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# D.C. Labor Market Indicators: January 2015 - April 2024

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## Highlights

### From January 2015 to April 2024:

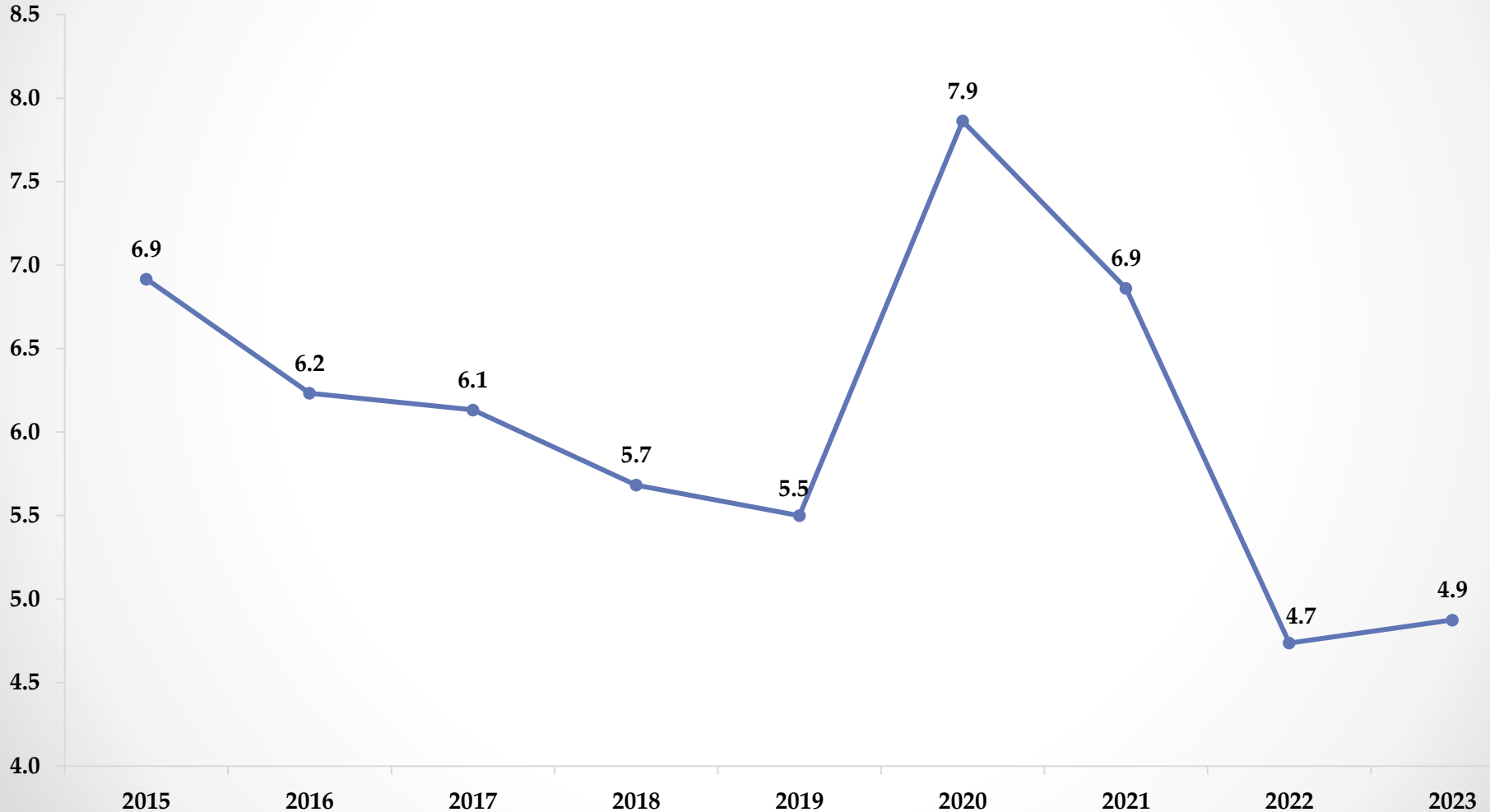
- ❖ The unemployment rate in DC decreased by **2.2** percentage points from **7.4%** to **5.2%**;
- ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by **5.4** percentage points (**12.9%** to **7.5%**) and **7.1** percentage points (**16.1%** to **9.0%**) respectively;
- ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by **29,600**;
- ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by **19,300**;
- ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants decreased by **12.59%**;
- ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by **7,100** people;
- ❖ The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by **19.8** weeks;
- ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by **21,400** jobs (**4.18%** increase);
- ❖ Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase among industries with employment increased by **15,800**;
- ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Computer Occupations, All Other with an average monthly postings of **769** jobs;
- ❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor's degree is Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal Medical & Executive with an average monthly postings of **437** jobs.



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D.C. Annual Average Unemployment Rate (2015-2023)

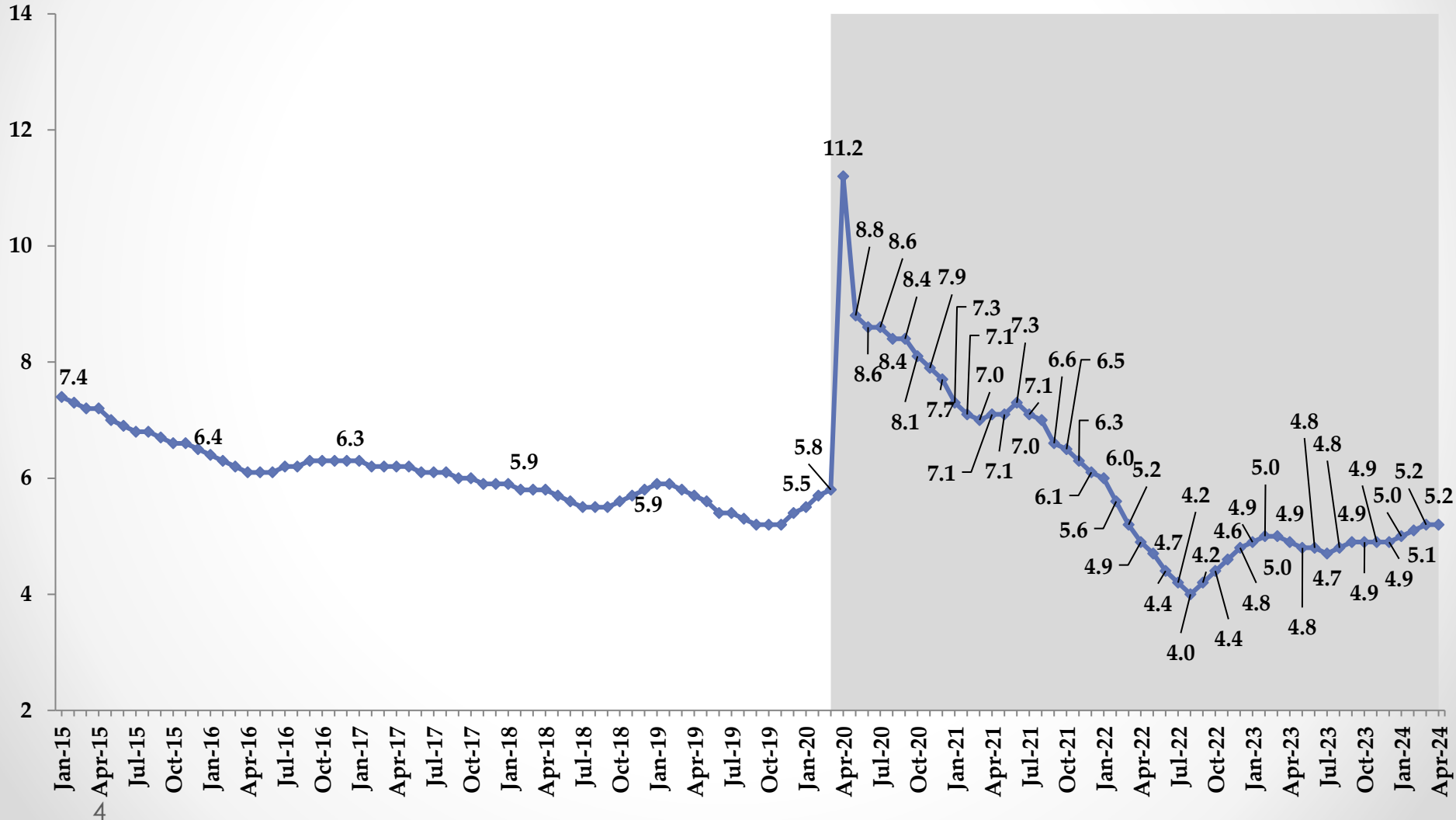




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D.C. Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Apr. 2024



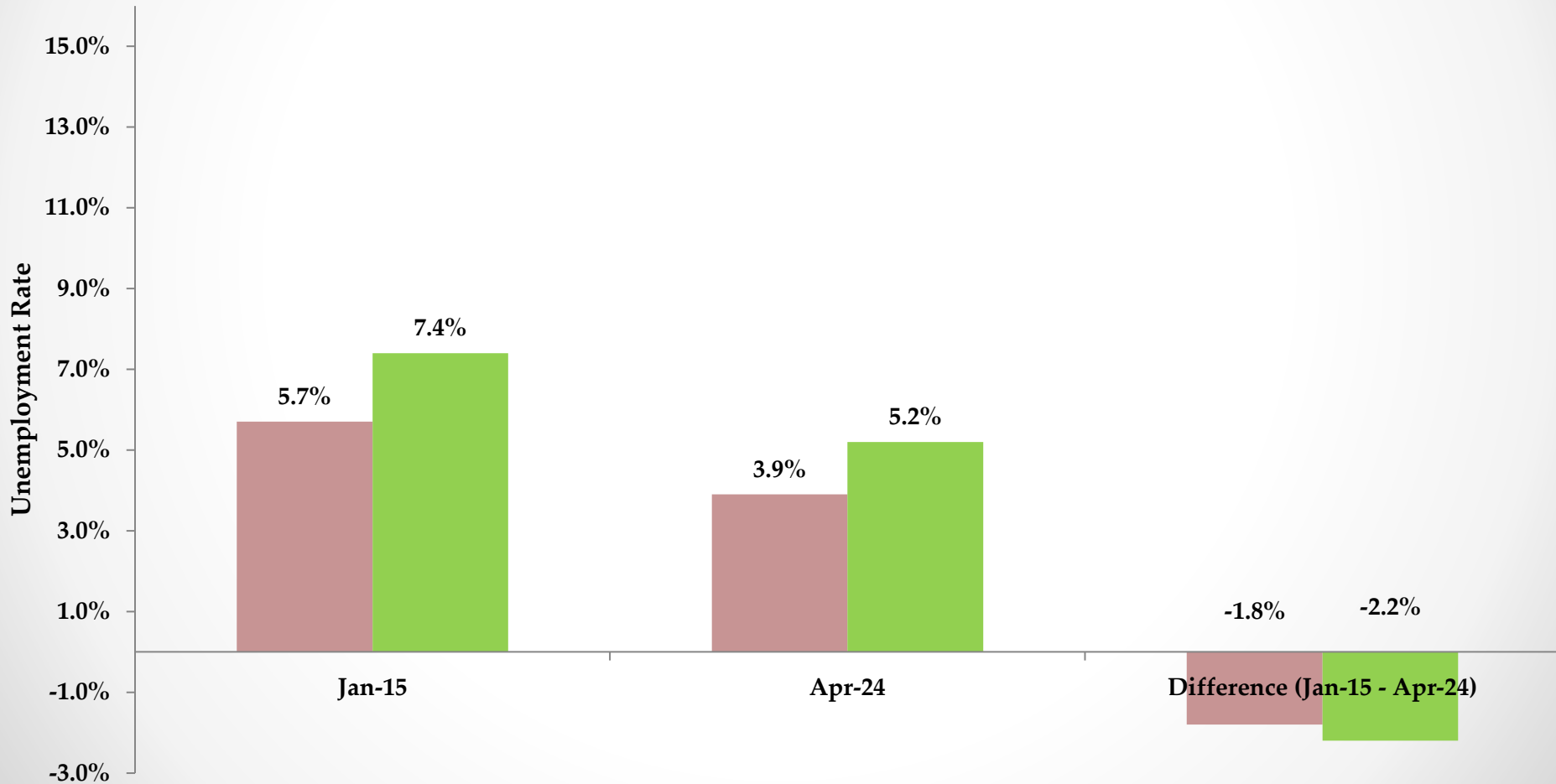


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## Local and National Unemployment Rates (January 2015 - April 2024)

■ USA ■ D.C.

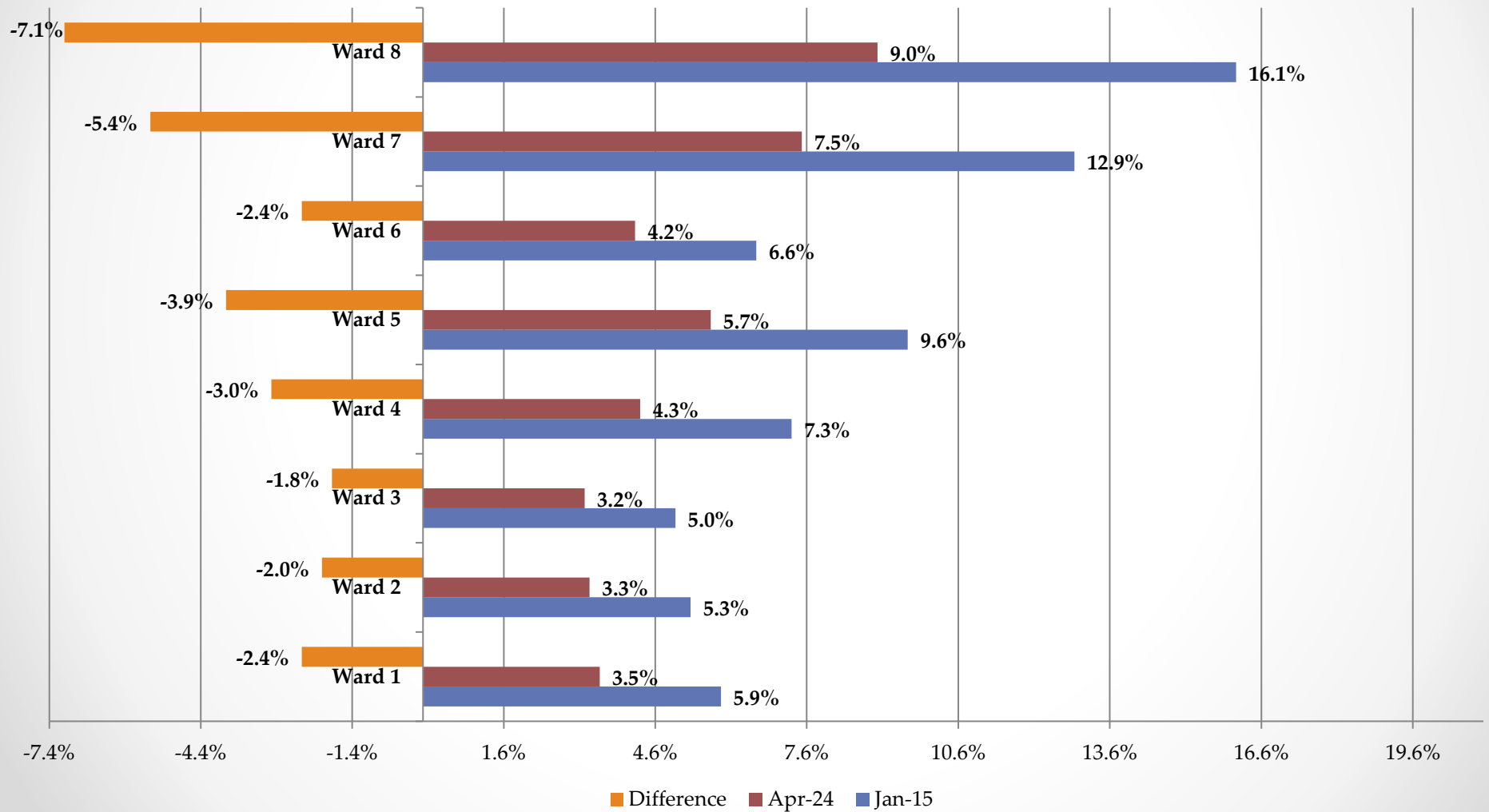




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**D.C. Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - April 2024)**

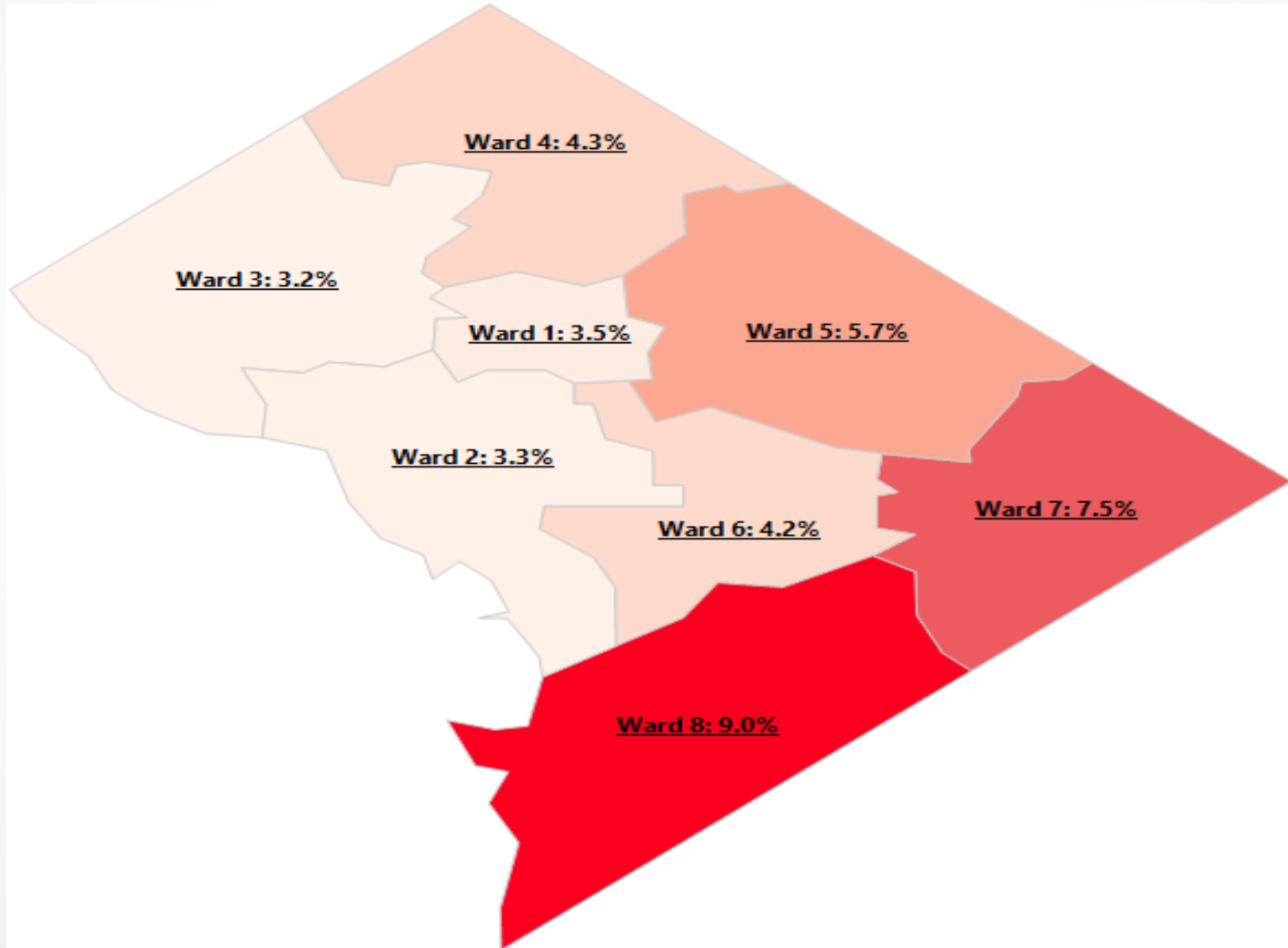




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## D.C. Unemployment Rate by Ward: April 2024



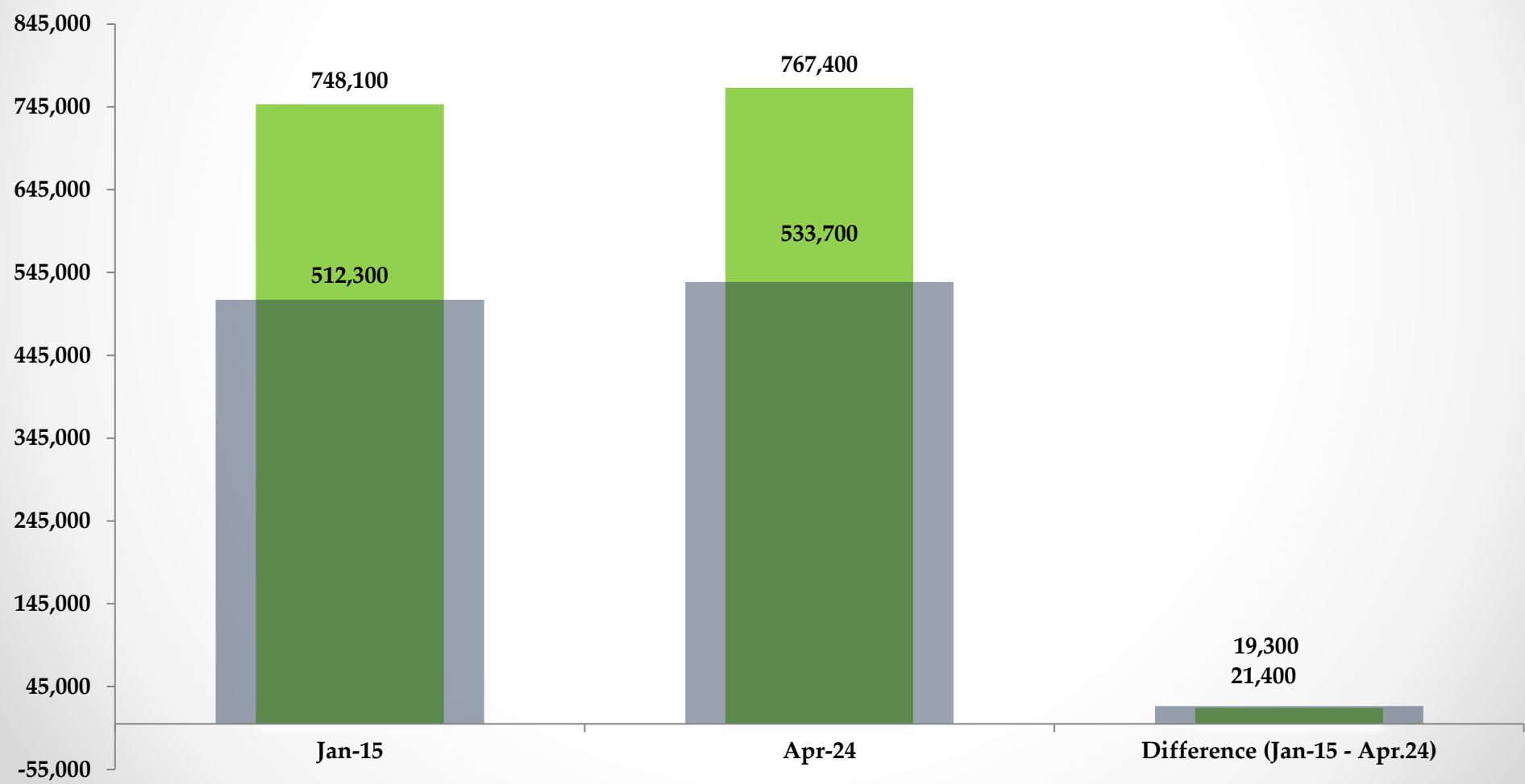


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## Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Apr. 2024)

■ Total Number of Jobs in D.C.    ■ Total Private Sector Jobs in D.C.



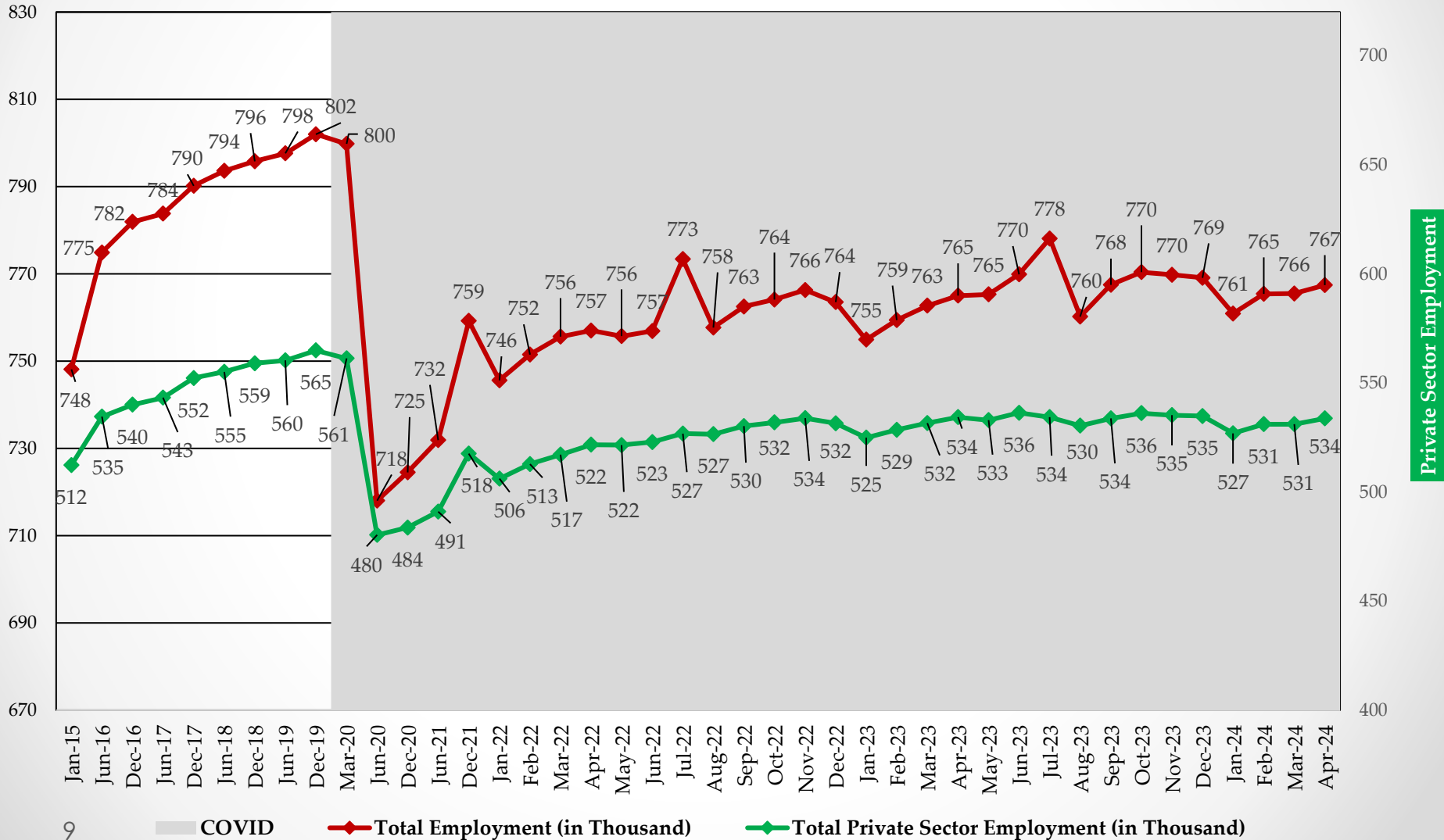




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Total Employment and Private Sector in D.C. (Jan. 2015 - Apr. 2024) (In Thousands)

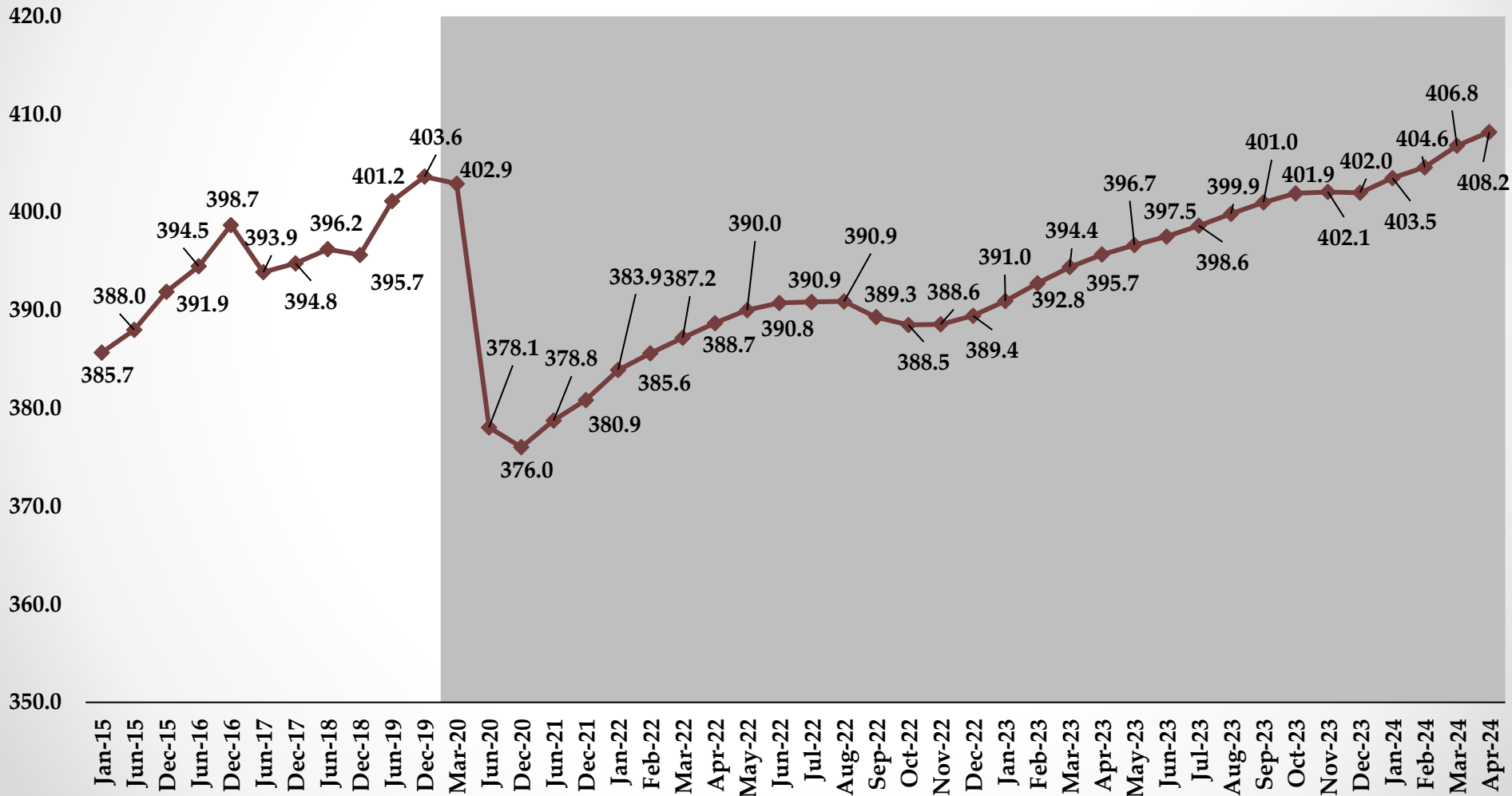




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D.C. Labor Force (Jan. 2015- Apr. 2024) (In Thousands)

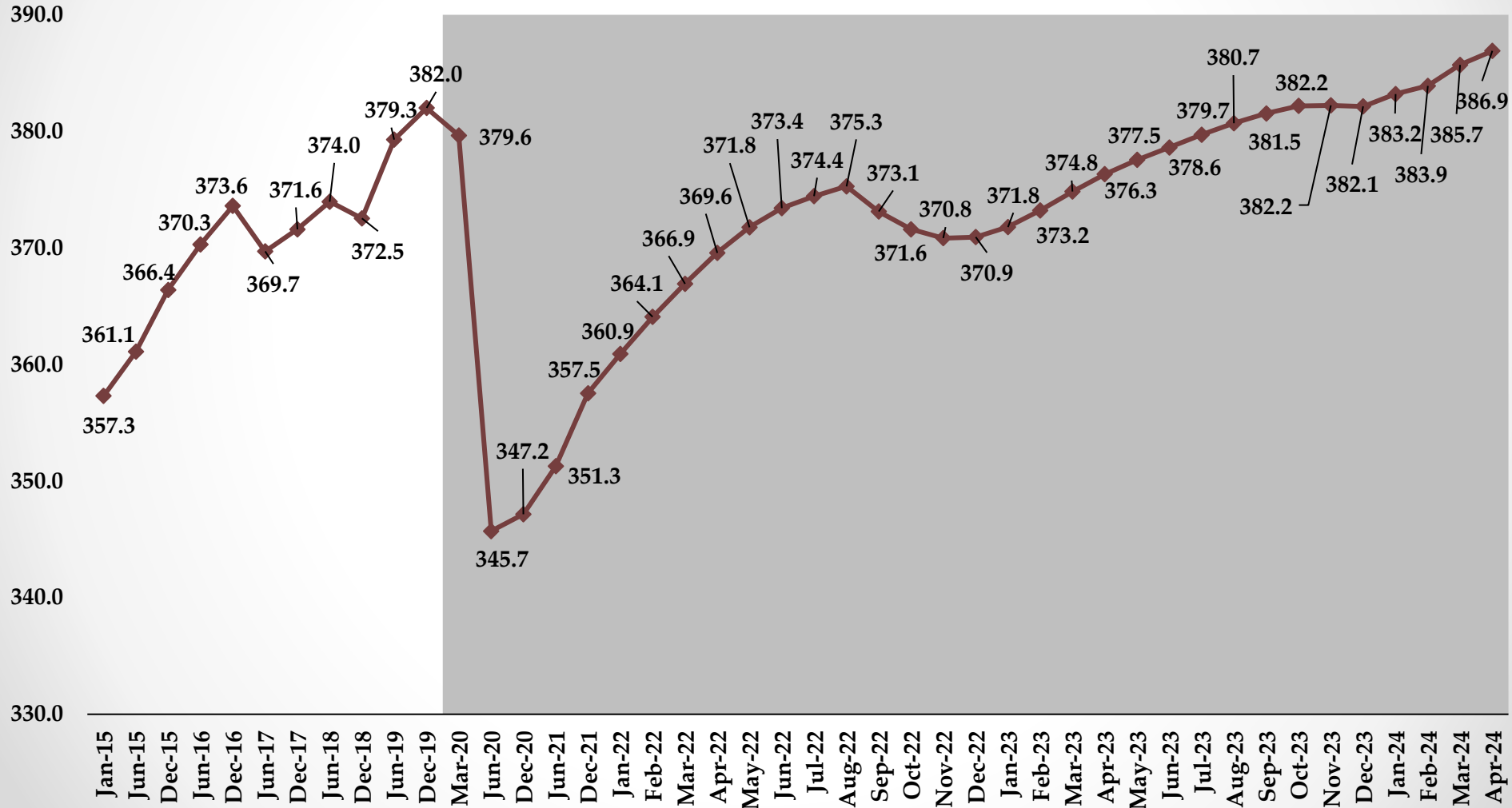




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Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015- Apr. 2024) (In Thousands)



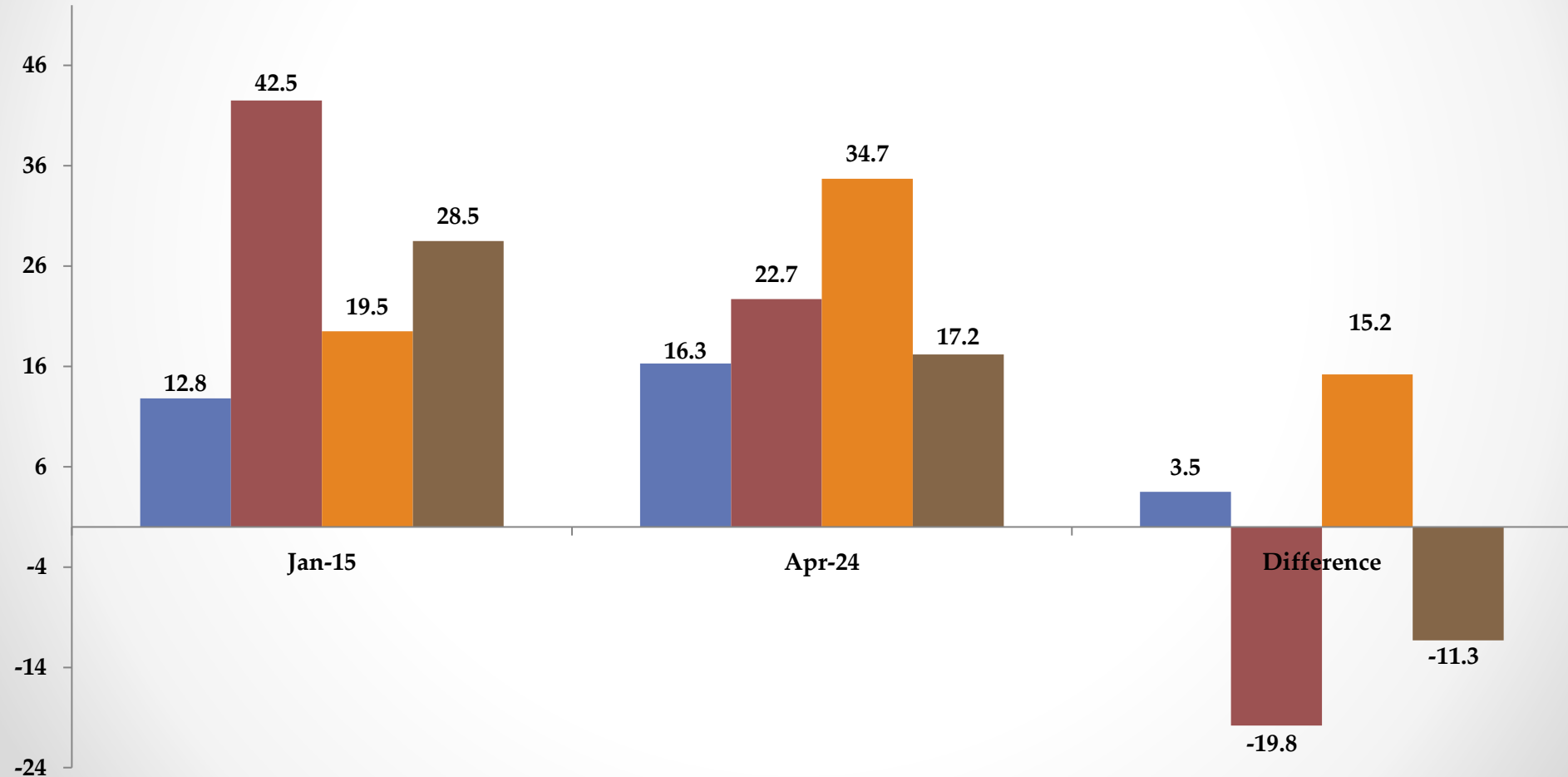


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## Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - Apr. 2024)

■ White ■ Black ■ Hispanic ■ All Races

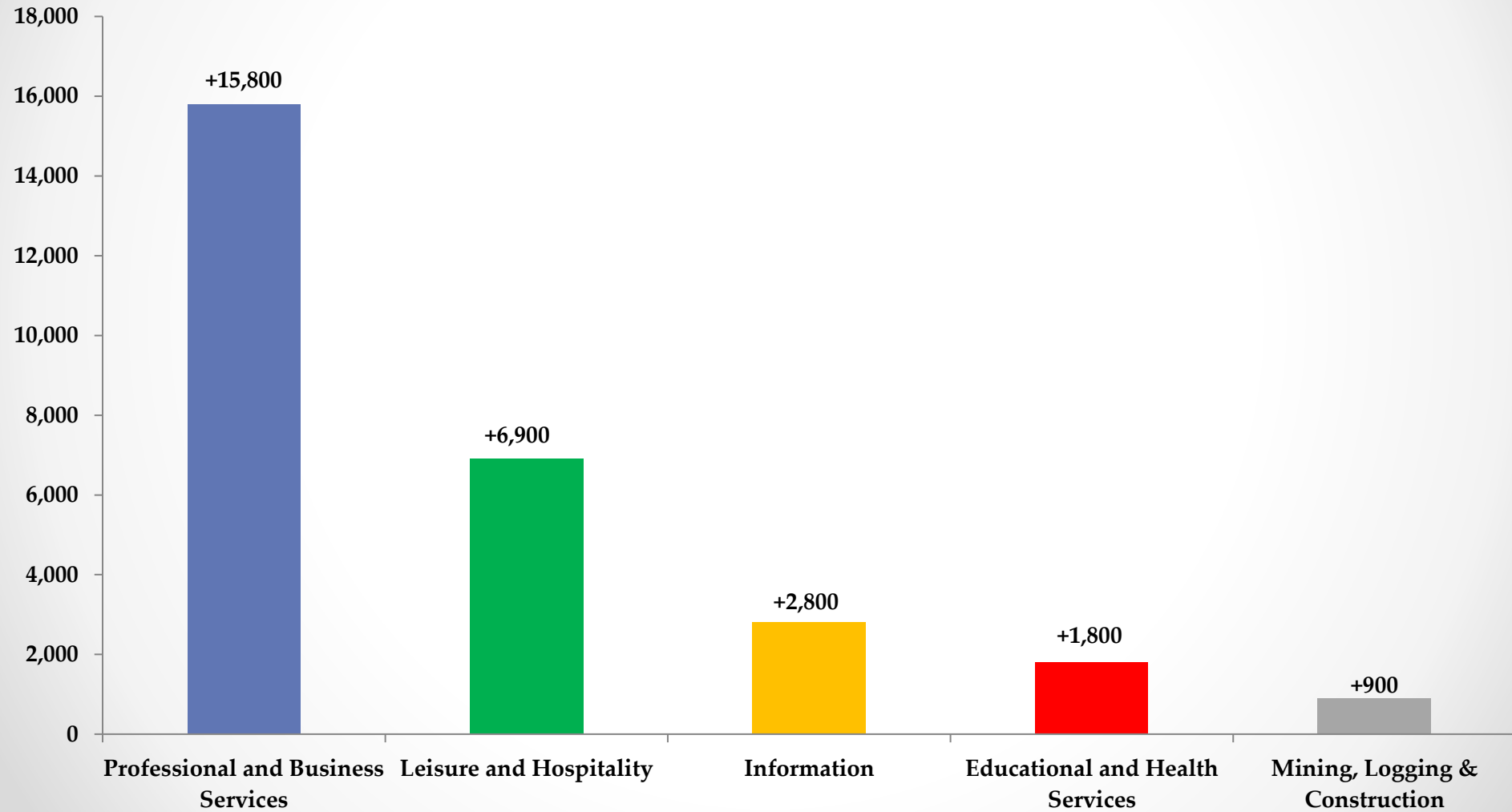




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**Top 5 Industries with Highest Employment Increase (Jan.2015 – Apr. 2024)**

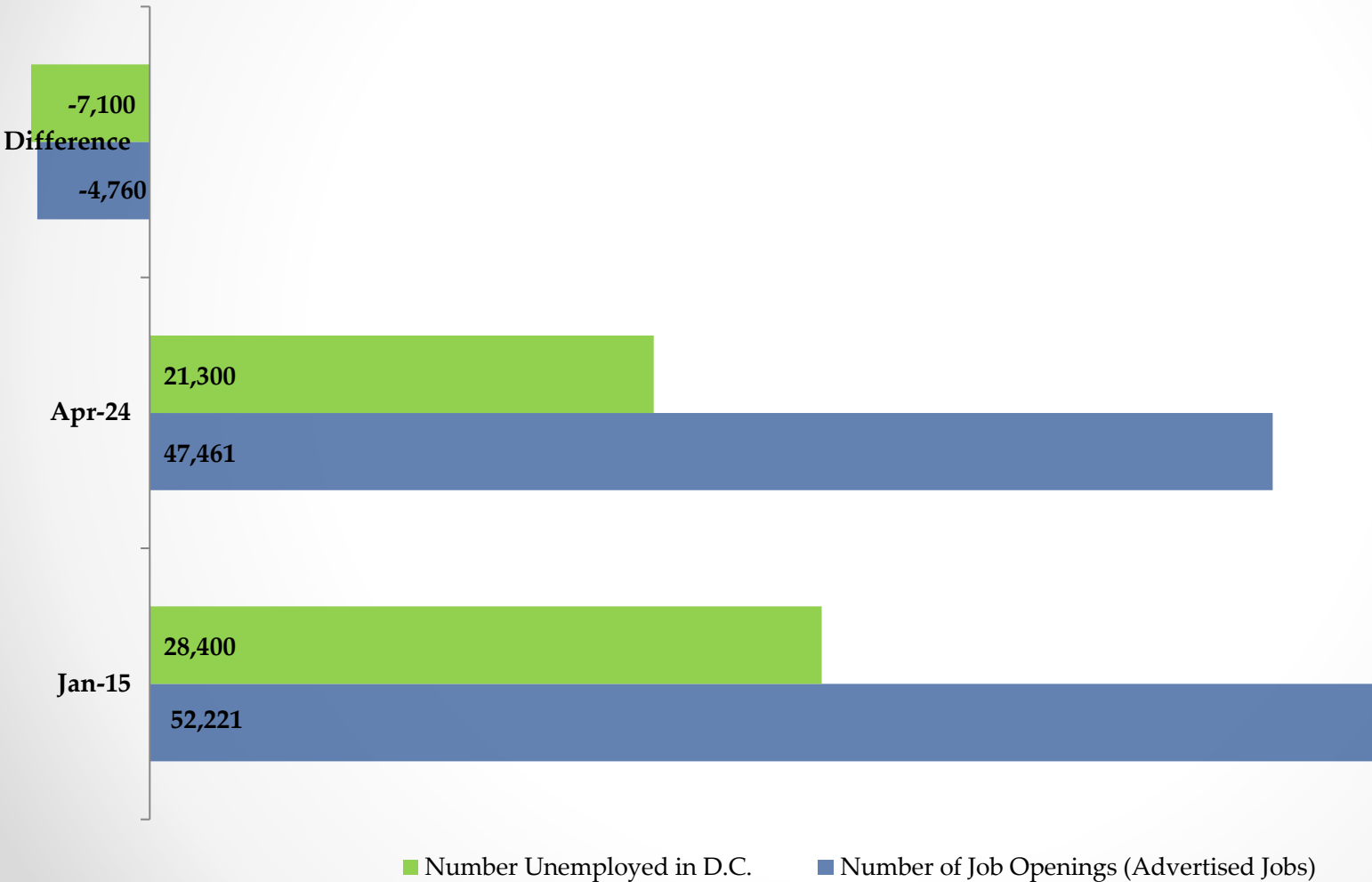




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## Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 - Apr. 2024)

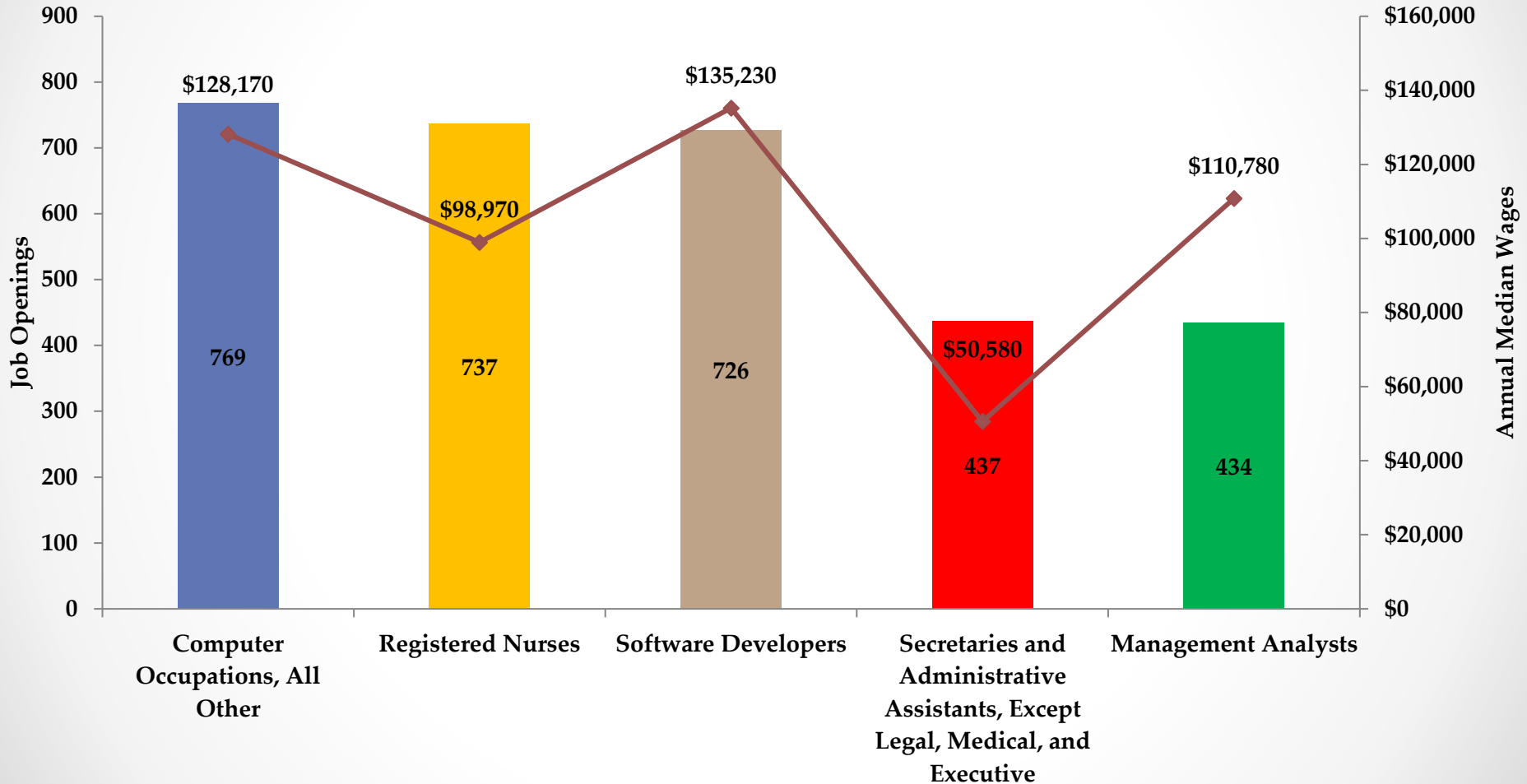




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Top 5 Job Postings: May 2023 - April 2024 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

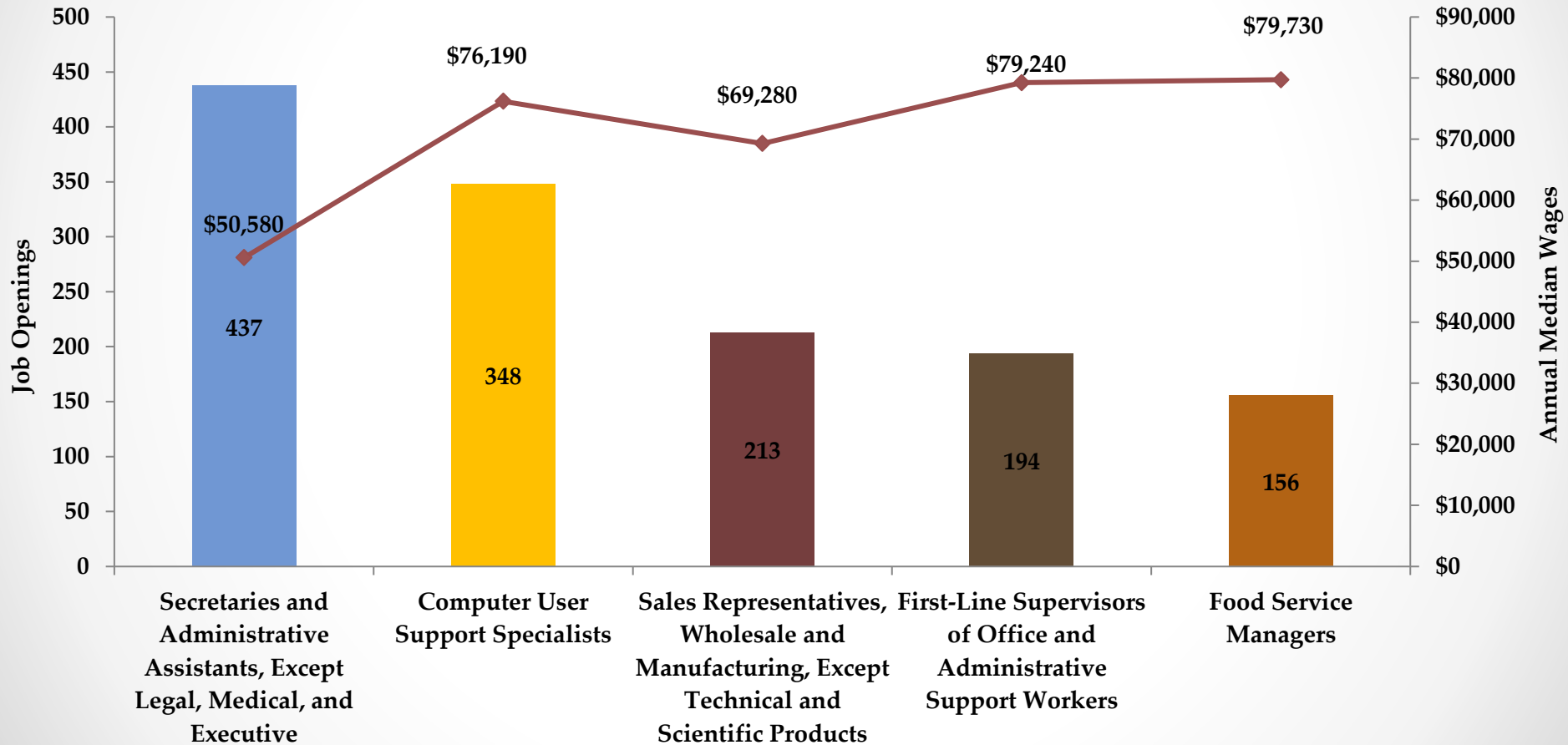




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Top 5 Job Postings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: May 2023 - April 2024 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)







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