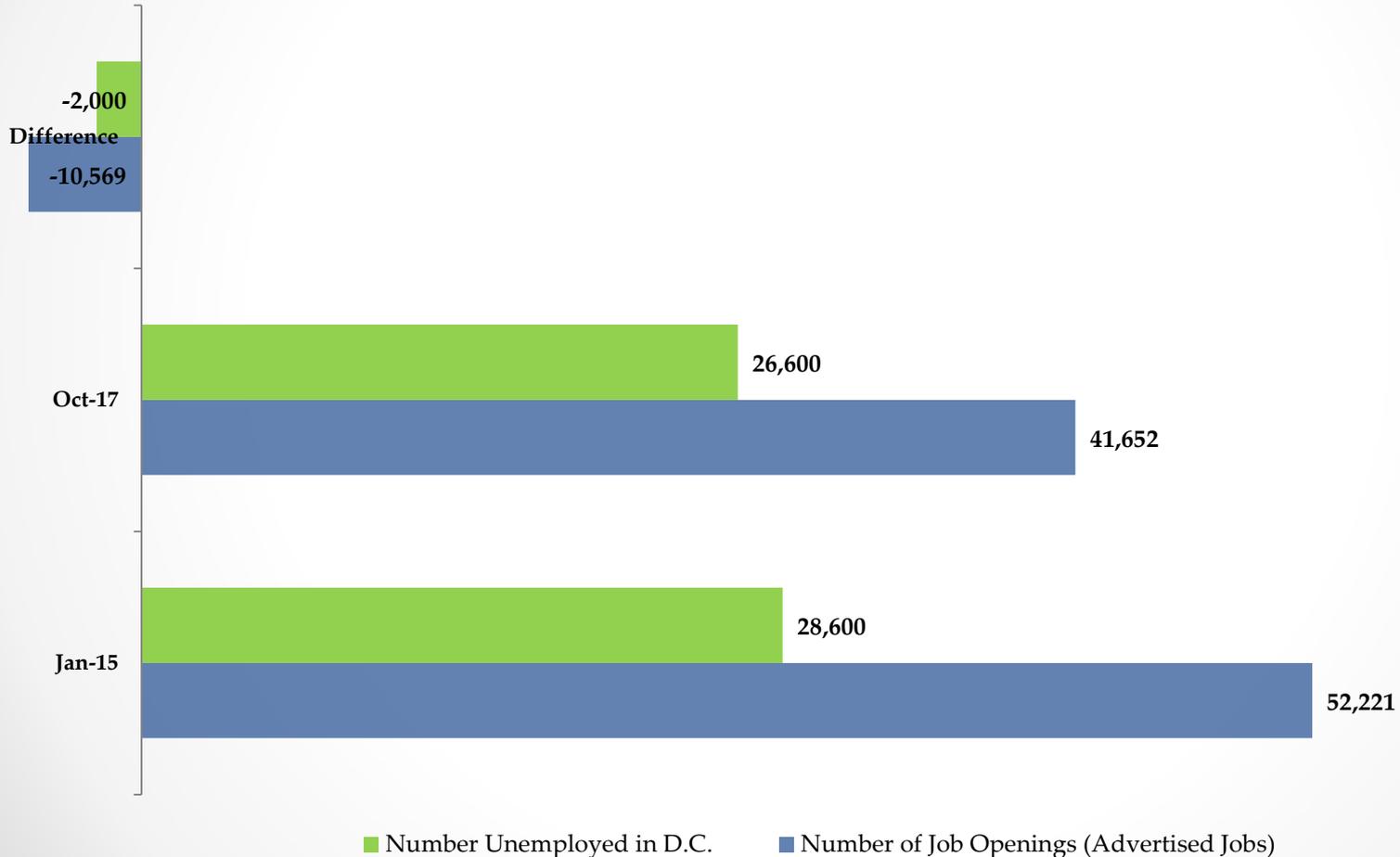




# Department of Employment Services

*Washington, DC's lead workforce development and labor agency*

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

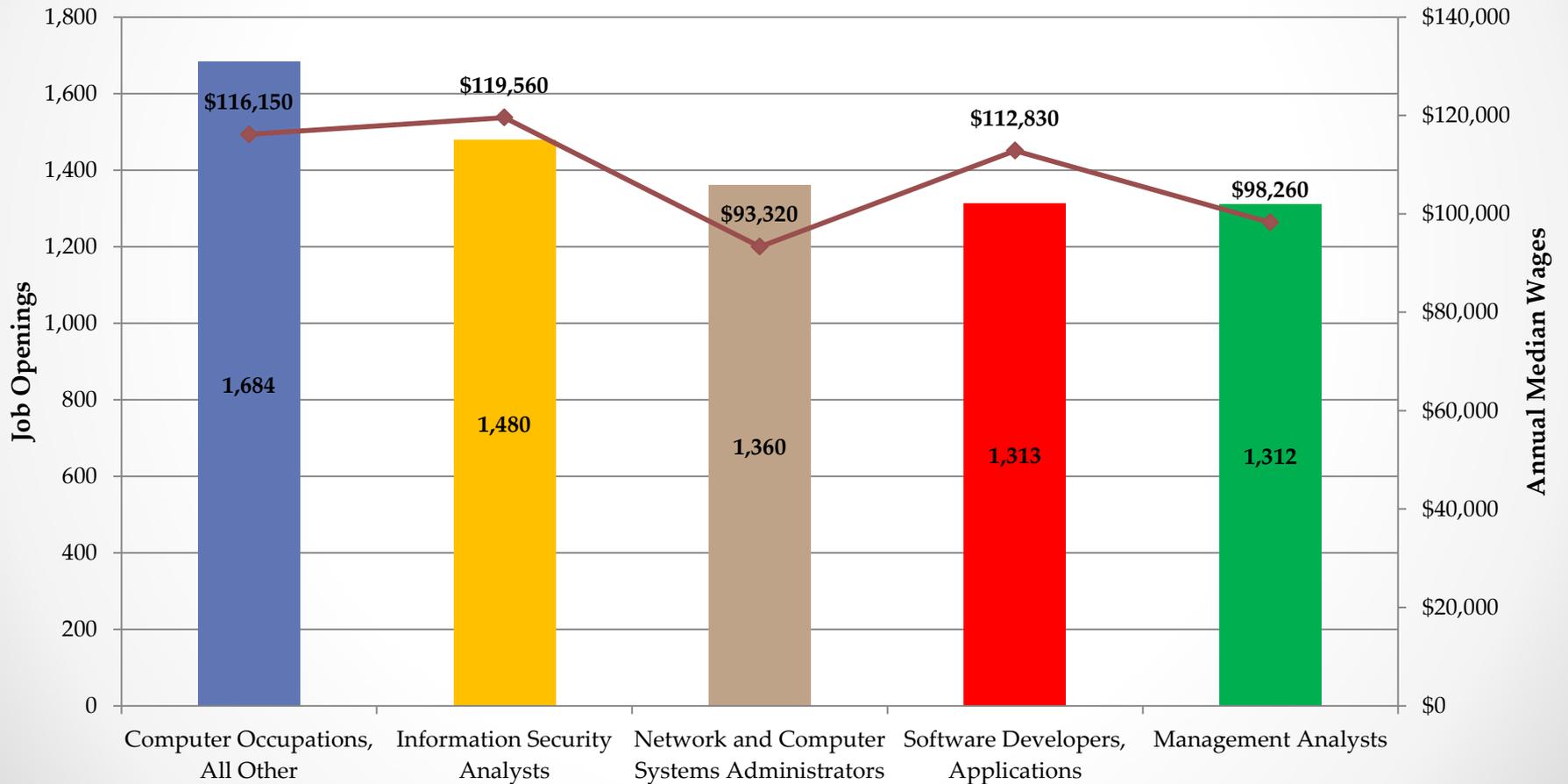




# Department of Employment Services

Washington, DC's lead workforce development and labor agency

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

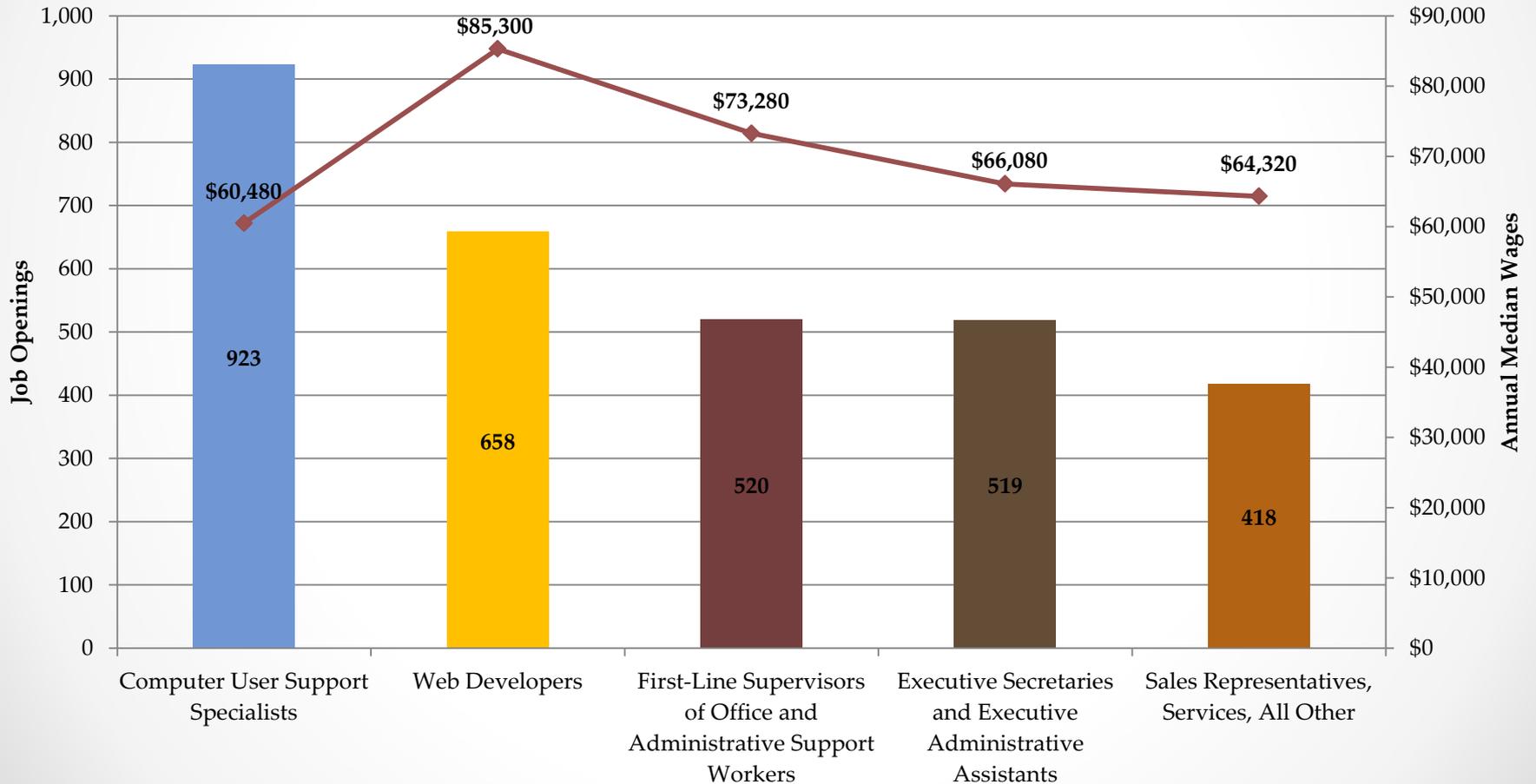




# Department of Employment Services

*Washington, DC's lead workforce development and labor agency*

**Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2015 - October 2017 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)**





# Department of Employment Services

*Washington, DC's lead workforce development and labor agency*

---

## Contact Information

- Opeyemi Fasakin, Labor Economist
- Thomas Tsegaye, Junior Economist
- **Email:** [Imi.does@dc.gov](mailto:Imi.does@dc.gov)
- **Phone:** (202) 671-1633
- **Website:** [www.does.dc.gov](http://www.does.dc.gov)
- <http://does.dc.gov/page/labor-statistics>