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D.C. Labor Market Indicators: January 2015 - April 2022

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Highlights

• From January 2015 to April 2022:

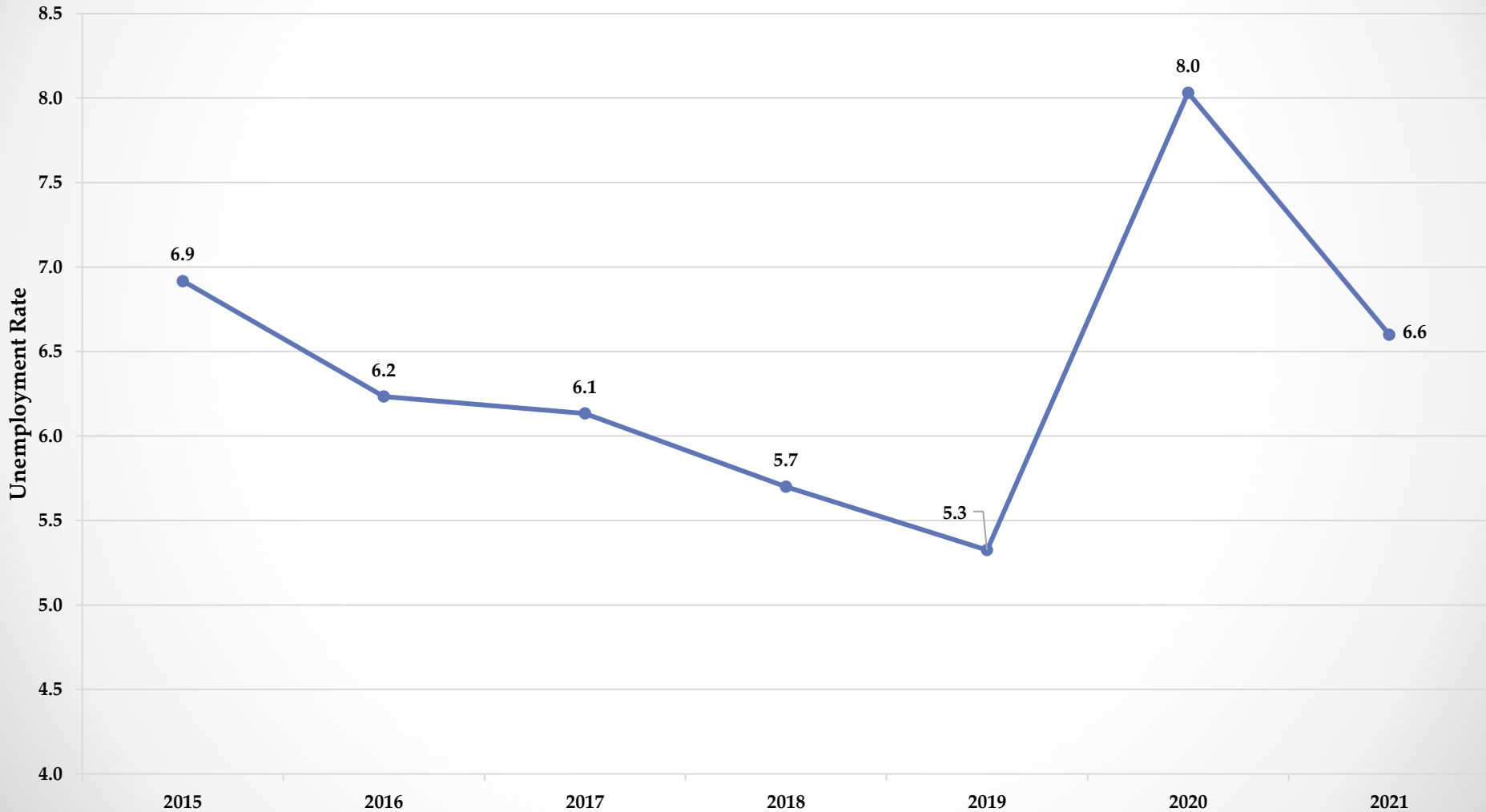
- ❖ The unemployment rate in DC decreased by **1.6** percentage points from **7.4%** to **5.8%**;
- ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 & Ward 8 decreased by **4.9** percentage points (**12.9%** to **8.0%**) and **5.7** percentage points (**16.1%** to **10.4%**) respectively;
- ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by **6,100**;
- ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by **17,100**;
- ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants increased by **68%**;
- ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by **6,200** people;
- ❖ In DC, there are **2.8** jobs available (advertised) for **1** unemployed DC resident;
- ❖ The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by **11.2** weeks;
- ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by **16,000** jobs (**3.12%** increase) from January 2015;
- ❖ Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase among industries with employment increased by **16,200** since January 2015;
- ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers and Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers with an average monthly opening of **1,375** jobs;
- ❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor's degree is Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing with an average monthly opening of **499** jobs.



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DC Annual Average Unemployment Rate (2015-2021)

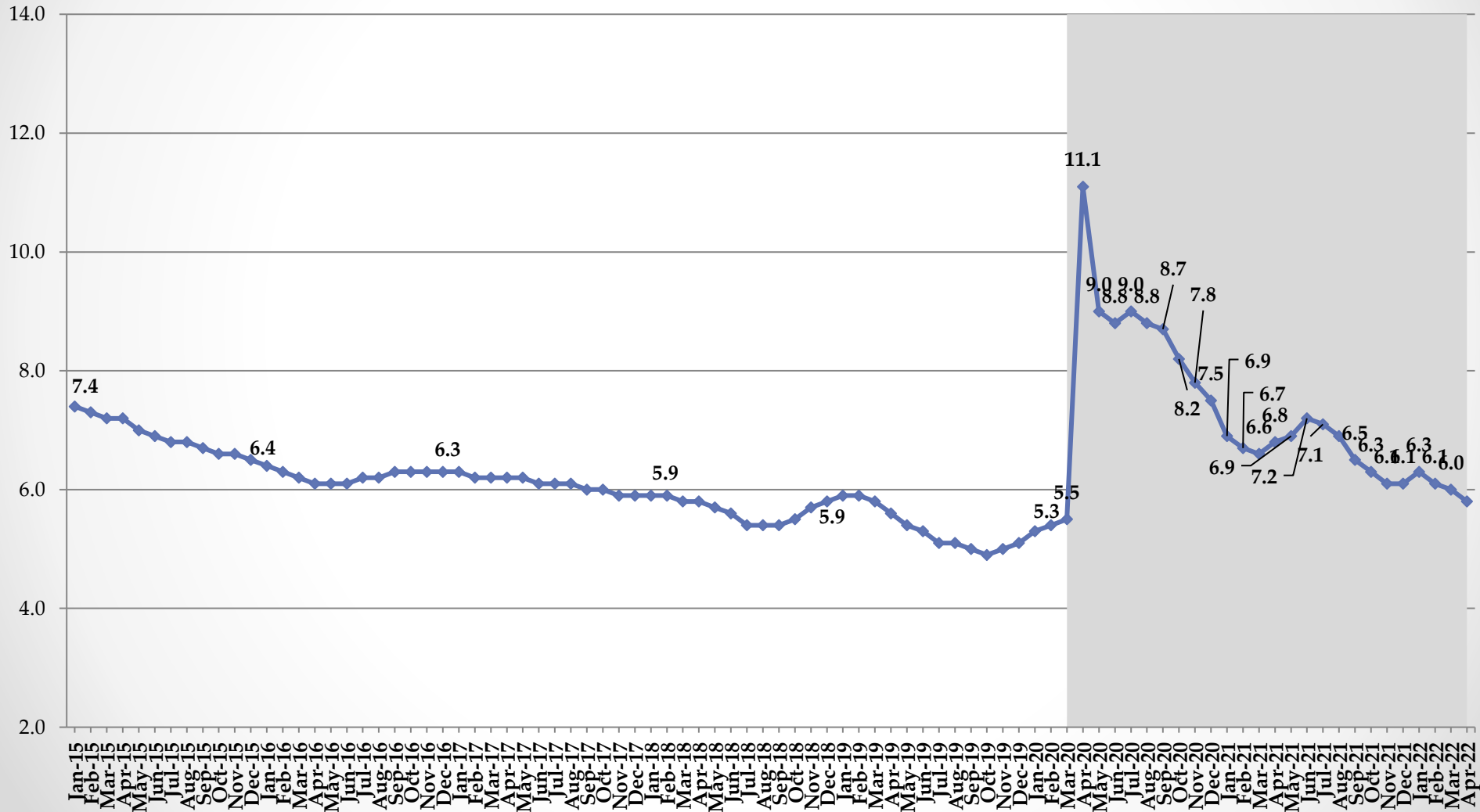




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The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Apr. 2022

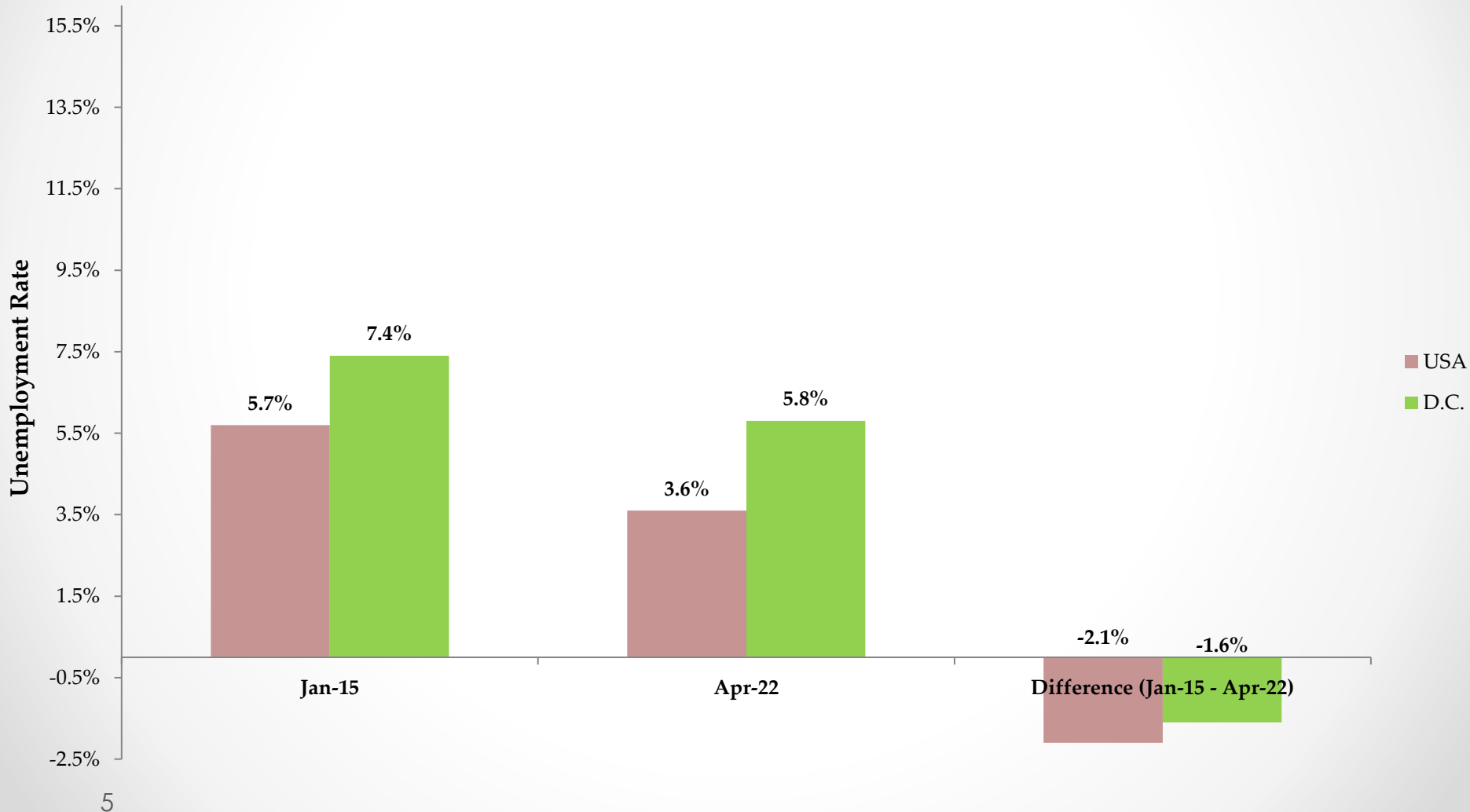




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Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - April 2022)

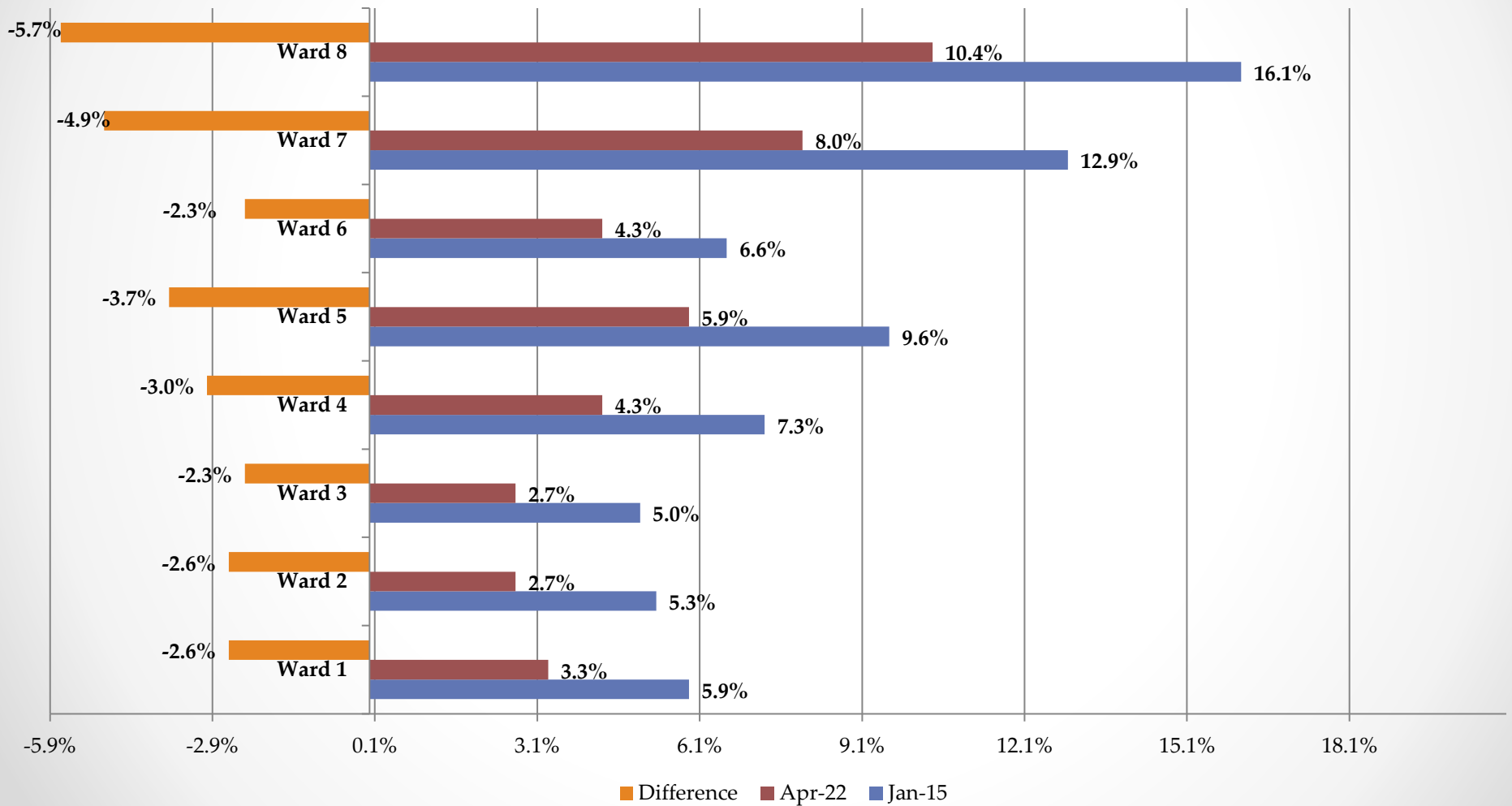




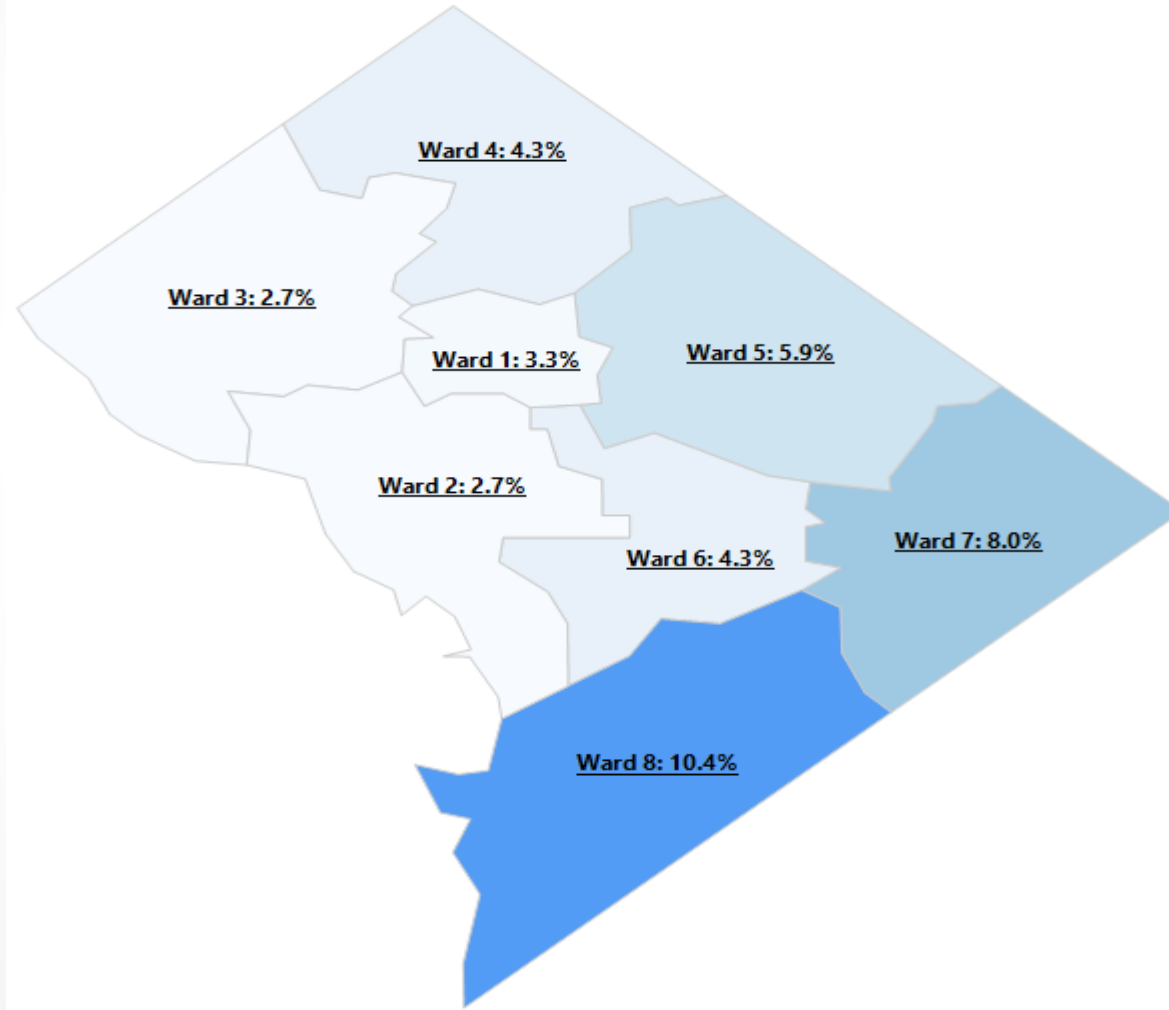
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Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - April 2022)



Unemployment Rate by Ward: April 2022

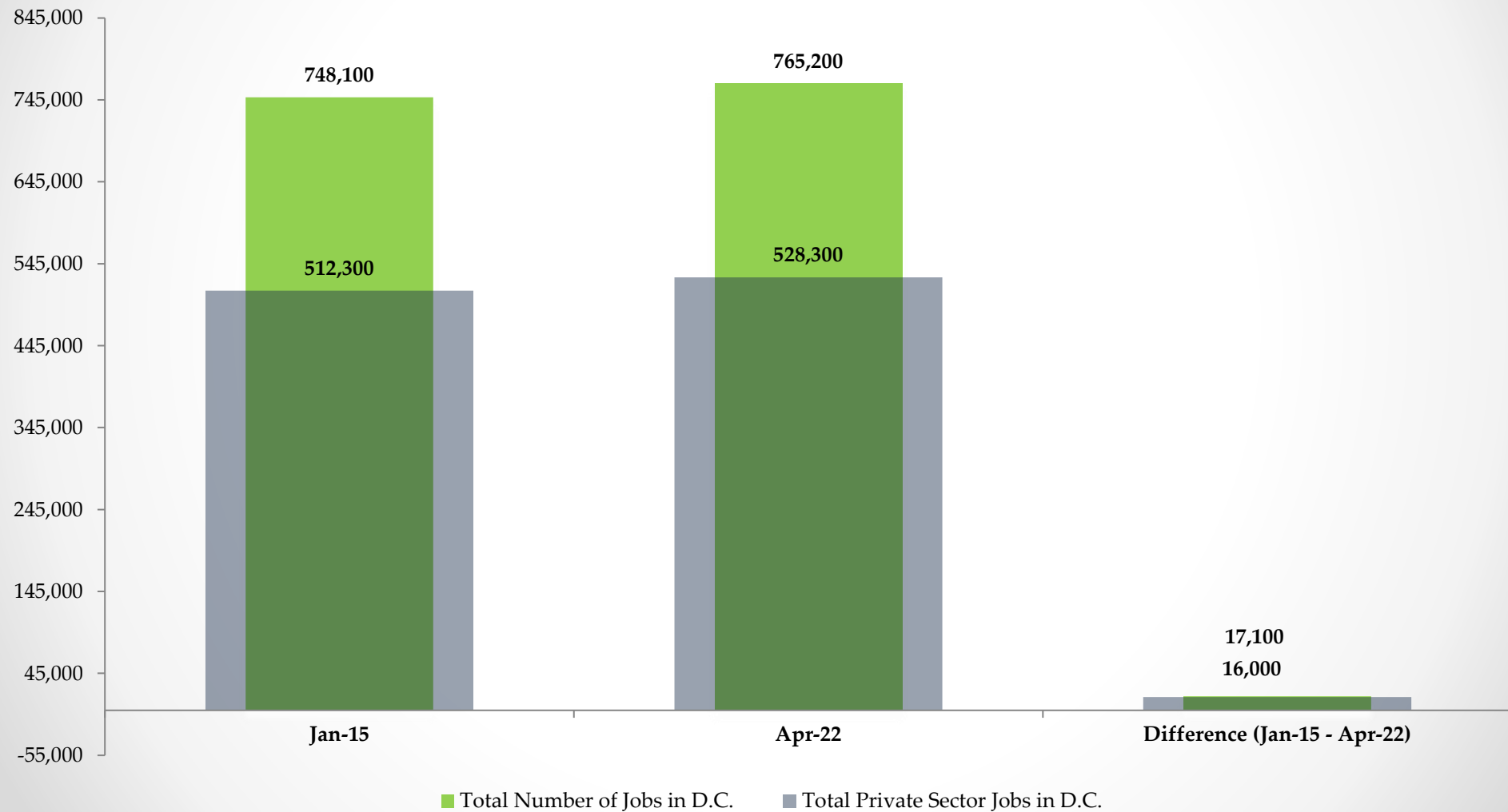




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Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Apr. 2022)

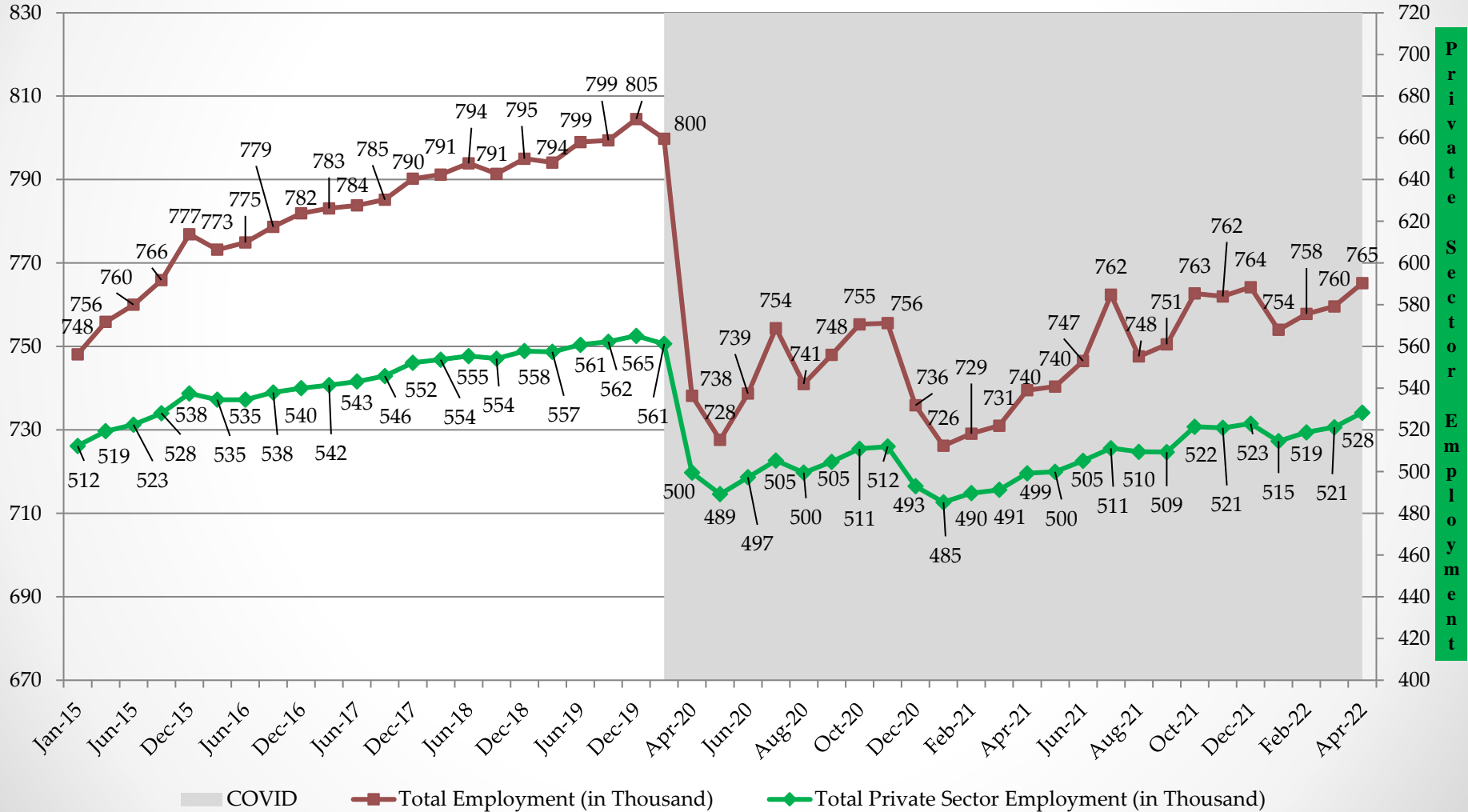




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Total Employment and Private Sector Employment in D.C. (Jan.2015 - Apr. 2022 (In Thousands))

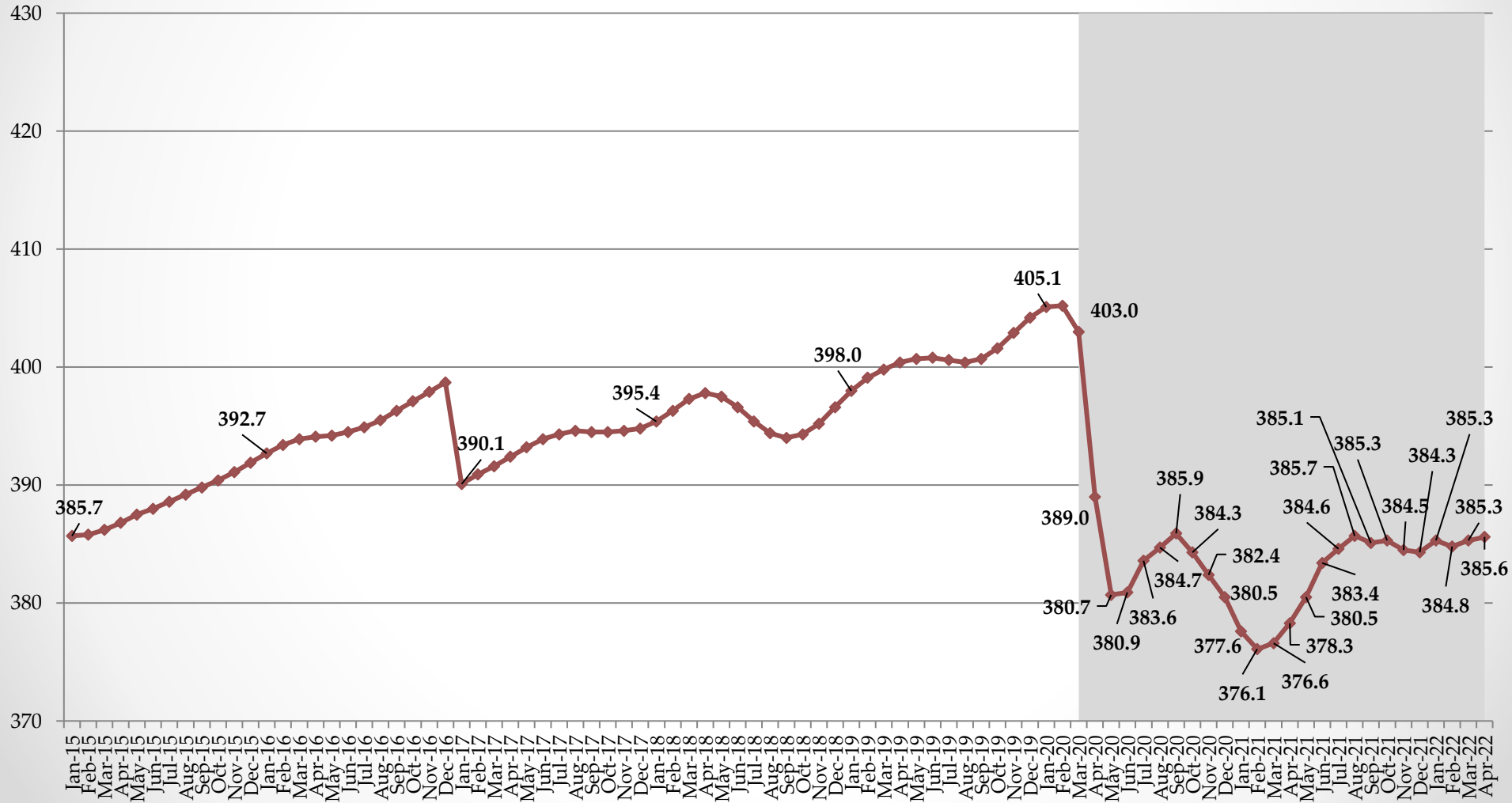




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The District's Labor Force (Jan. 2015 - Apr. 2022) (In Thousands)

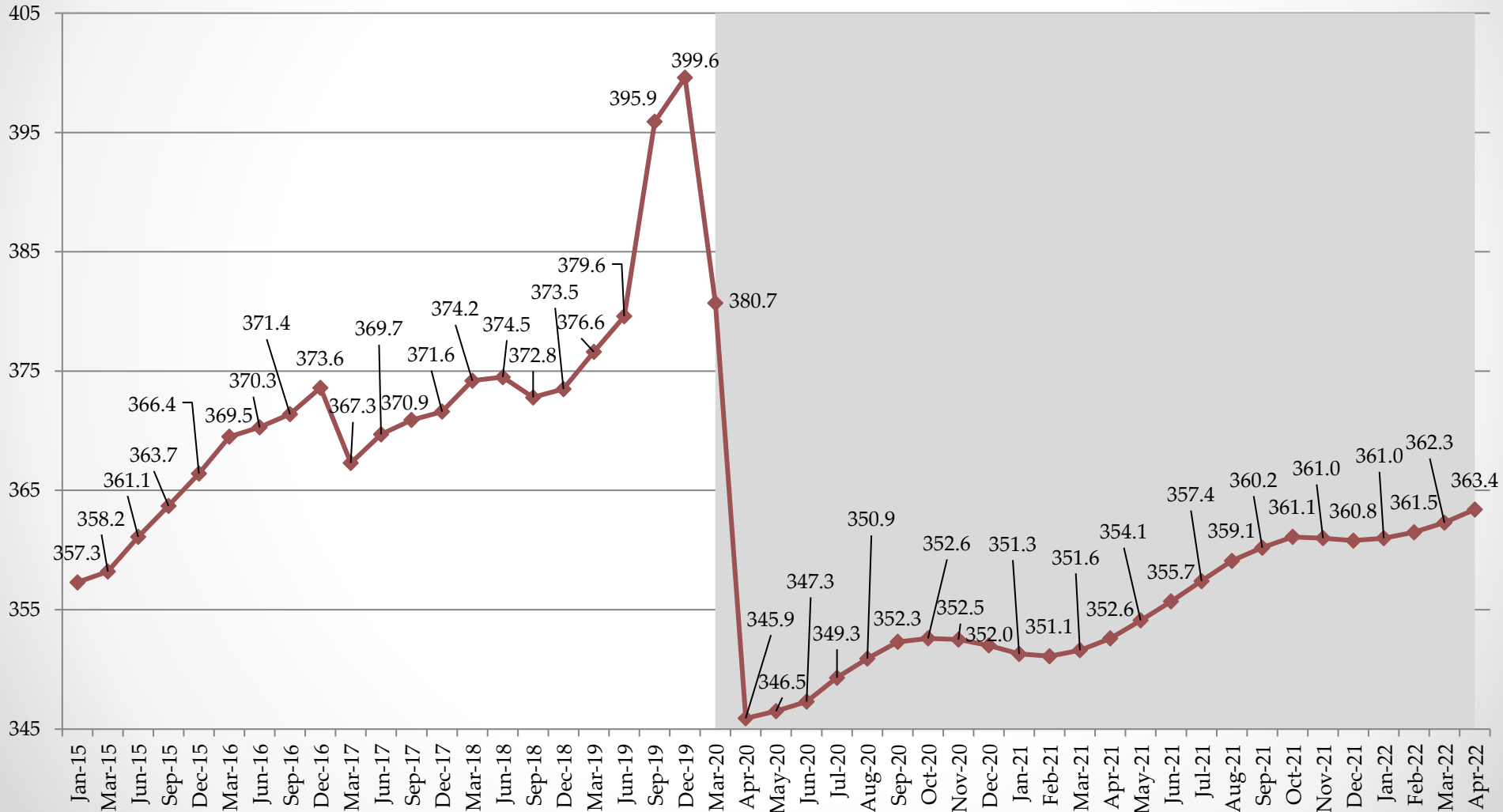




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Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 - Apr. 2022) (In Thousands)

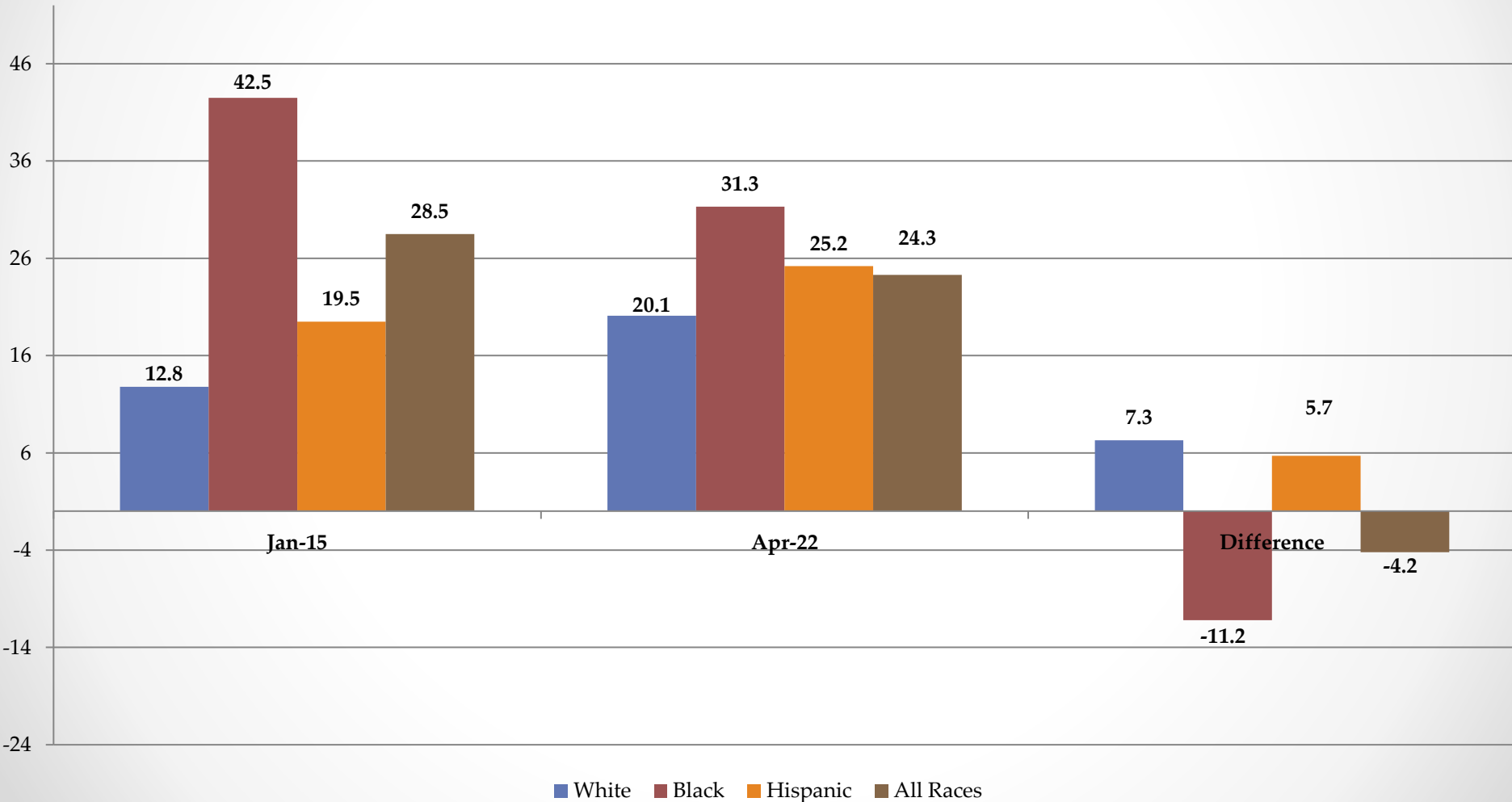




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Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - Apr. 2022)

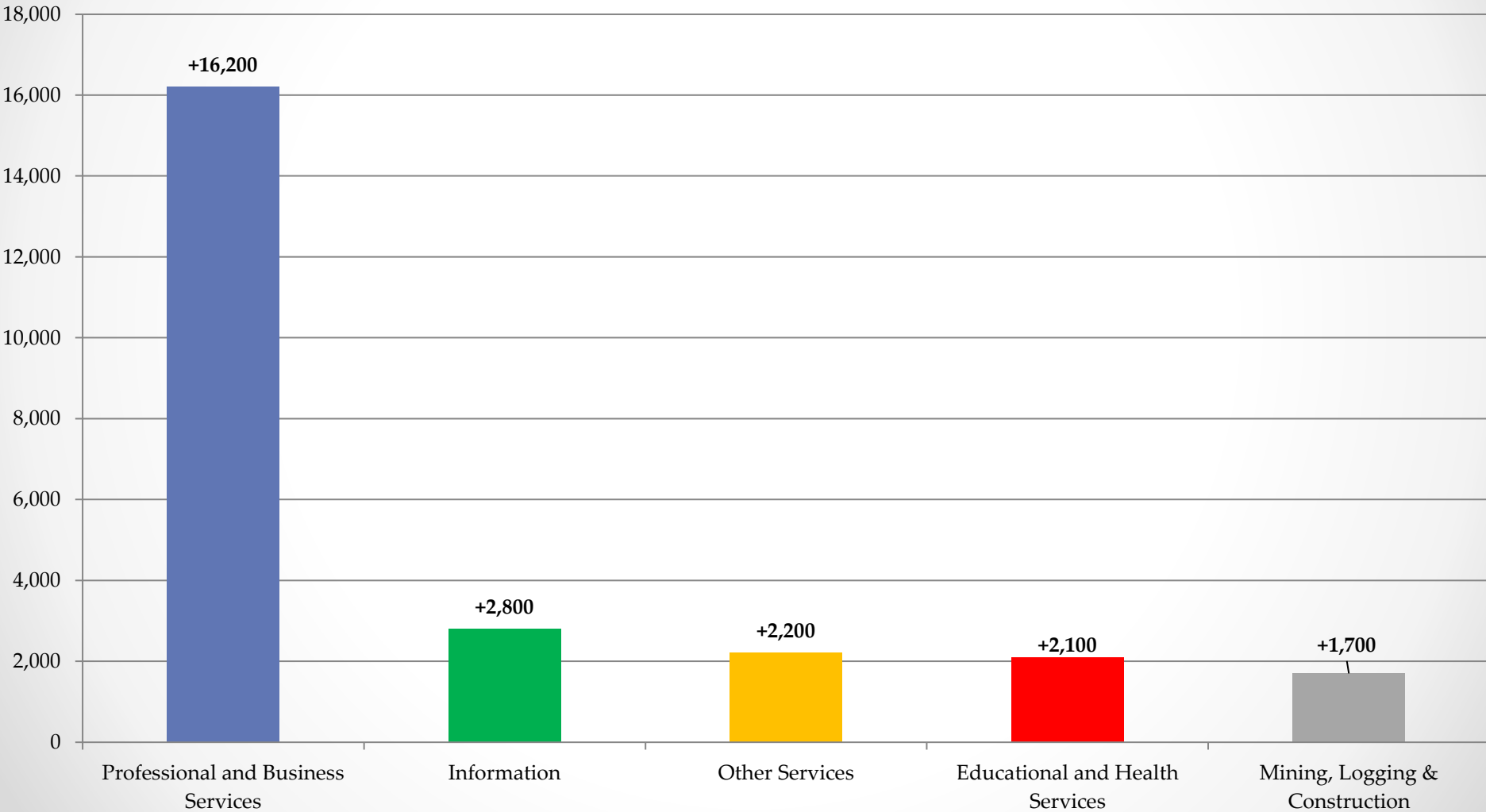




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Top 5 Industry with Highest Employment Increase (Jan.2015 – Apr. 2022)

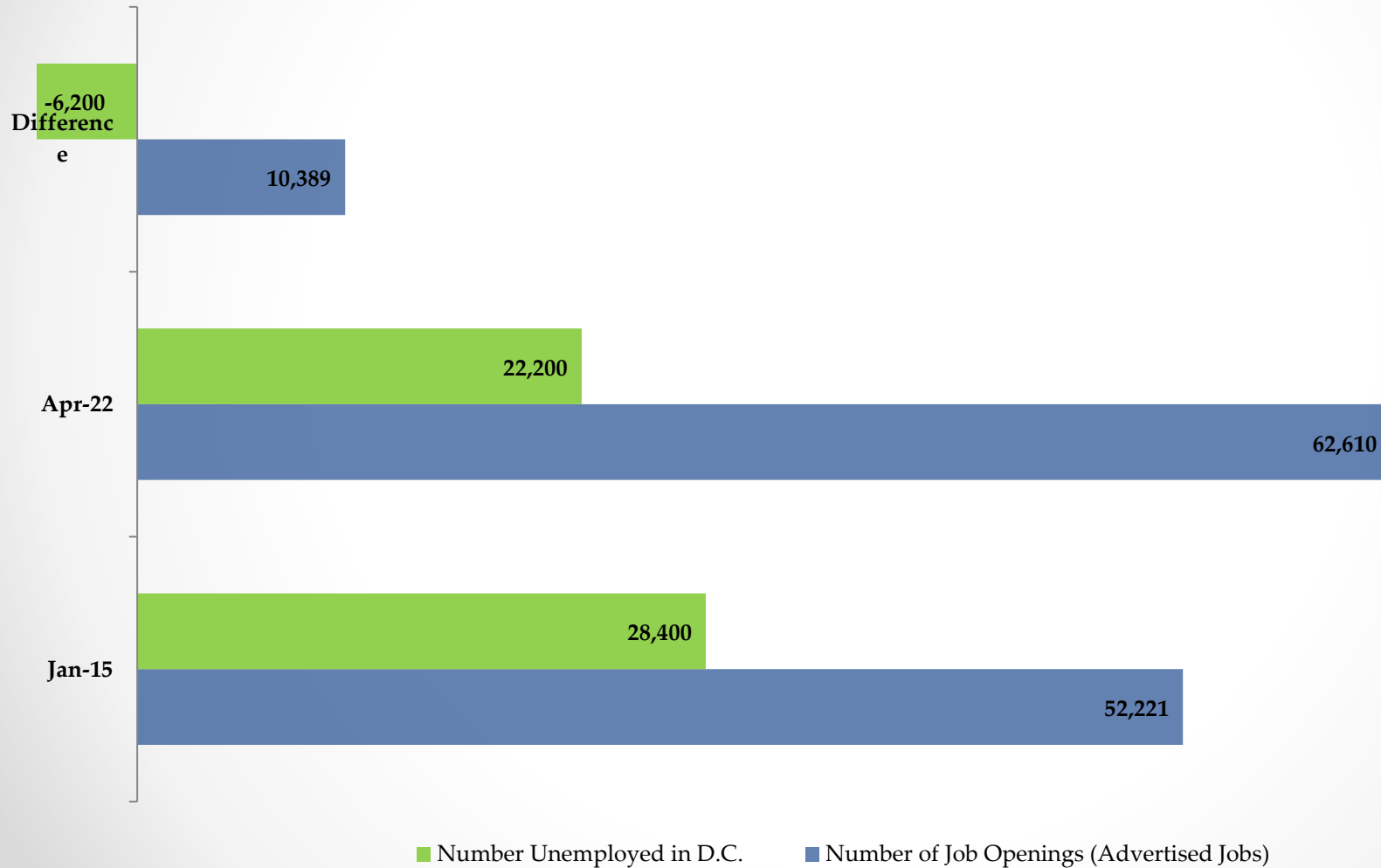




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Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - Apr. 2022)

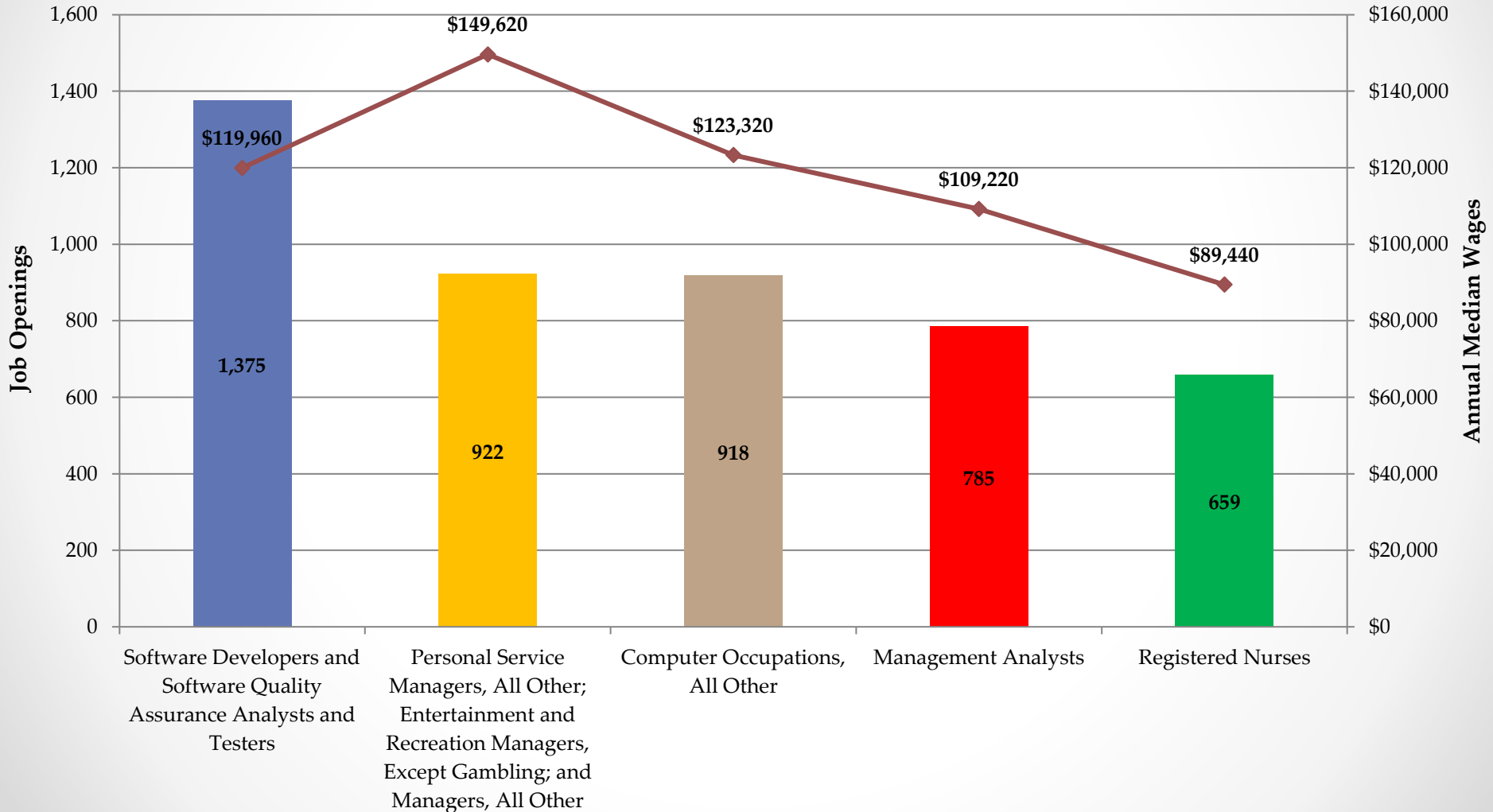




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Top 5 Job Openings: January 2020 - April 2022 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

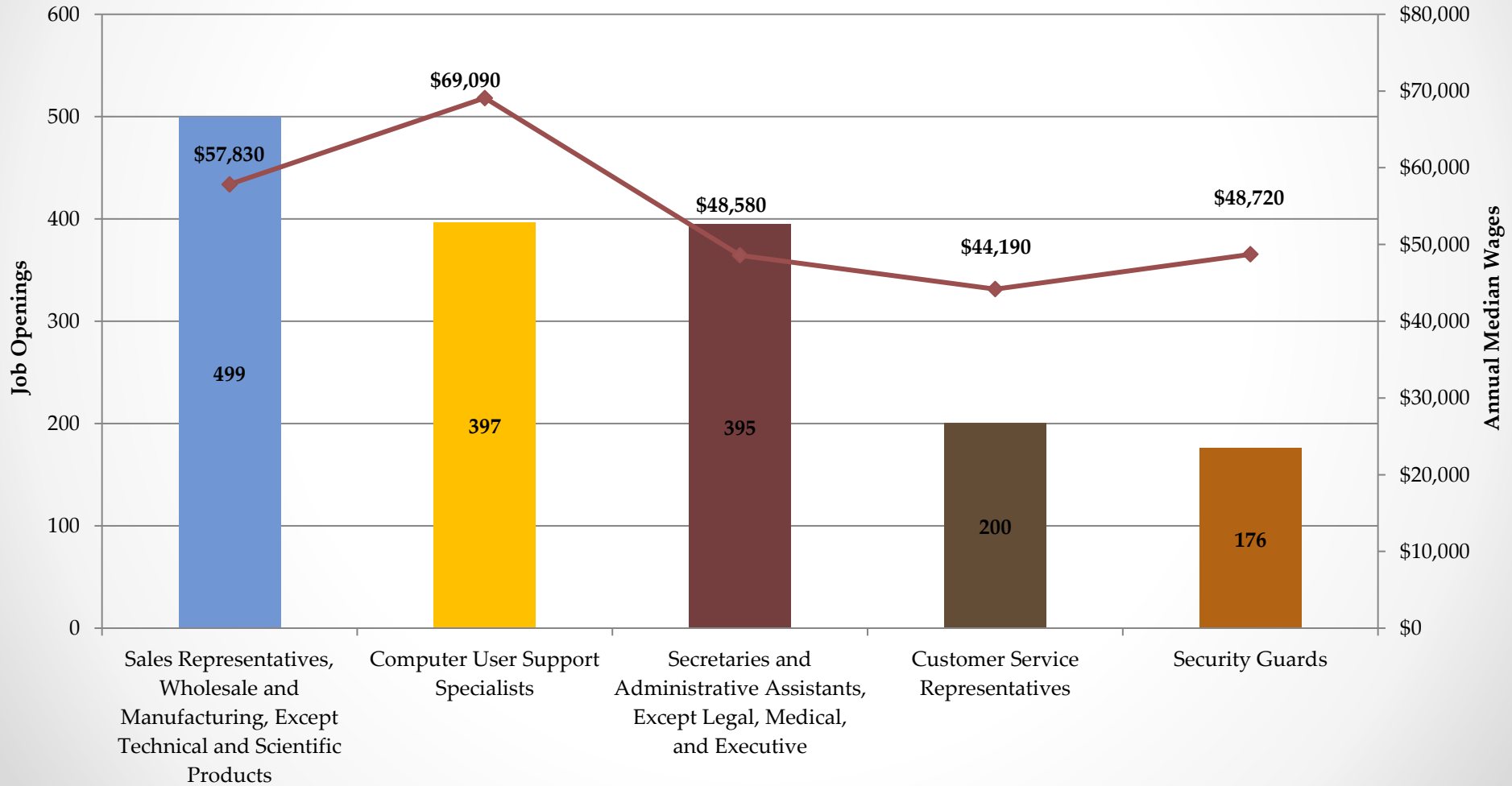




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Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2020 - April 2022 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)





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