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# D.C. Labor Market Indicators: September 2017

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## Highlights

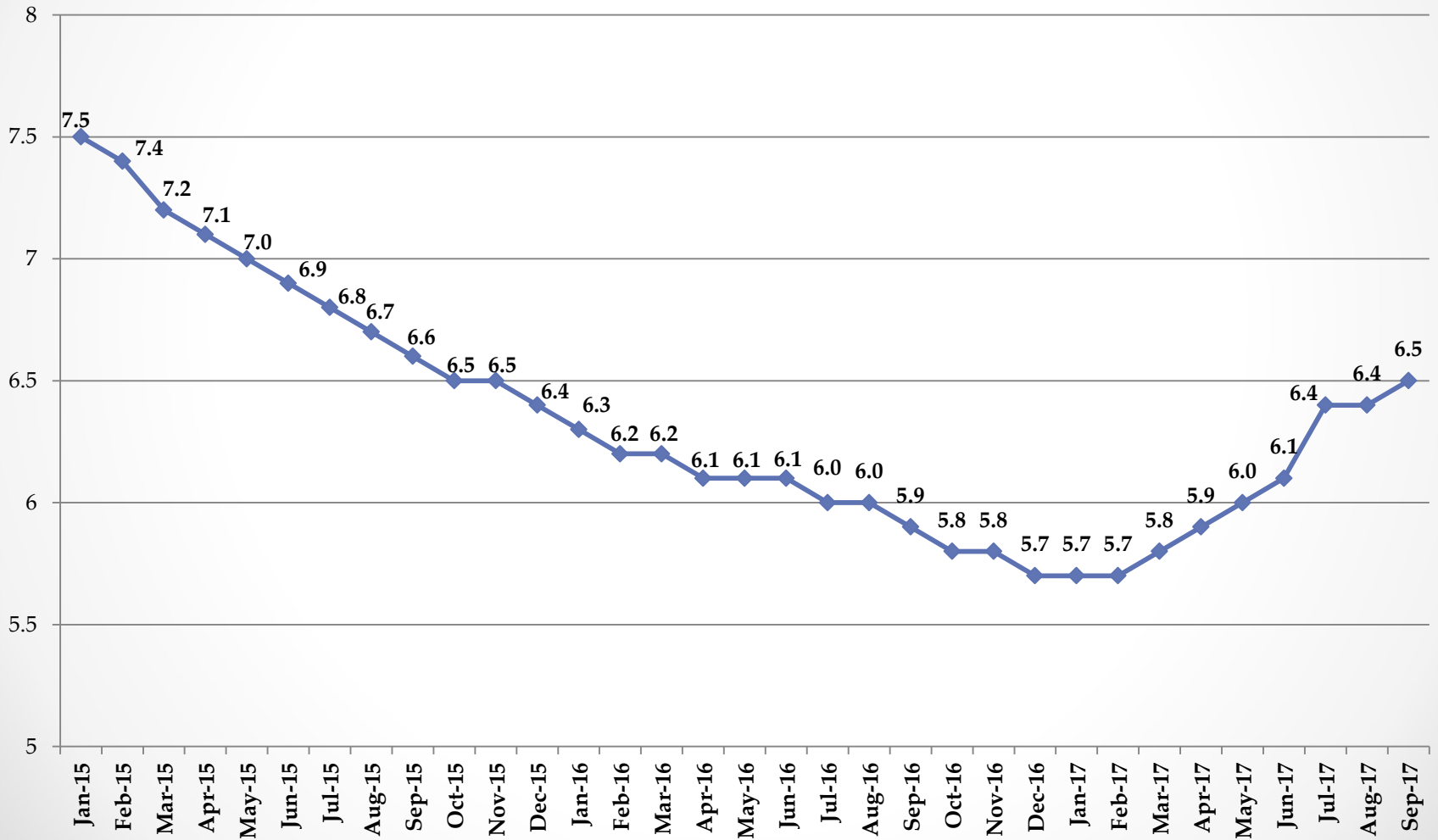
- From January 2015 to September 2017:
  - ❖ The unemployment rate in DC decreased by **1.0** percentage points (or **13.3%** decrease);
  - ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by **0.9** percentage points (**7.0%** decrease) and **1.2** percentage points (**7.5%** decrease) respectively;
  - ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by **20,200**;
  - ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by **34,000**;
  - ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants decreased by **32.40%**;
  - ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by **2,300** 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 **19 weeks**;
  - ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by **31,600** new jobs or **6.08%** increase from January 2015;
  - ❖ Leisure and Hospitality has the highest employment increase by industry with **10,500 since January 2015**;
  - ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Computer Occupations, All Other; with an average monthly opening of **1,871**;
  - ❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor's degree is Computer User Support Specialists; with an average monthly opening of **1,047**.



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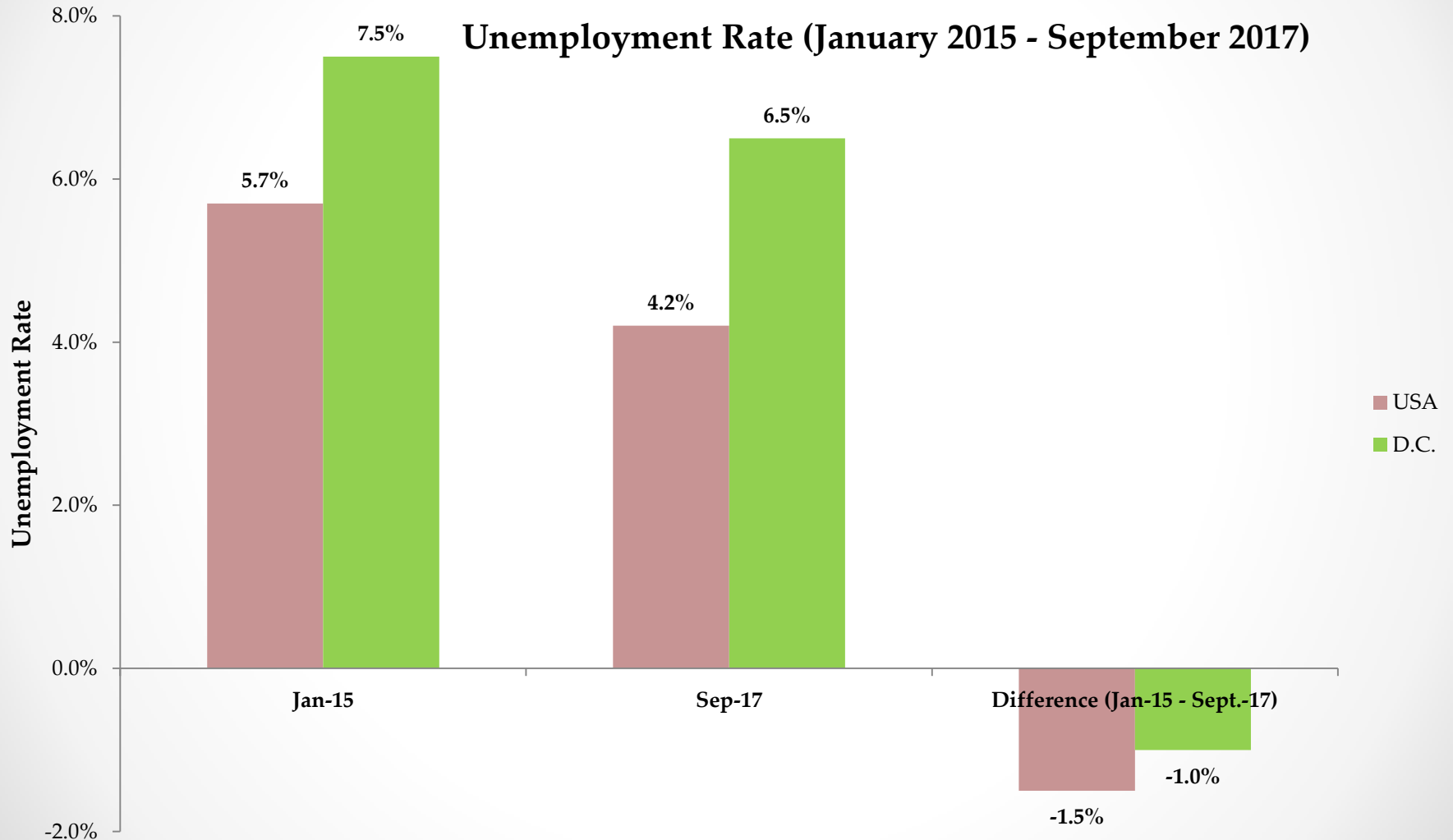
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Sept. 2017



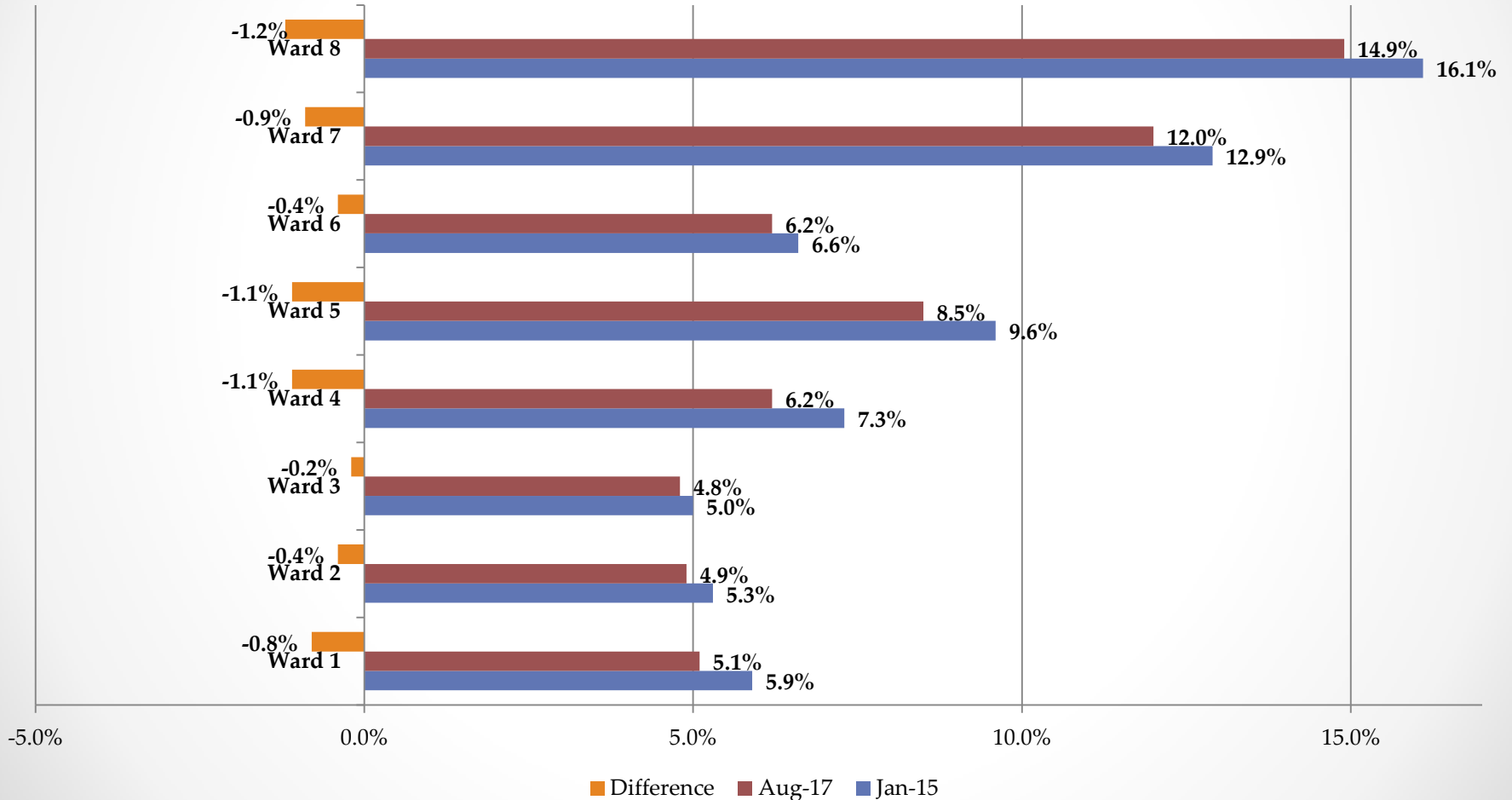


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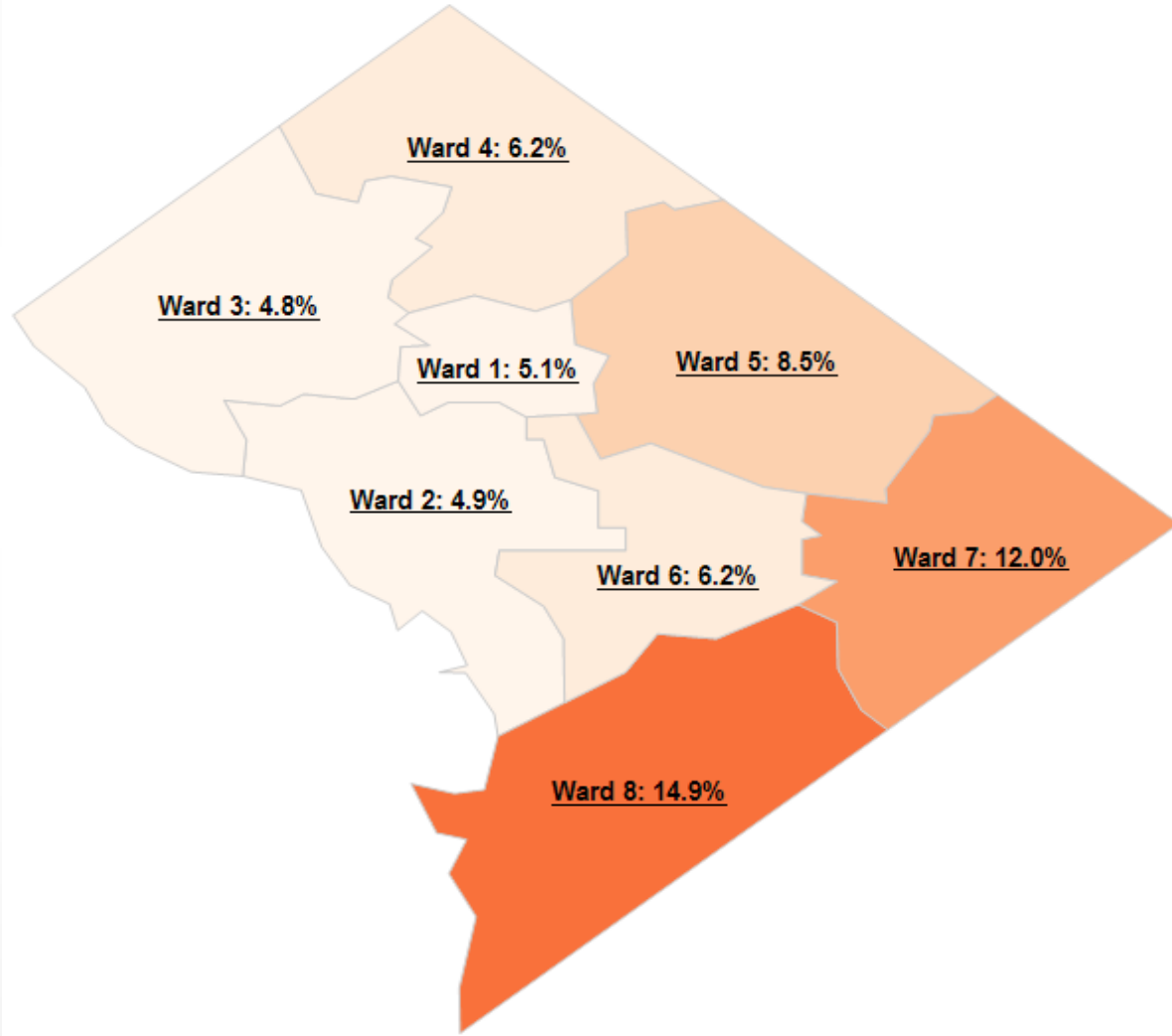
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## Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - September 2017)



## Unemployment Rate by Ward: September 2017

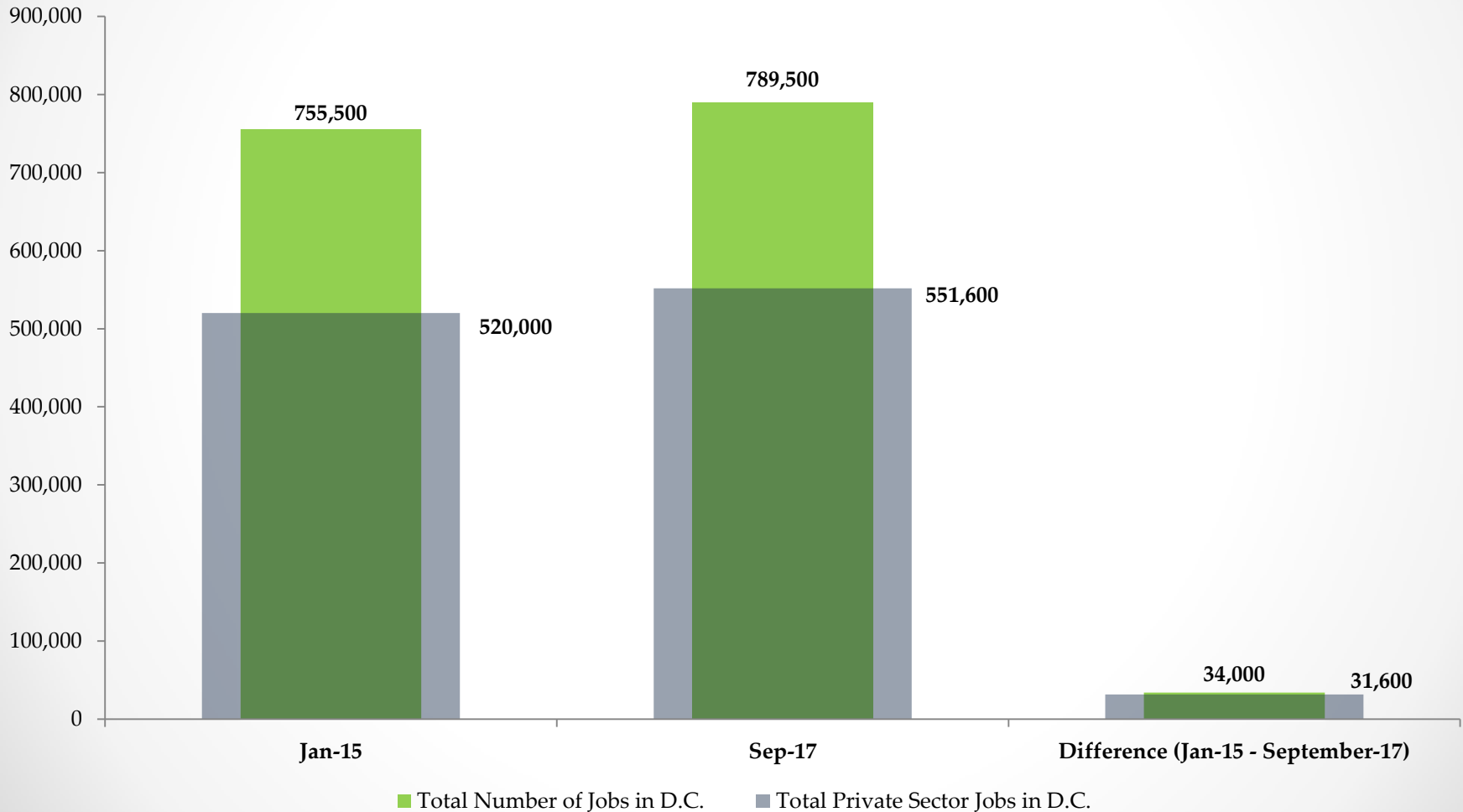




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**Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Sept. 2017)**

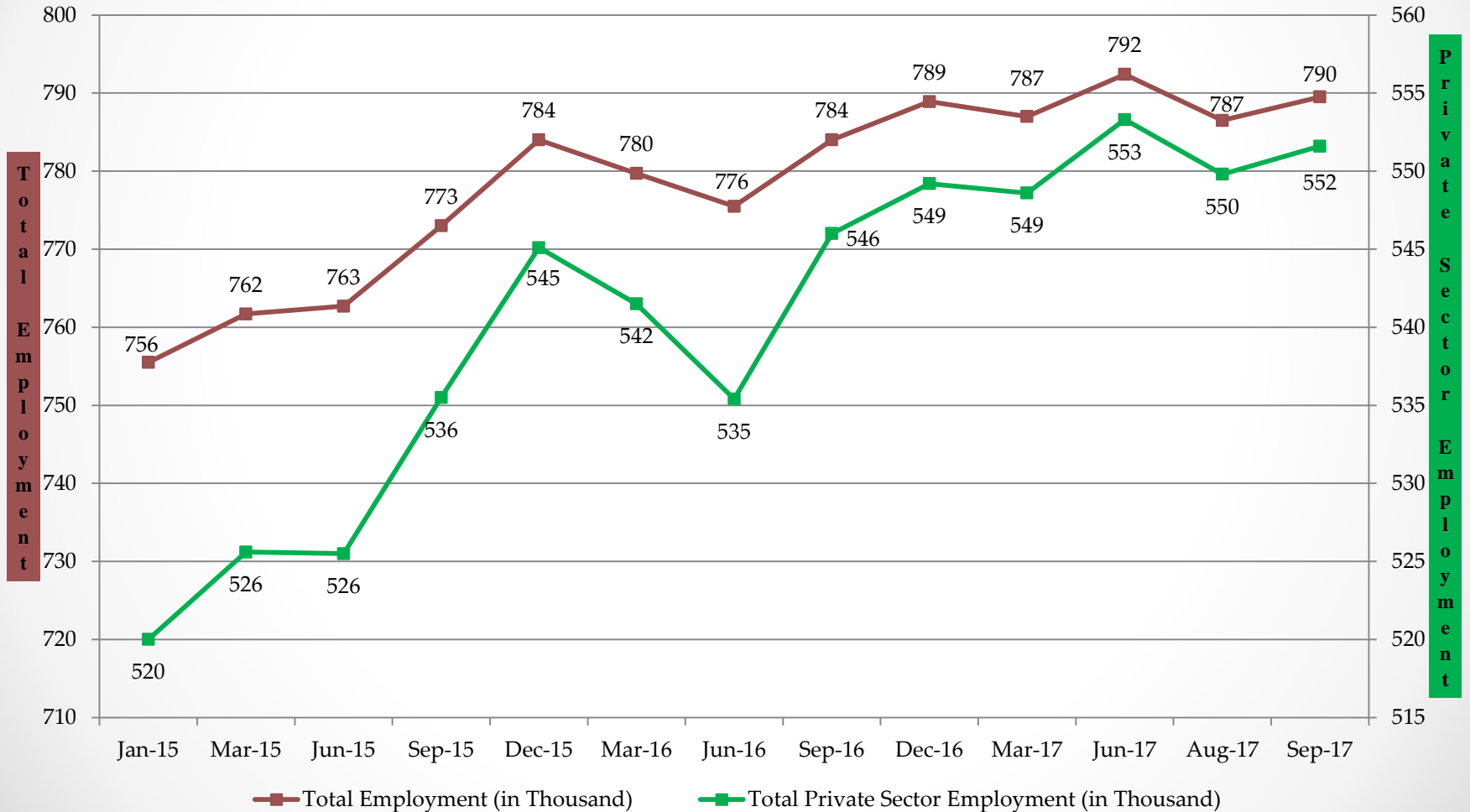




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**Total Employment and Private Sector Employment in D.C. (Jan.2015 - Sept. 2017) (In Thousands)**



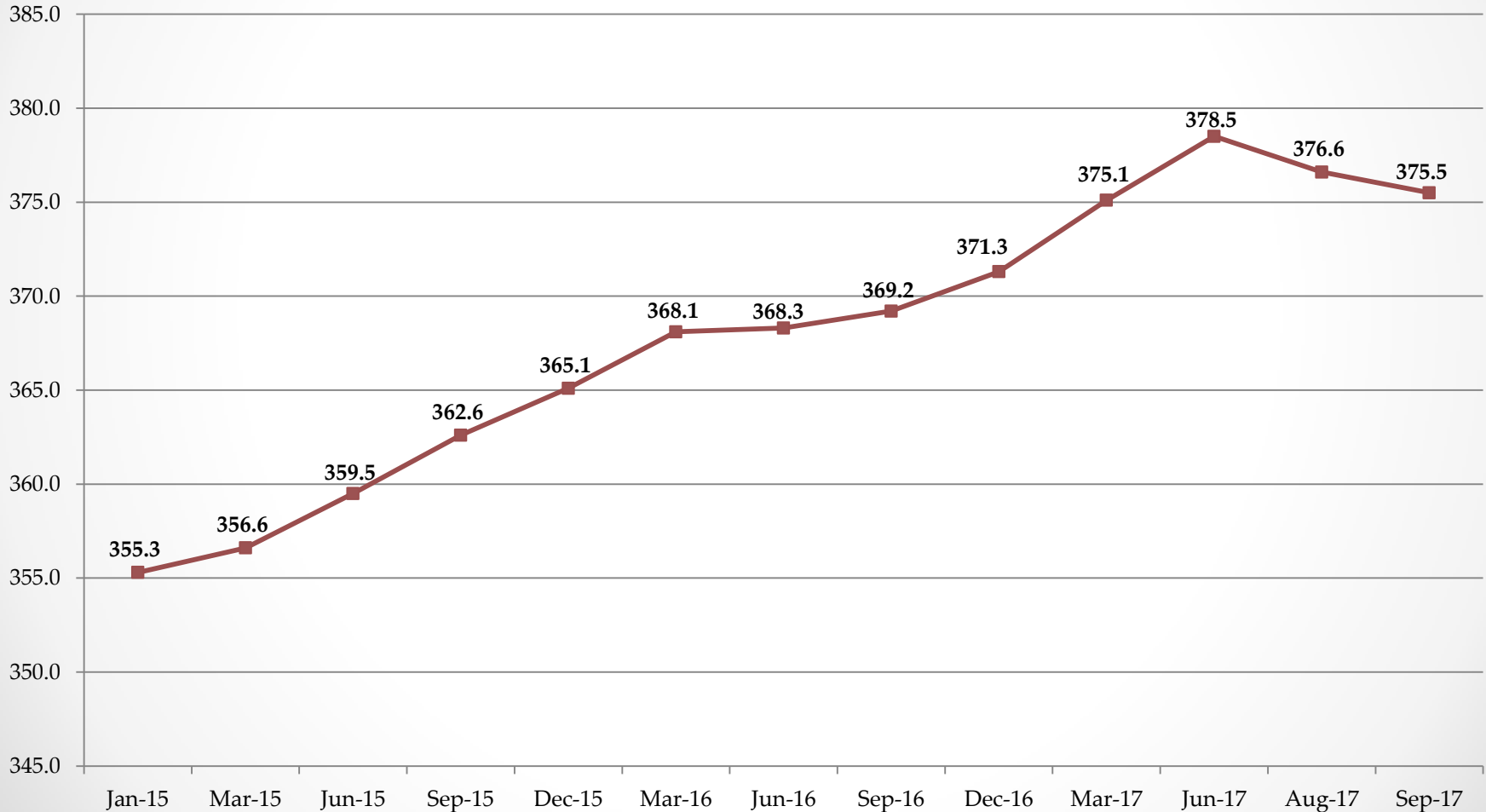




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Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 -Sept. 2017) (In Thousands)

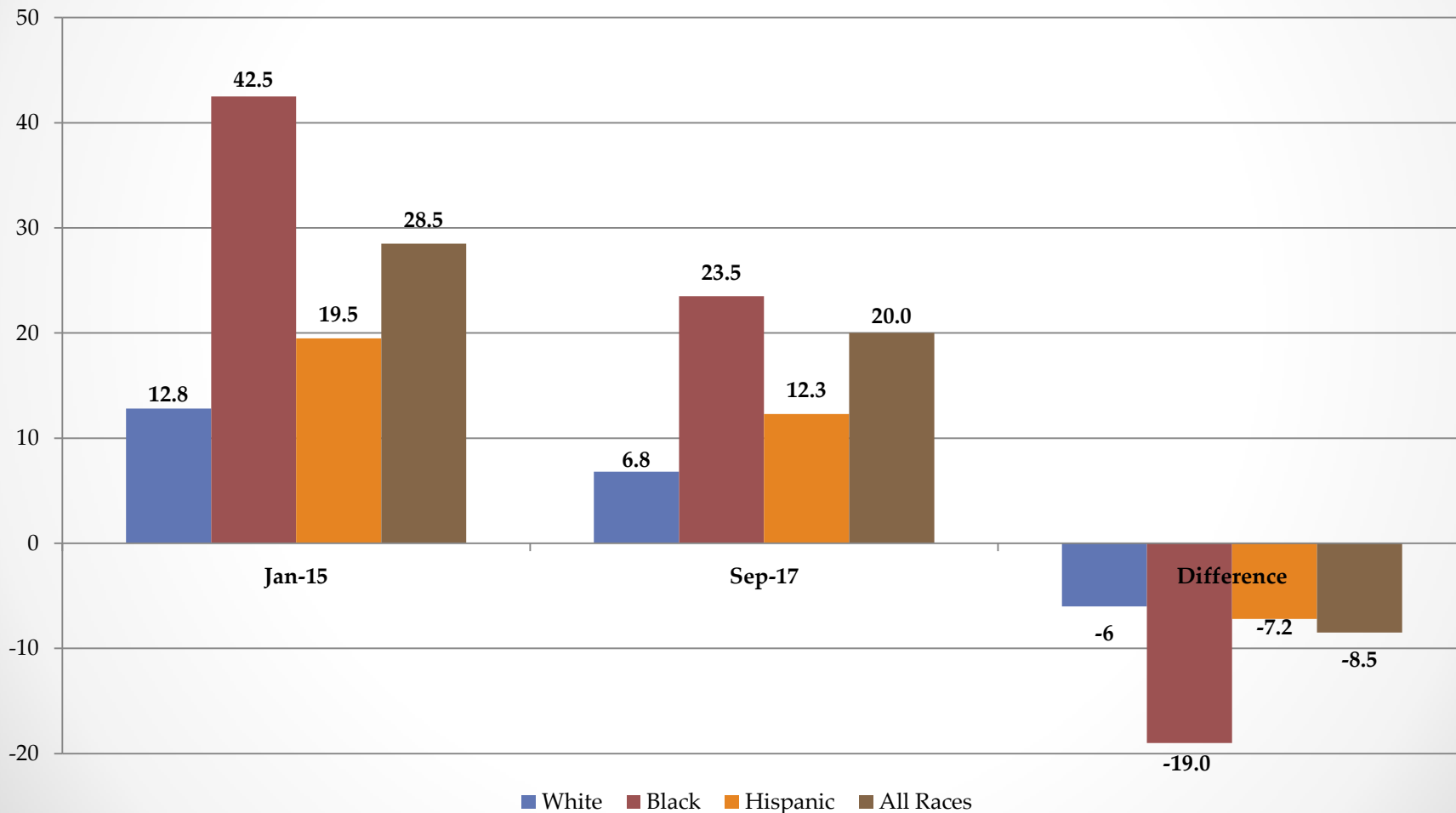




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## Median Duration of Unemployment (Jan. 2015 – Sept. 2017)

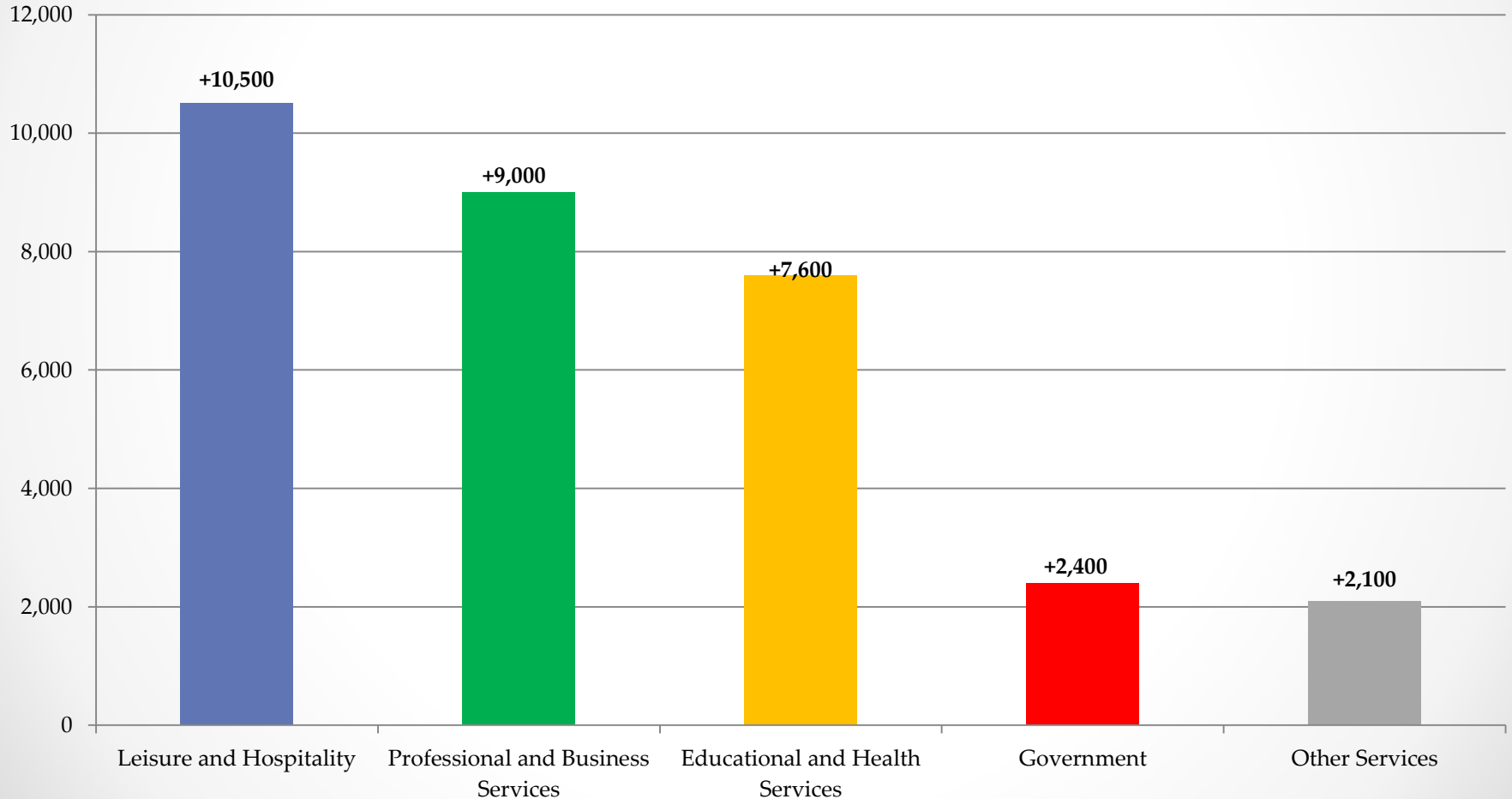




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**Top 5 Industry with Highest Employment Increase (Jan.2015 –Sept. 2017)**

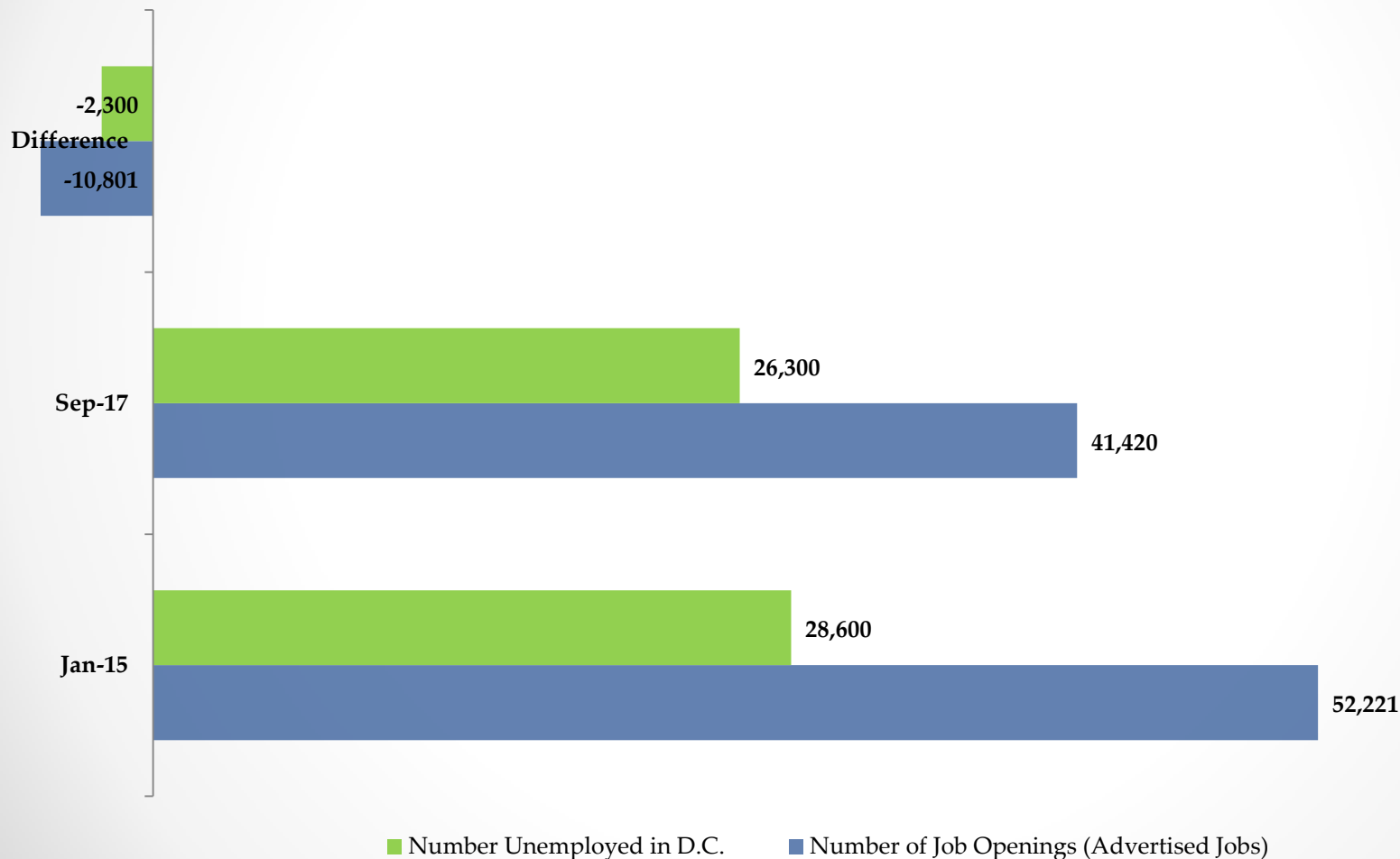




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## Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 -Sept. 2017)

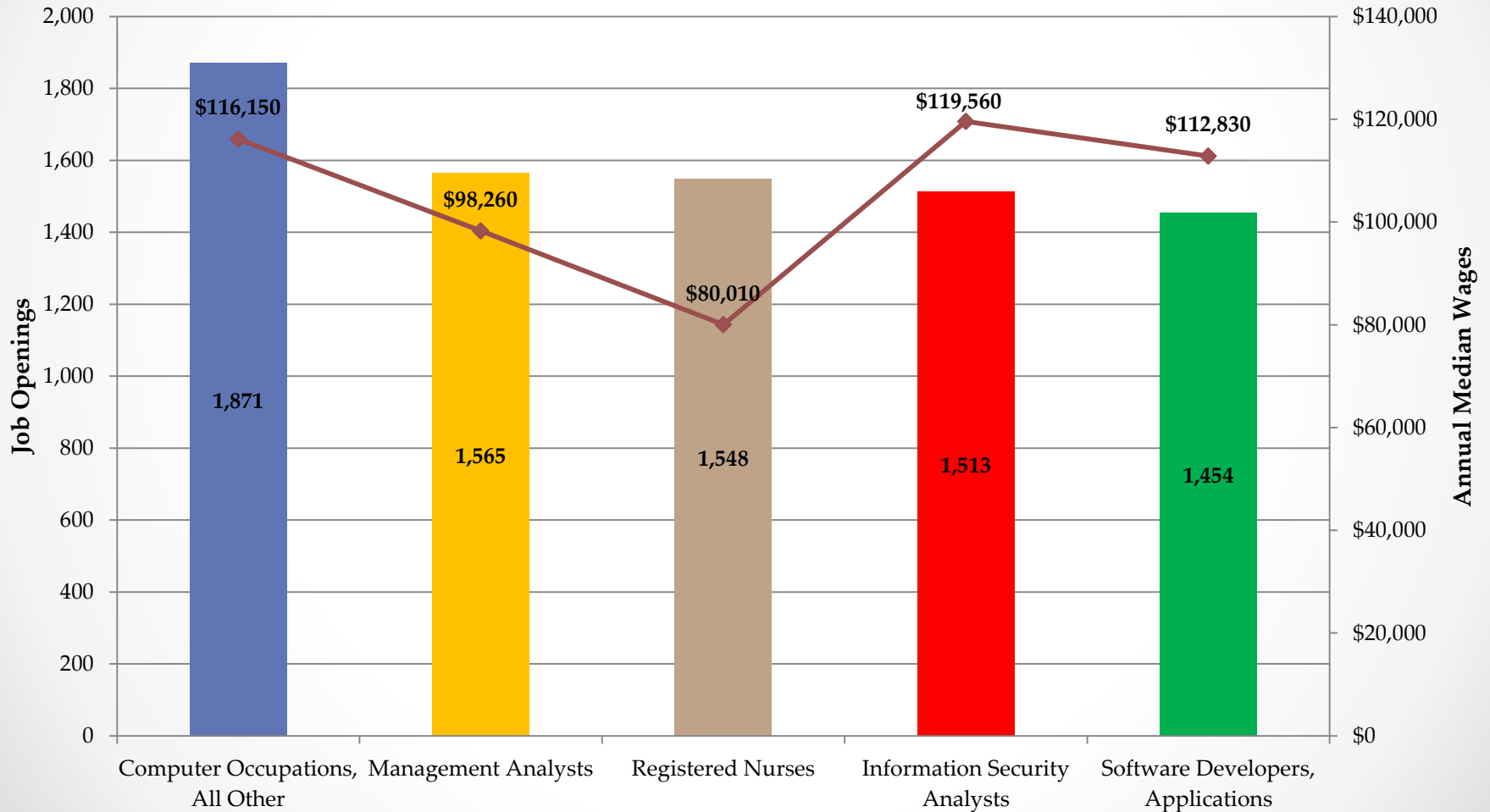




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**Top 5 Job Openings: January 2015 - September 2017 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)**

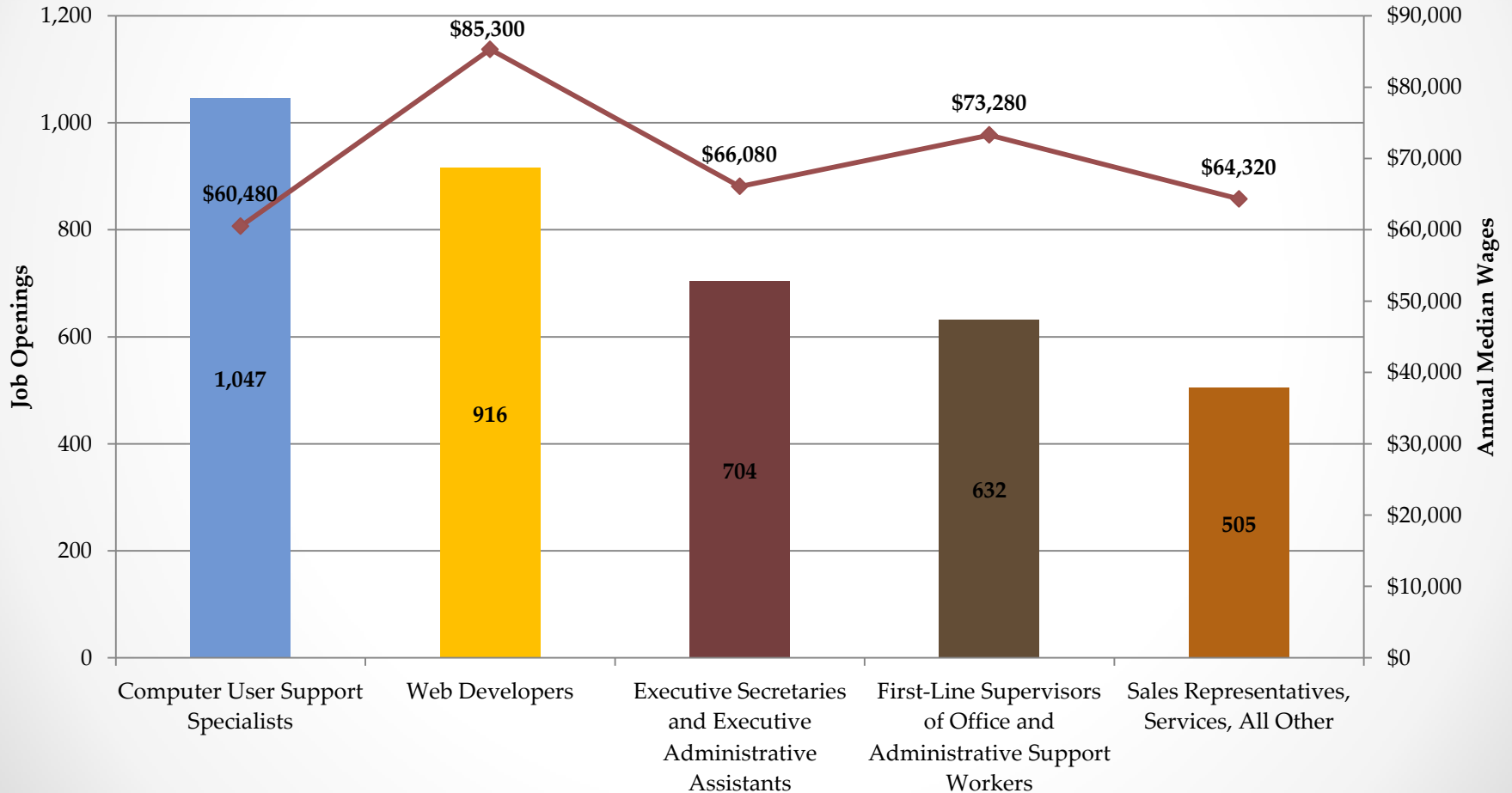




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Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2015 - September 2017 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)





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