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D.C. Labor Market Indicators: August 2018

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Highlights

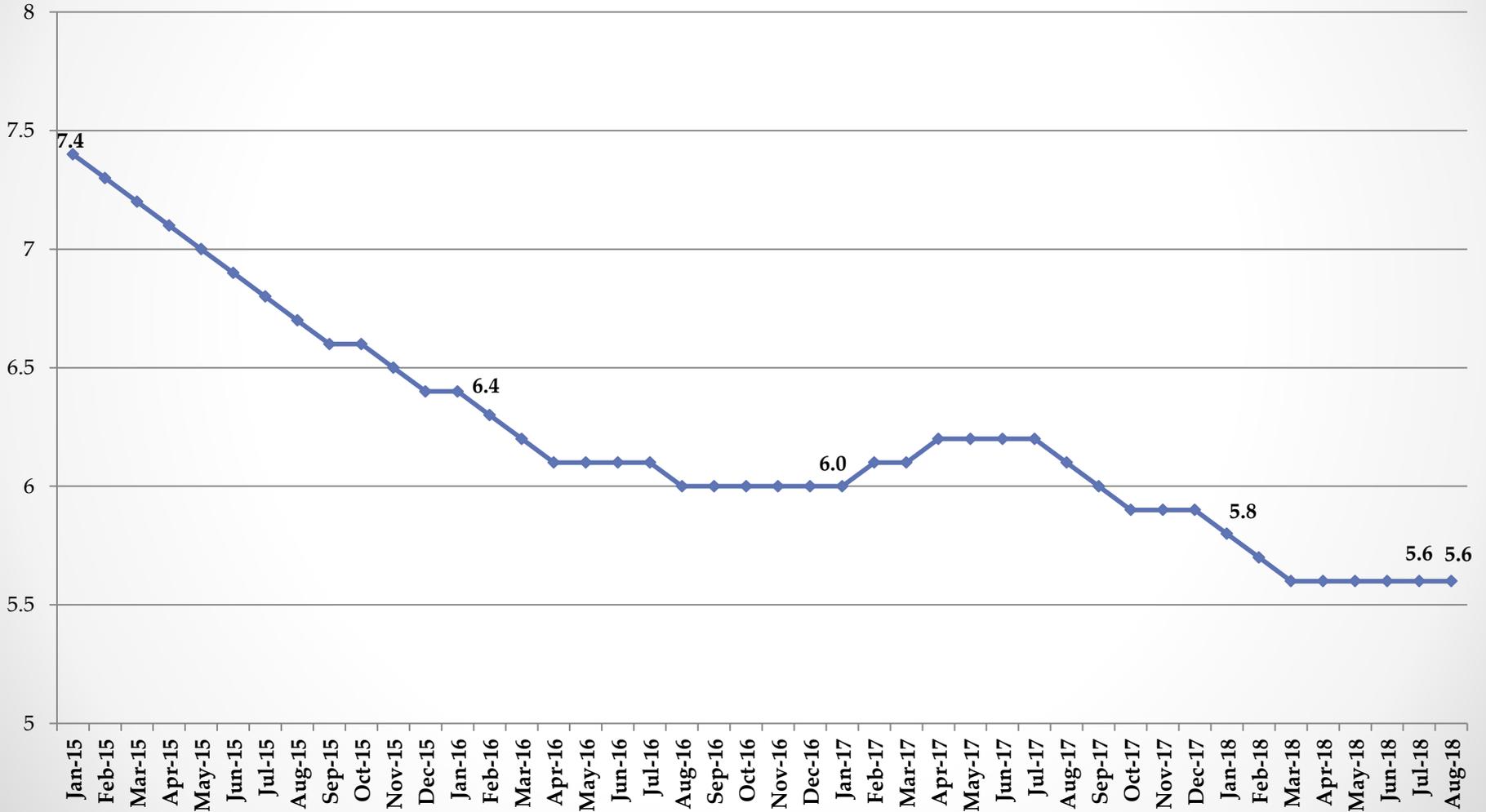
- From January 2015 to August 2018:
 - ❖ The unemployment rate in DC decreased by **1.8** percentage points (or **24.3%** decrease);
 - ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by **2.4** percentage points (**18.6%** decrease) and **2.2** percentage points (**13.7%** decrease) respectively;
 - ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by **28,700**;
 - ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by **34,500**;
 - ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants decreased by **1.02%**;
 - ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by **5,600** people;
 - ❖ In DC there are **2.1** jobs available (advertised) for **1** unemployed DC resident;
 - ❖ The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by **23.0** weeks;
 - ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by **33,200** new jobs or **6.38%** increase from January 2015;
 - ❖ Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase by industry with **11,100** since **January 2015**;



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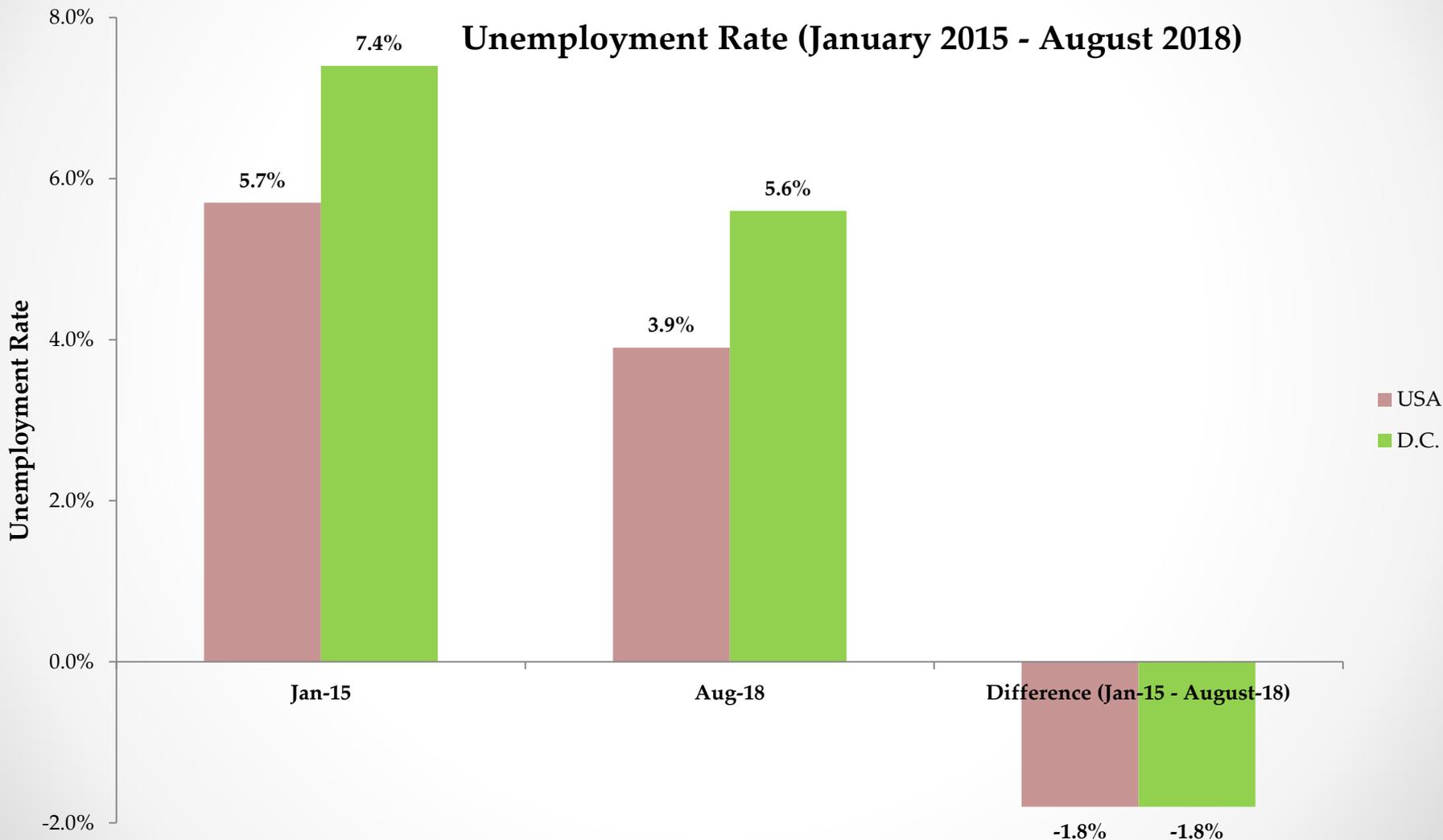
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - August 2018





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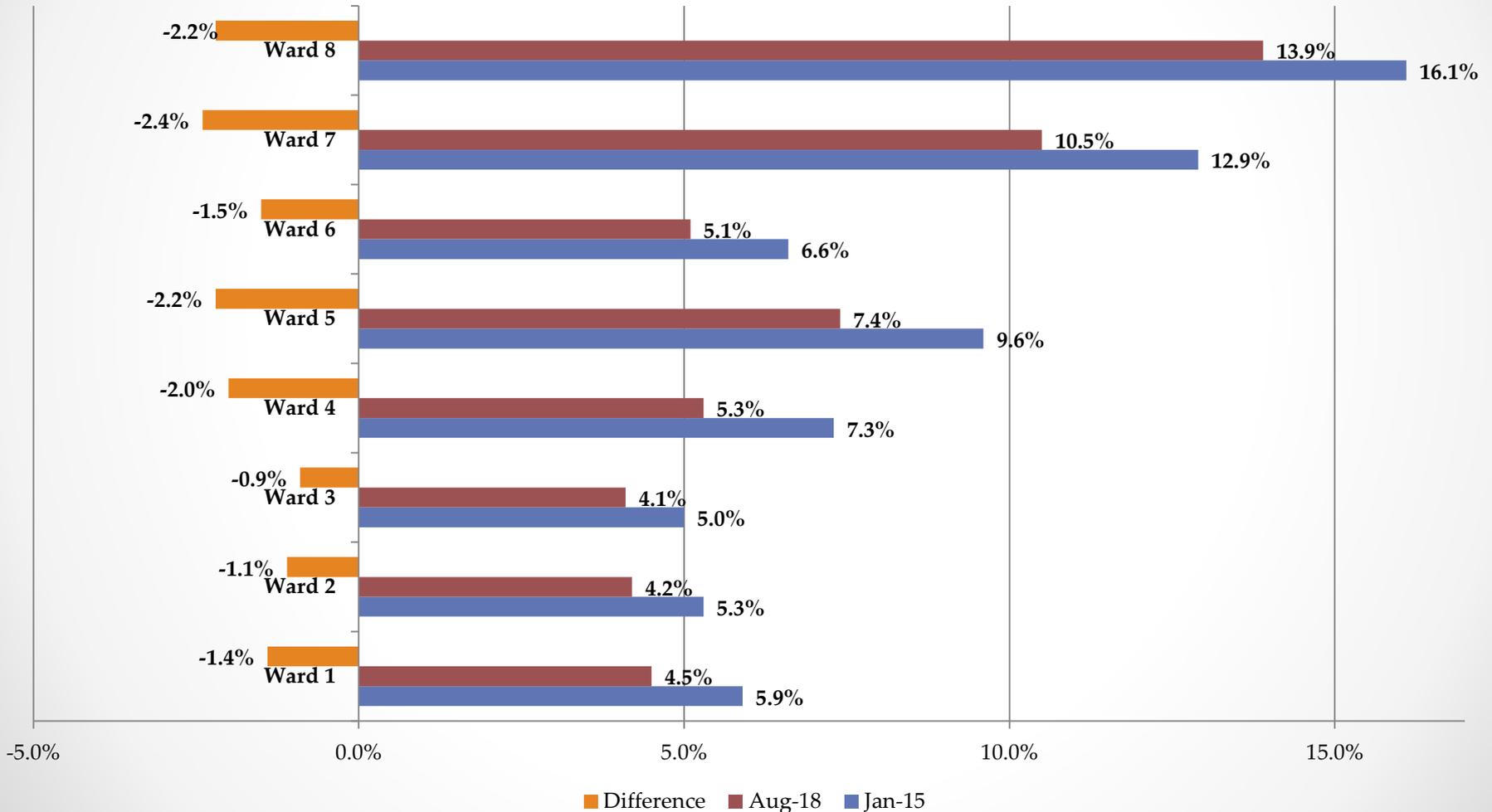




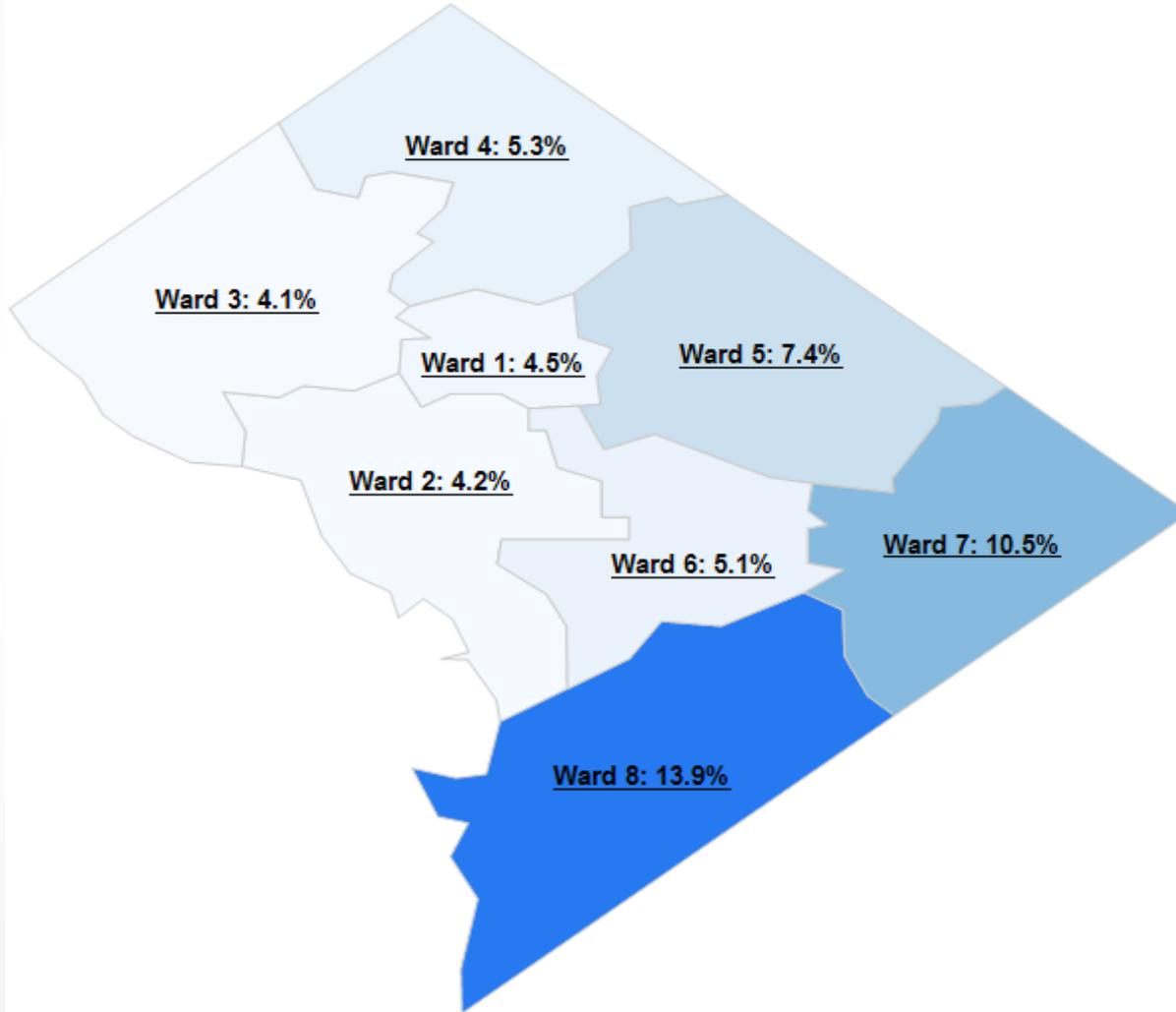
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Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - August 2018)



Unemployment Rate by Ward: August 2018

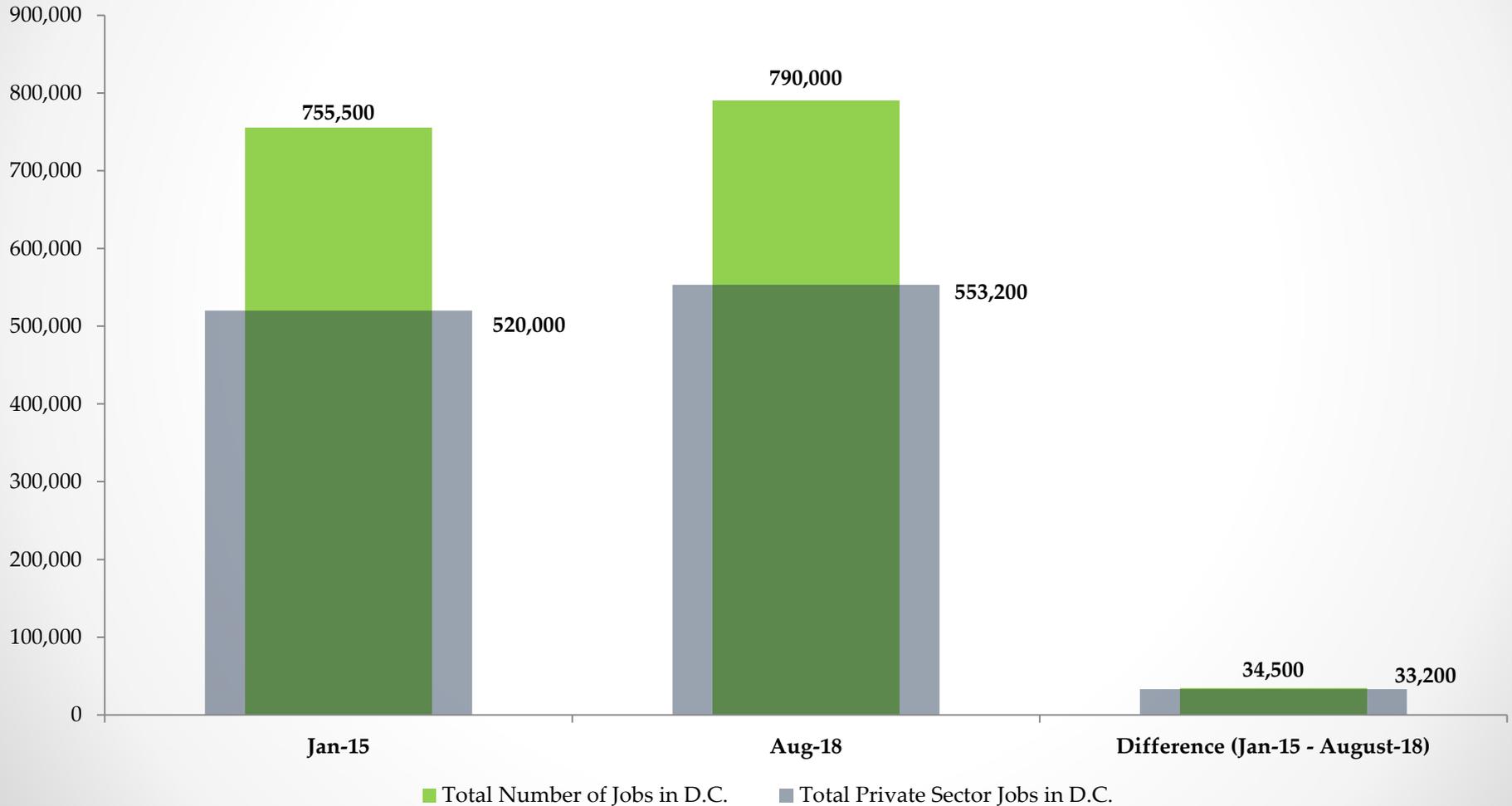




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Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Aug. 2018)

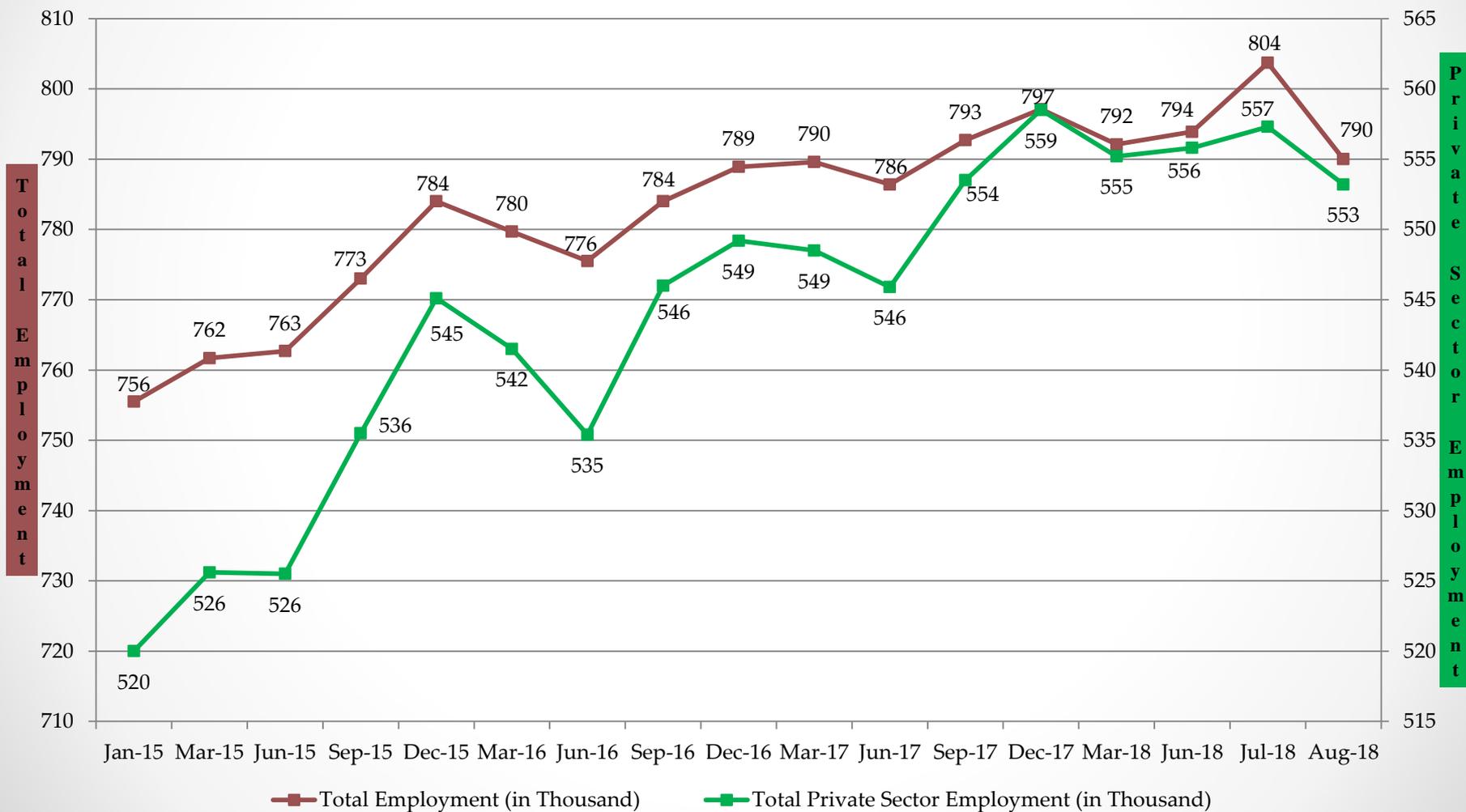




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Total Employment and Private Sector Employment in D.C. (Jan.2015 - Aug. 2018) (In Thousands)

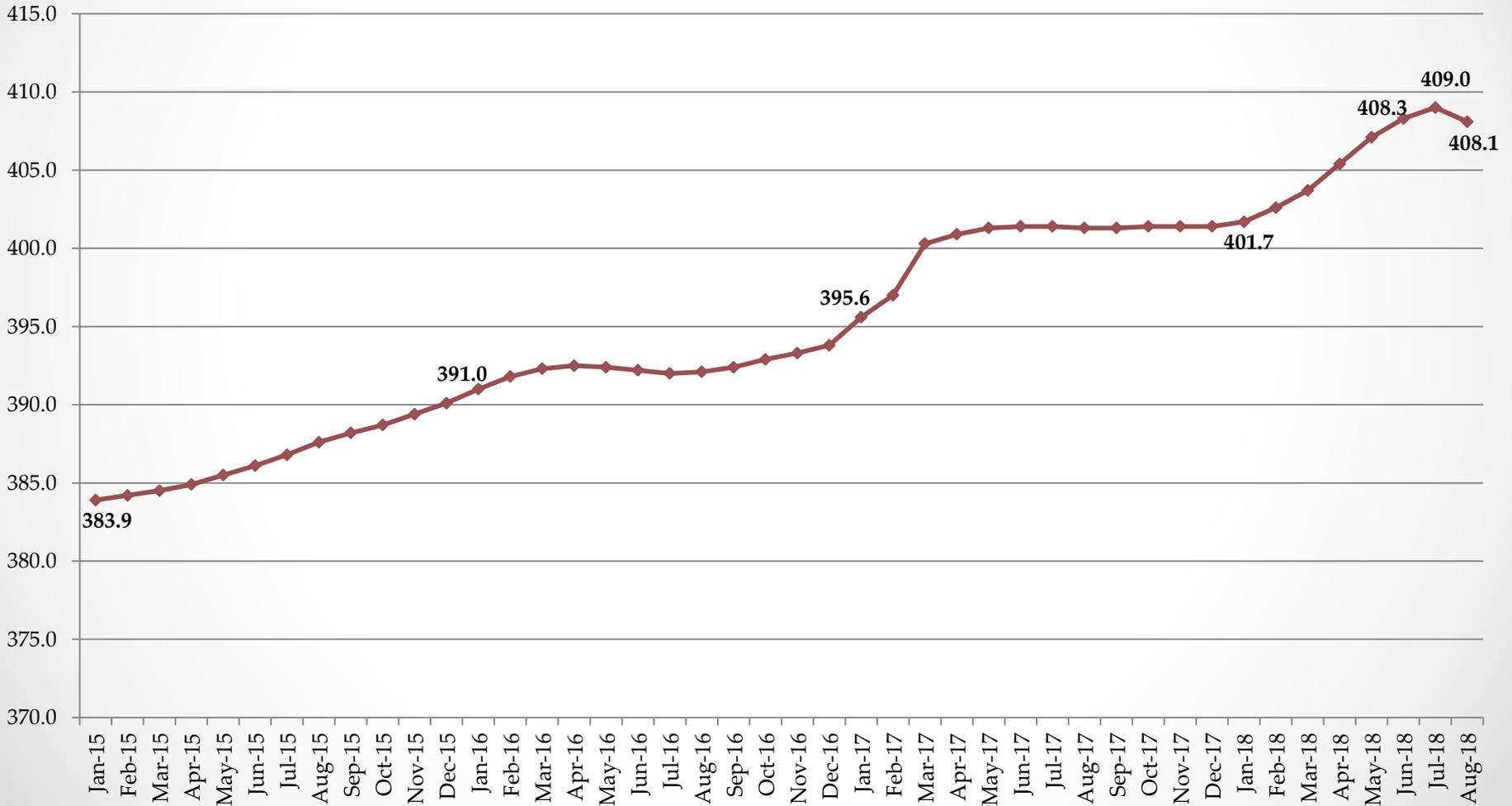




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The District's Labor Force (Jan. 2015 - Aug. 2018) (In Thousands)

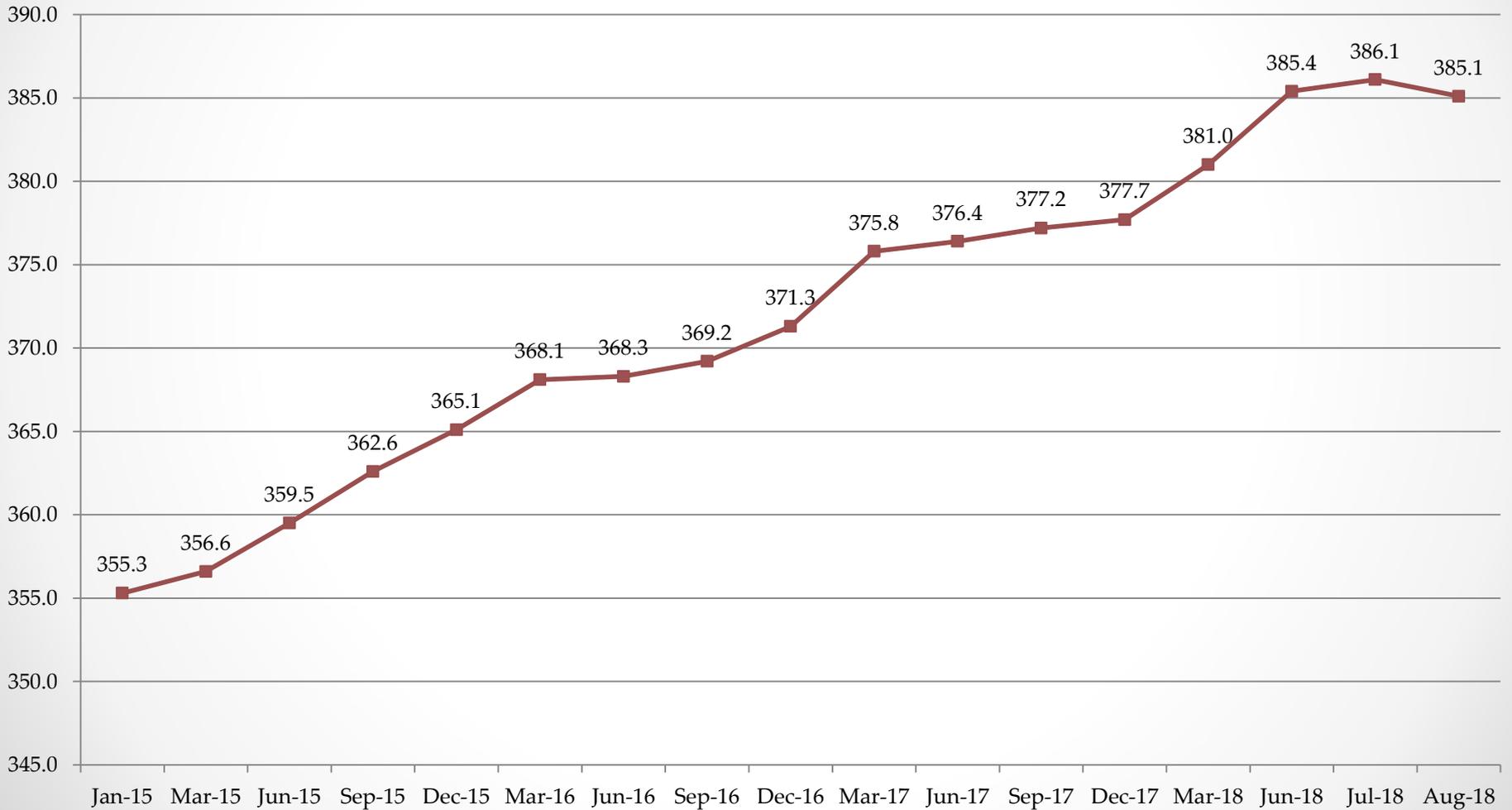




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Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 - Aug. 2018) (In Thousands)

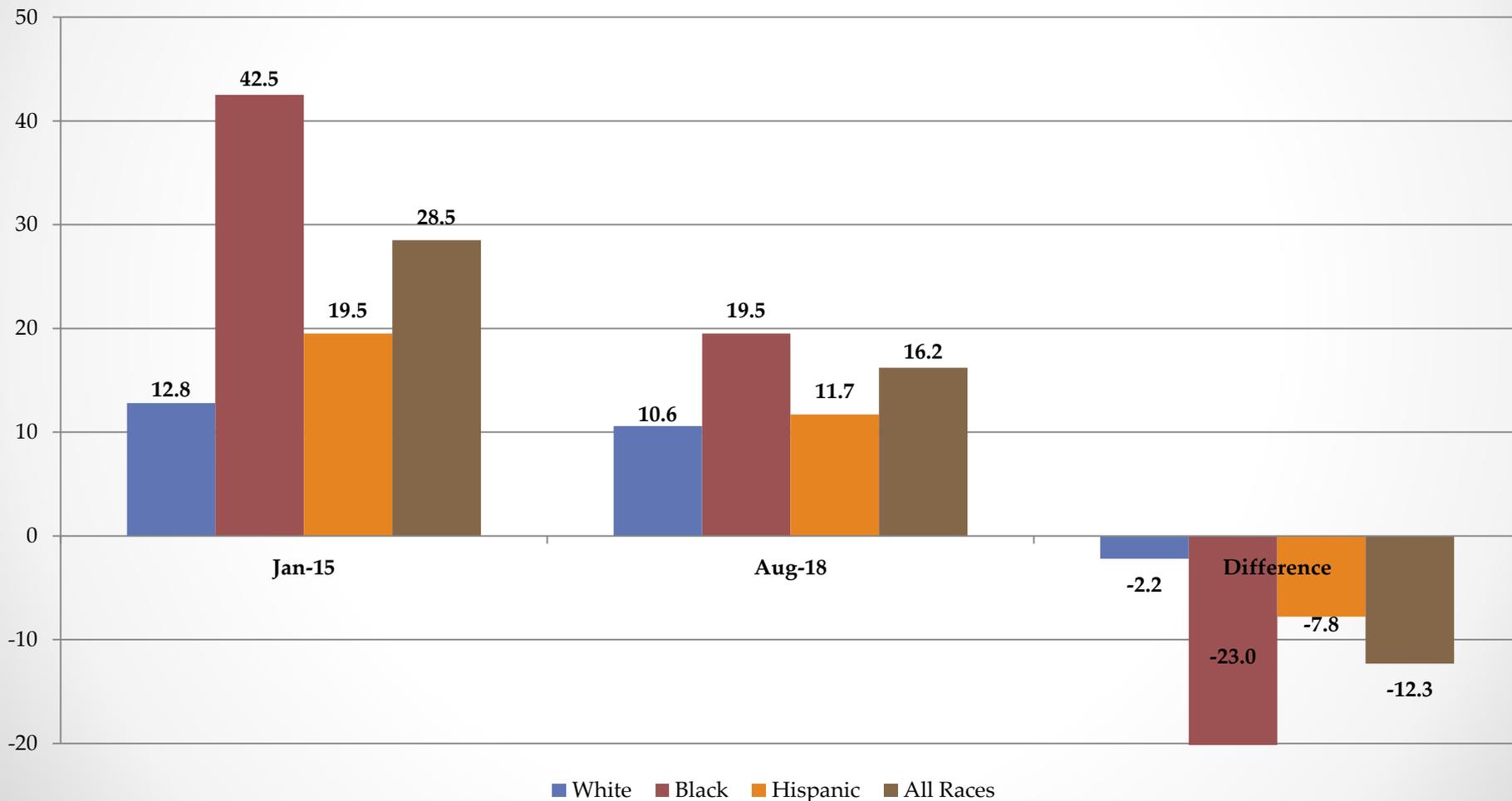




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Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - Aug. 2018)

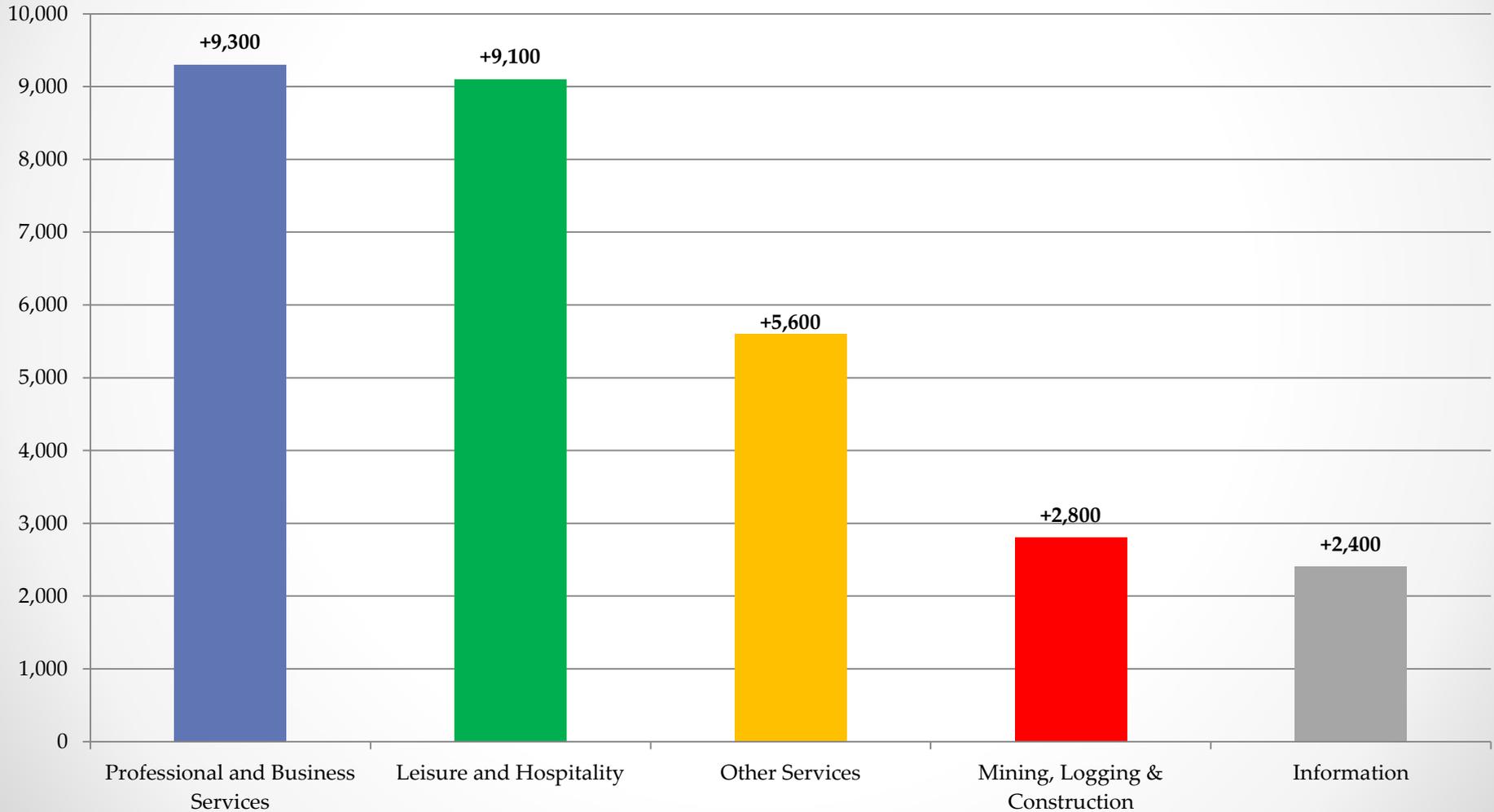




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Top 5 Industry with Highest Employment Increase (Jan.2015 – Aug. 2018)

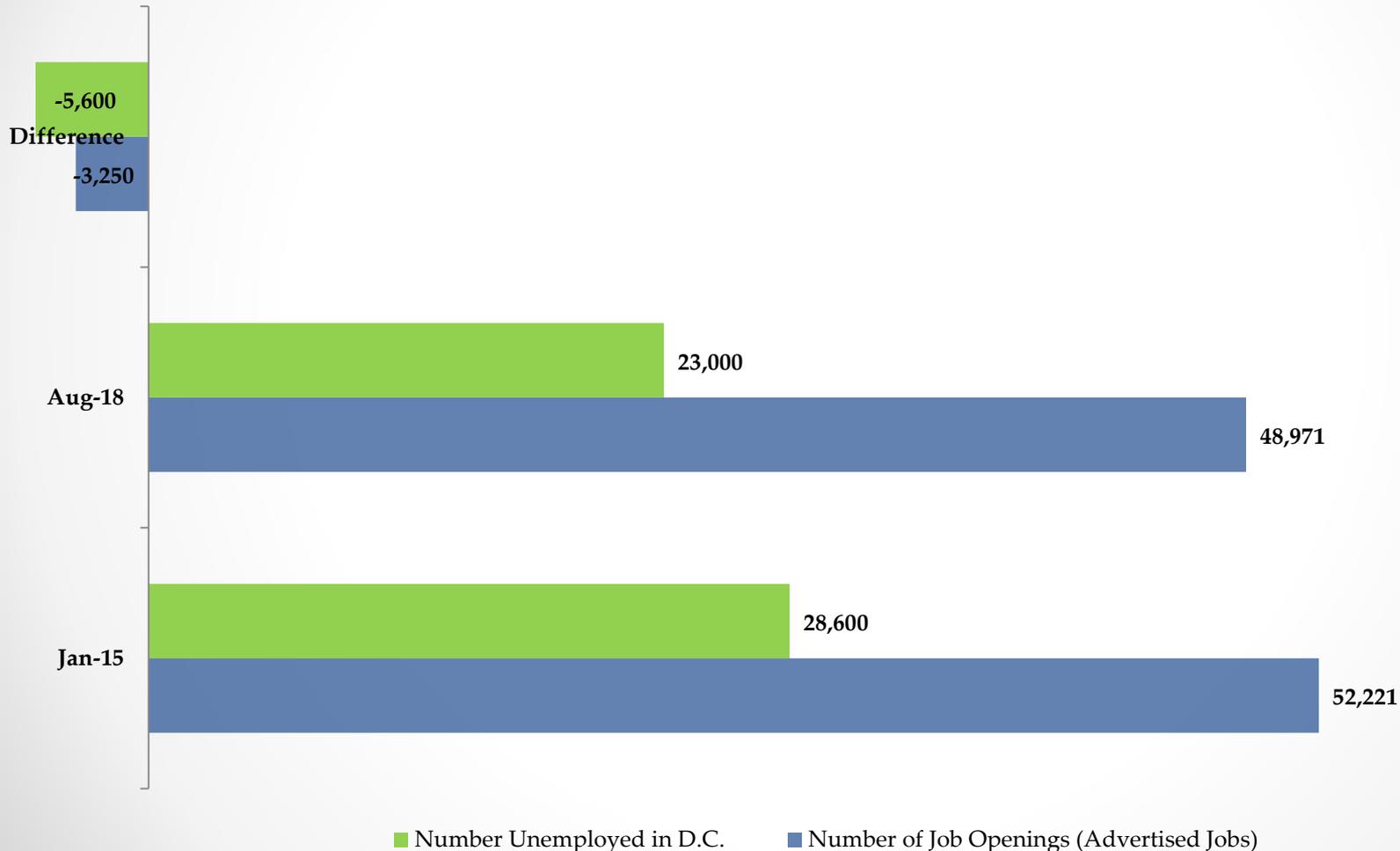




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Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - Aug. 2018)





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