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

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Highlights

From January 2015 to August 2022:

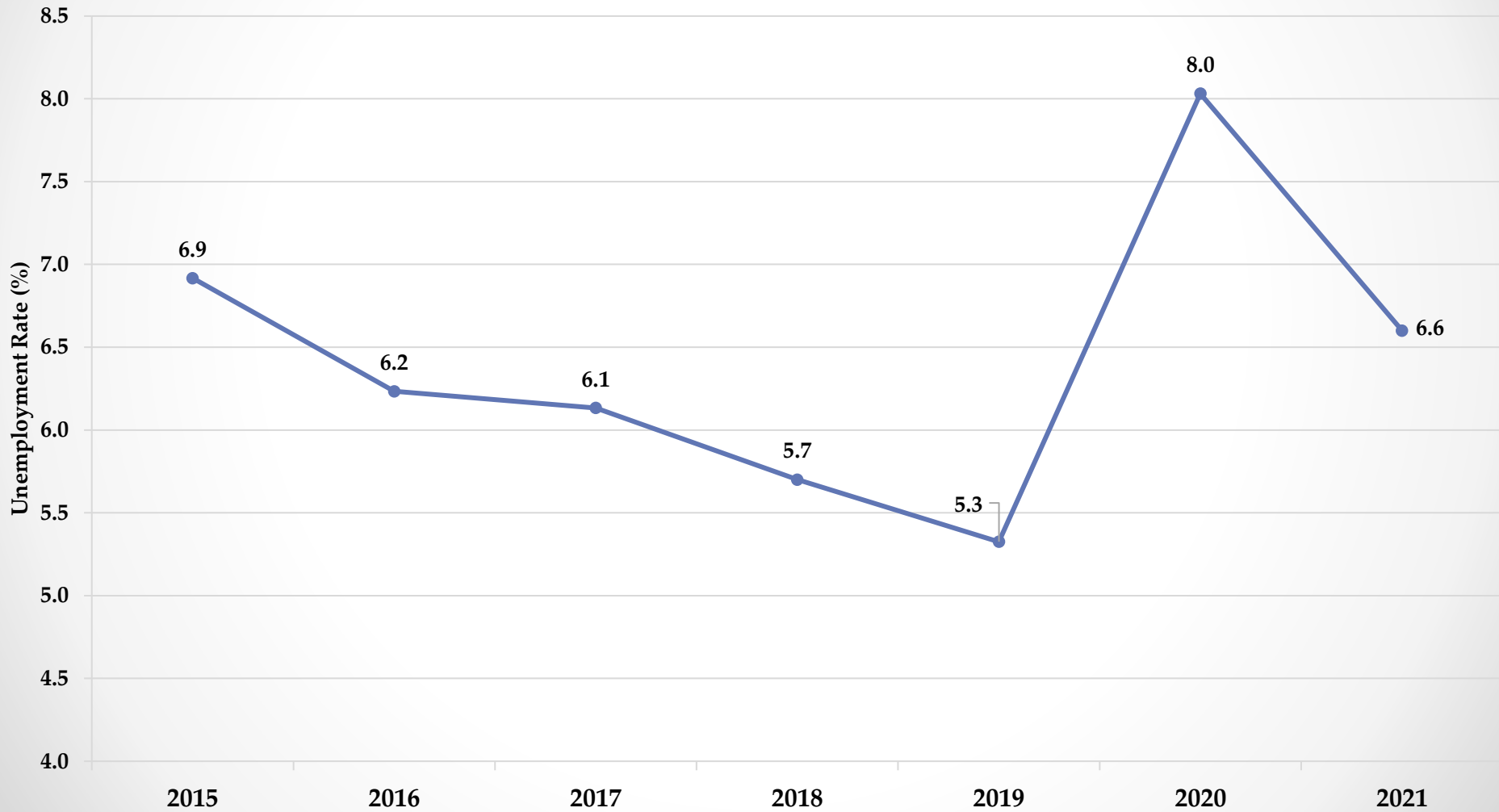
- ❖ The unemployment rate in DC decreased by **2.3** percentage points from **7.4%** to **5.1%**;
- ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by **1.1** percentage points (**12.9%** to **11.8%**) and **5.6** percentage points (**16.1%** to **10.5%**) respectively;
- ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by **8,000**;
- ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by **15,400**;
- ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants decreased by **15%**;
- ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by **8,600** people;
- ❖ The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by **9** weeks;
- ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by **20,000** jobs (**3.9%** increase);
- ❖ Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase among industries with employment increased by **17,400**;
- ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers with an average monthly opening of **1,264** 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 **497** jobs.



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DC Annual Average Unemployment Rate (%) (2015-2021)

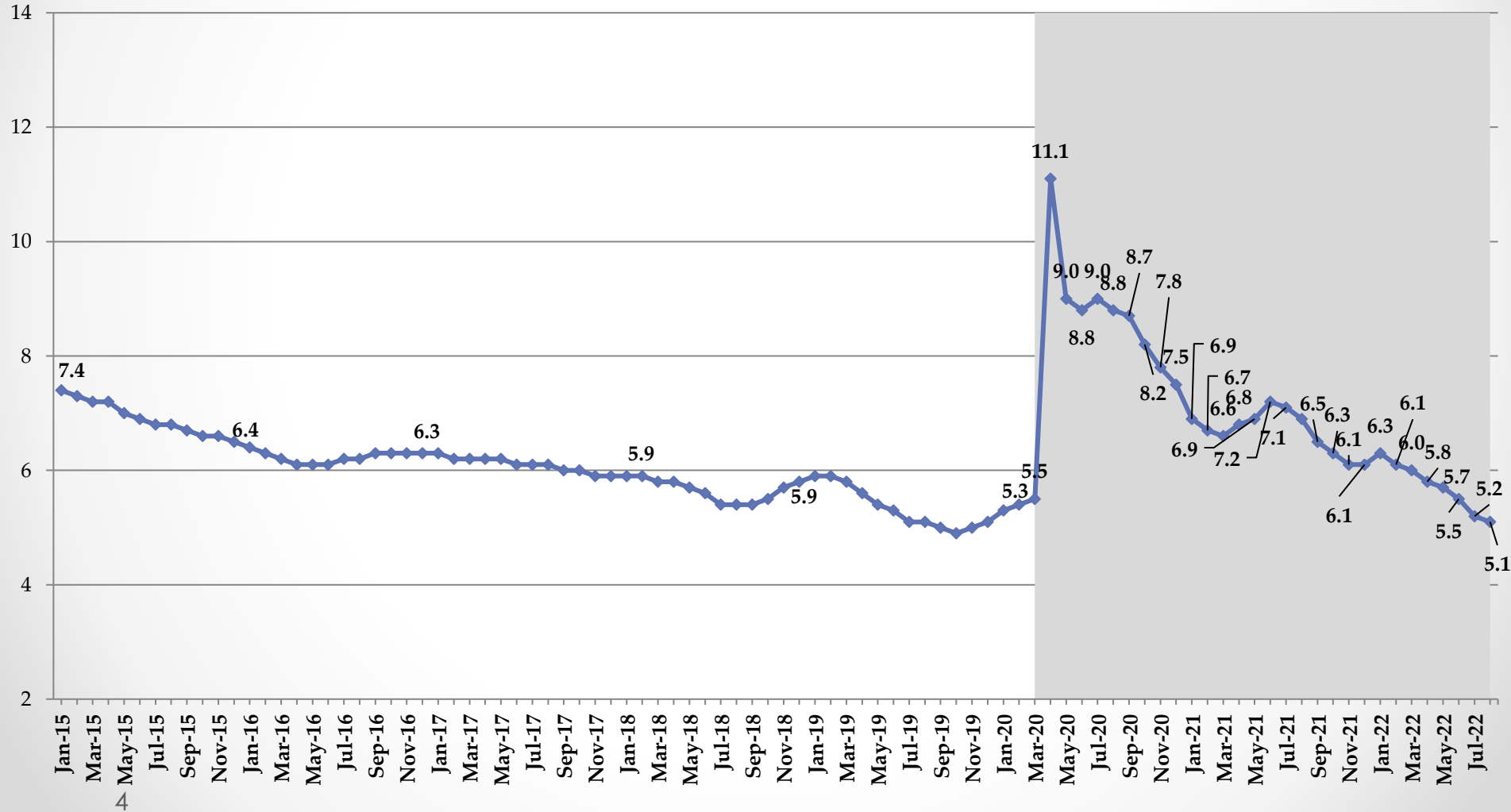




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The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate (%): Jan. 2015 - August 2022

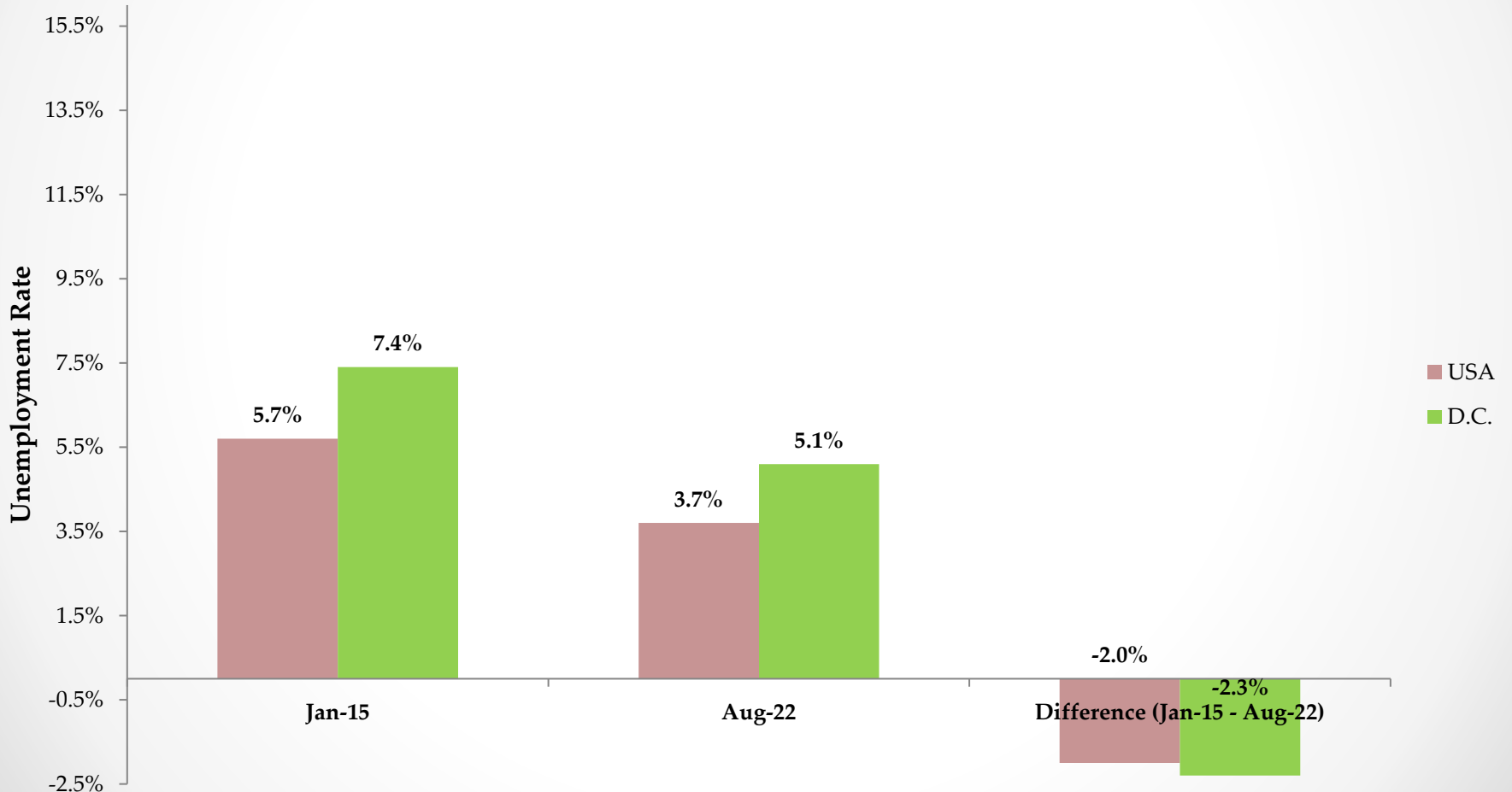




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Unemployment Rate (%) (January 2015 - August 2022)

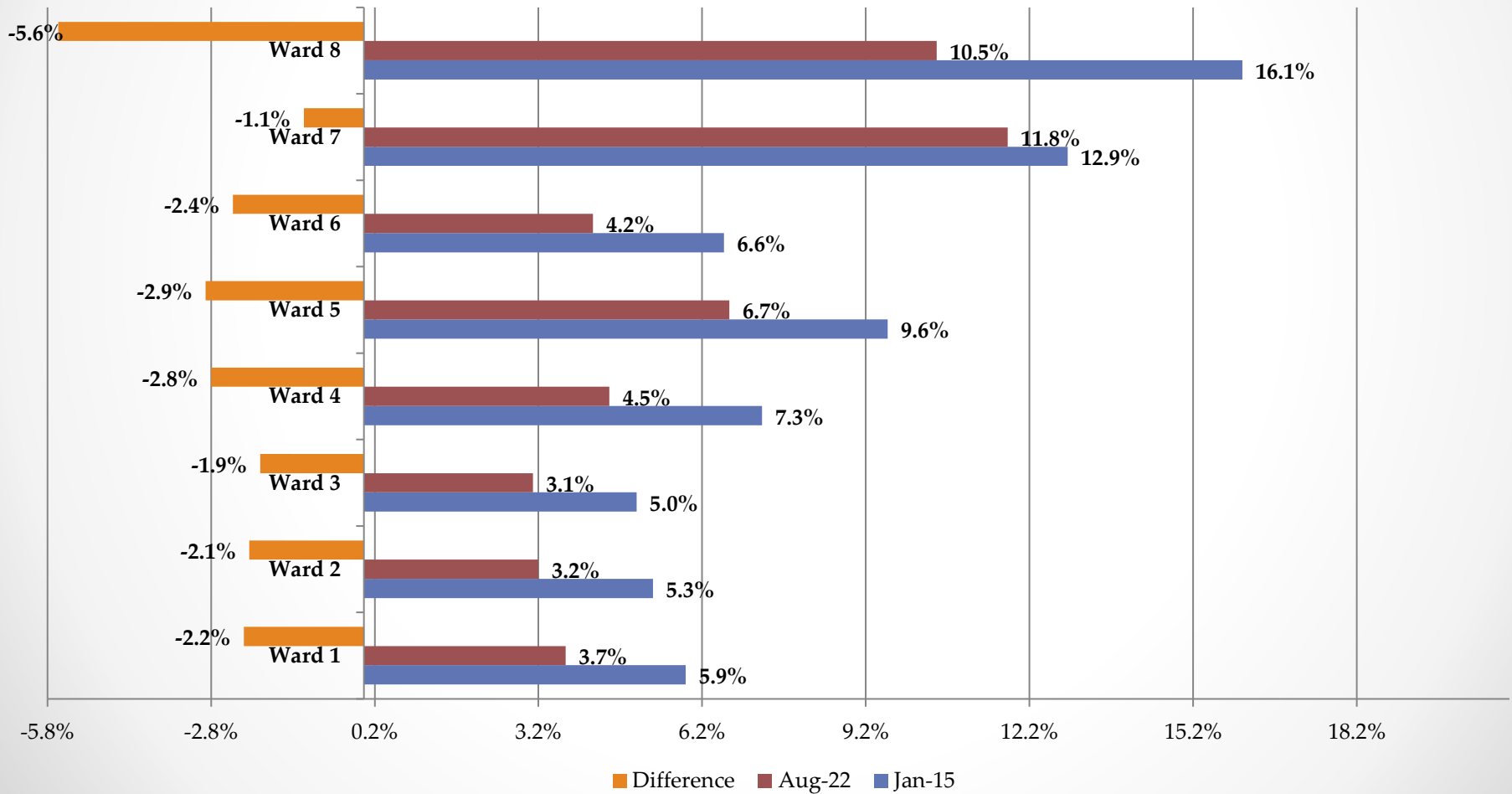




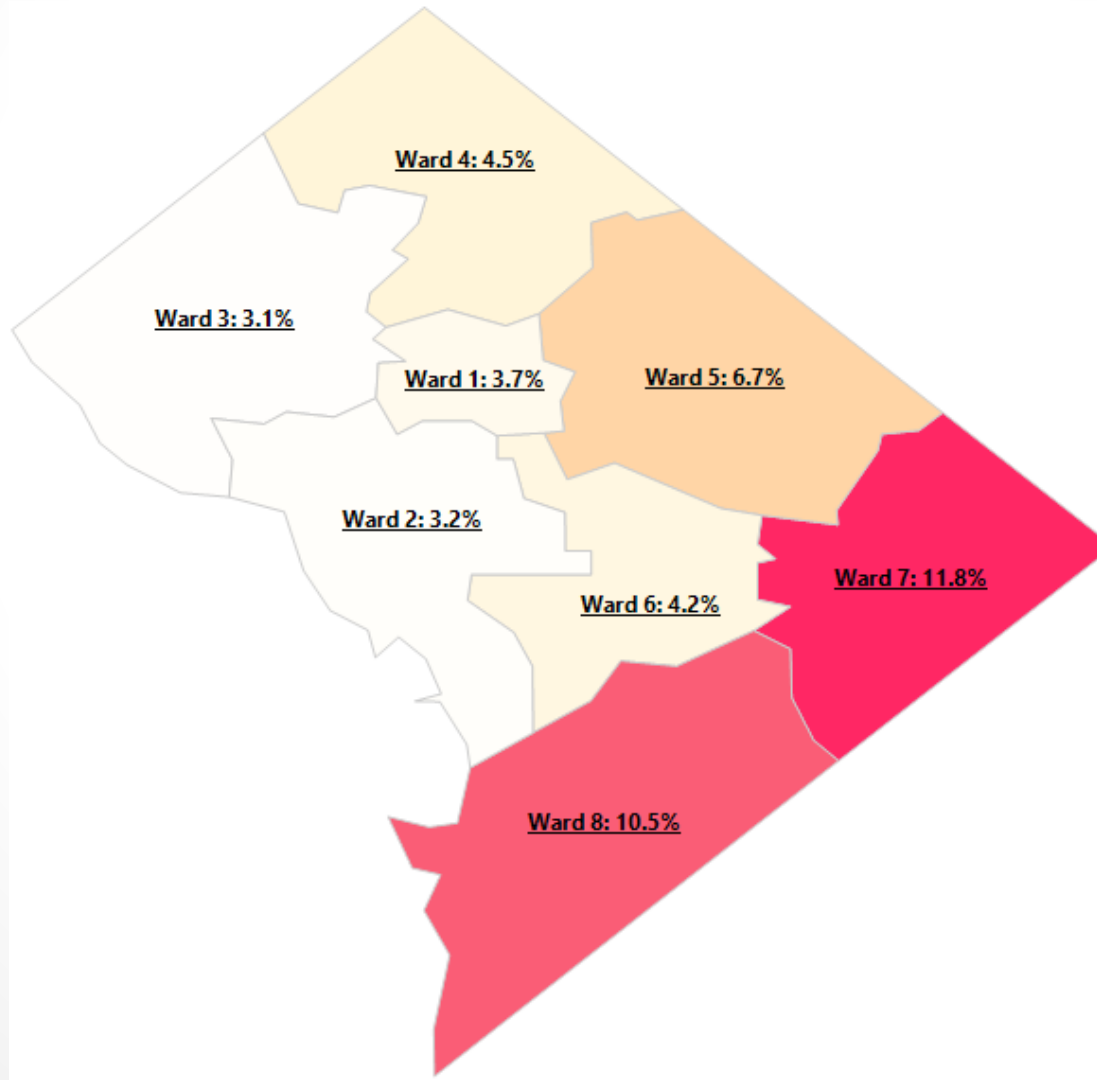
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Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - August 2022)



Unemployment Rate by Ward: August 2022

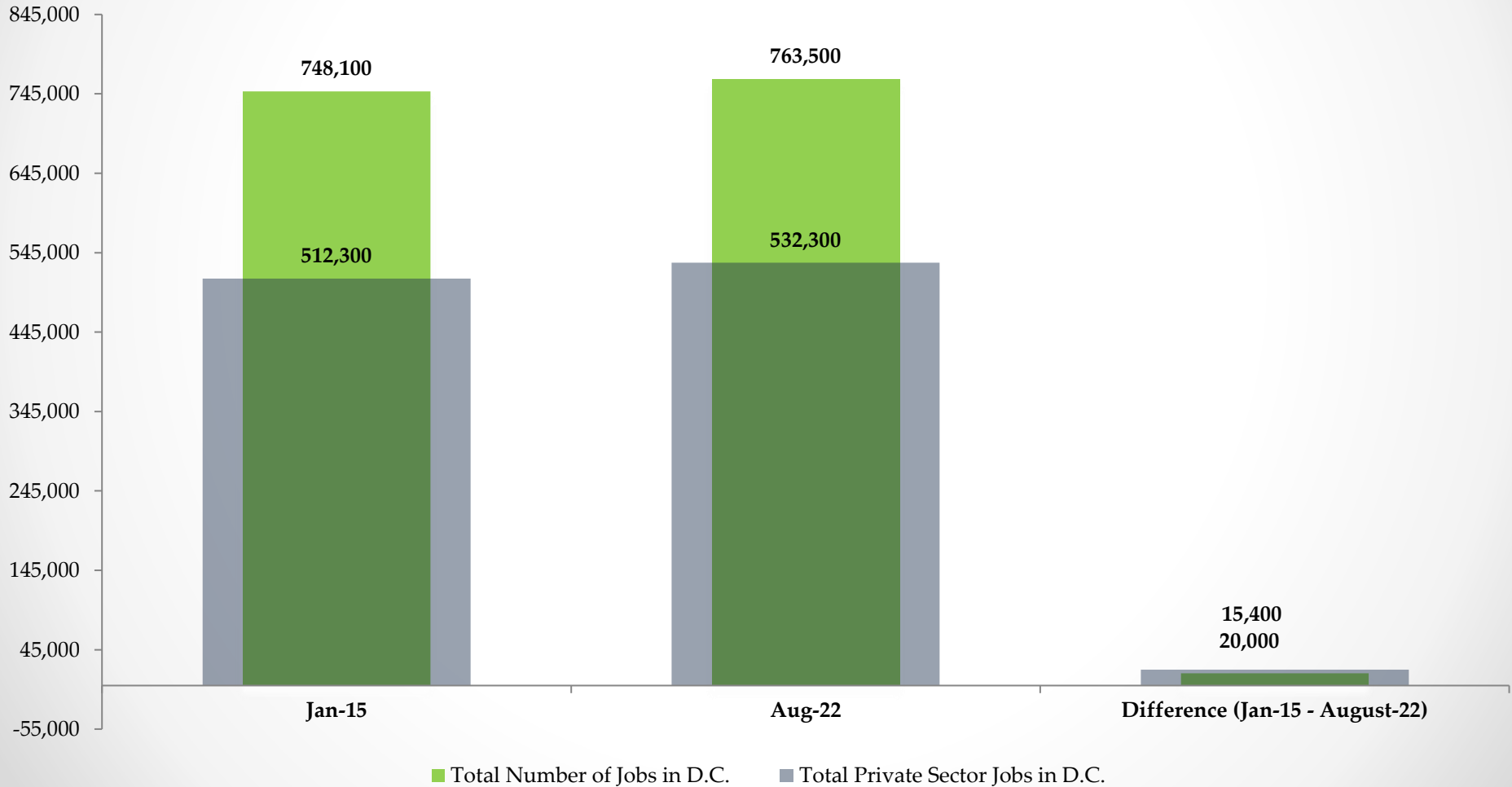




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Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - August 2022)

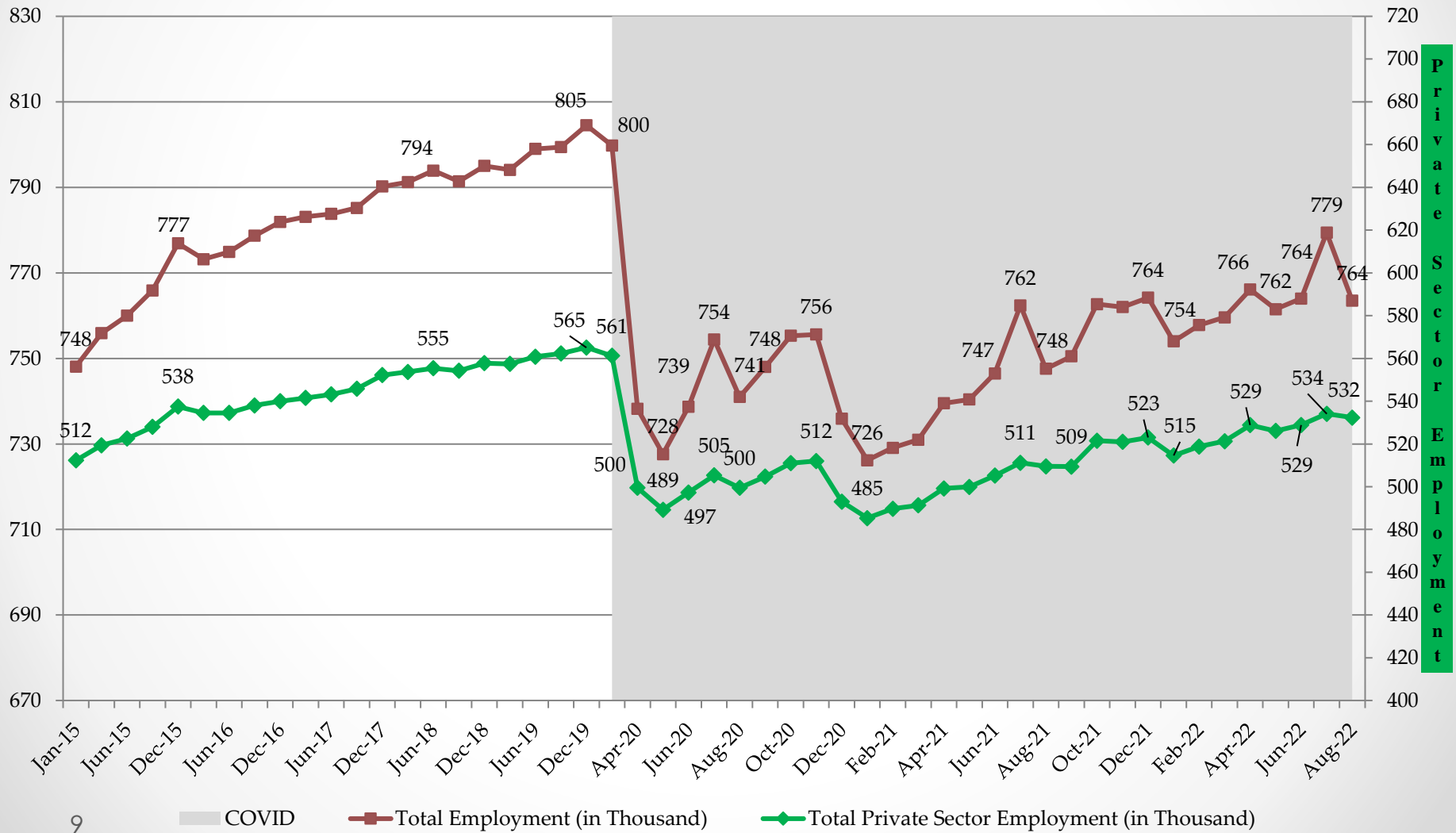




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Total Employment and Private Sector Employment in D.C. (Jan.2015 - August 2022 (In Thousands))

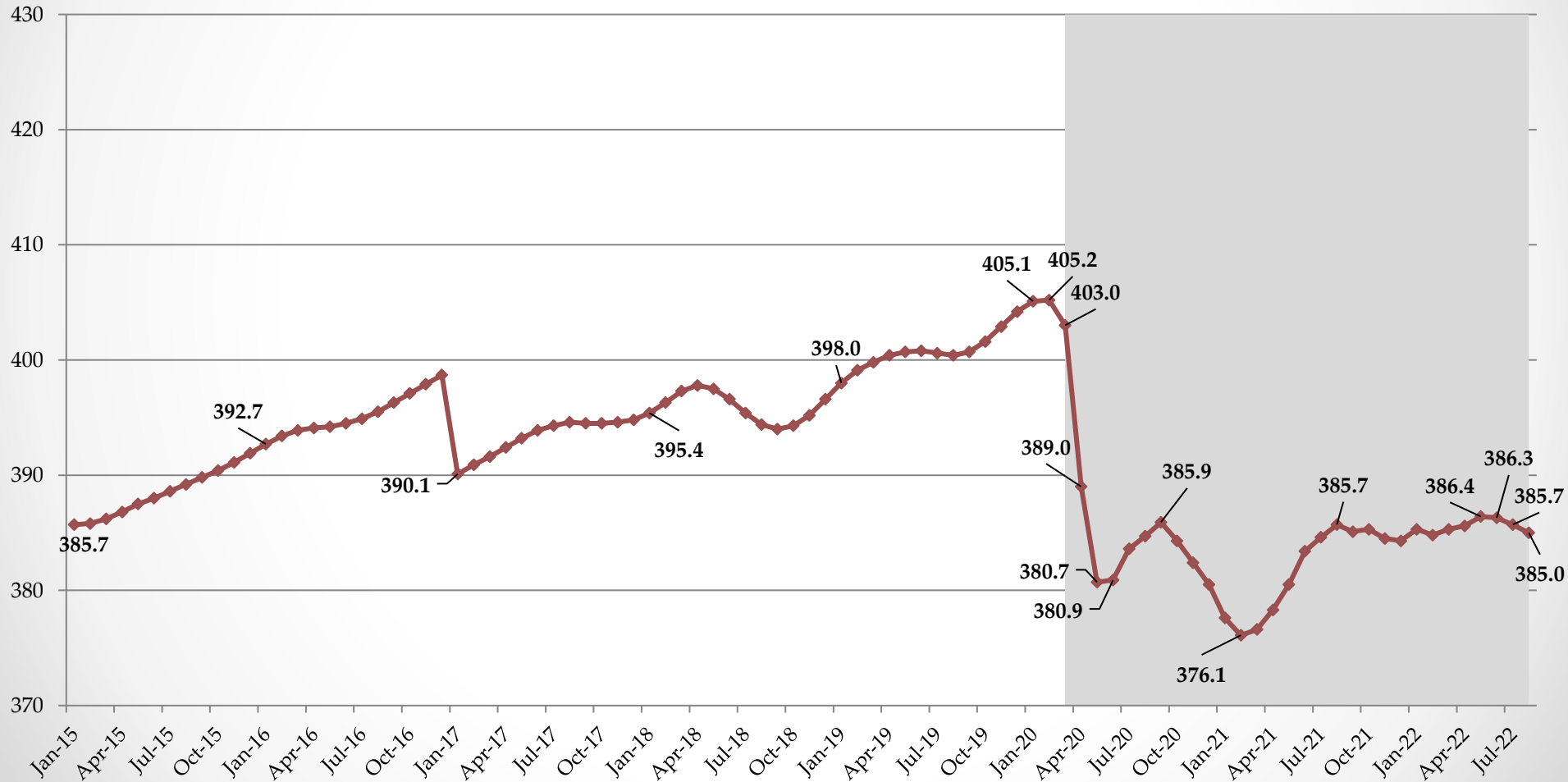




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The District's Labor Force (Jan. 2015 - August 2022) (In Thousands)

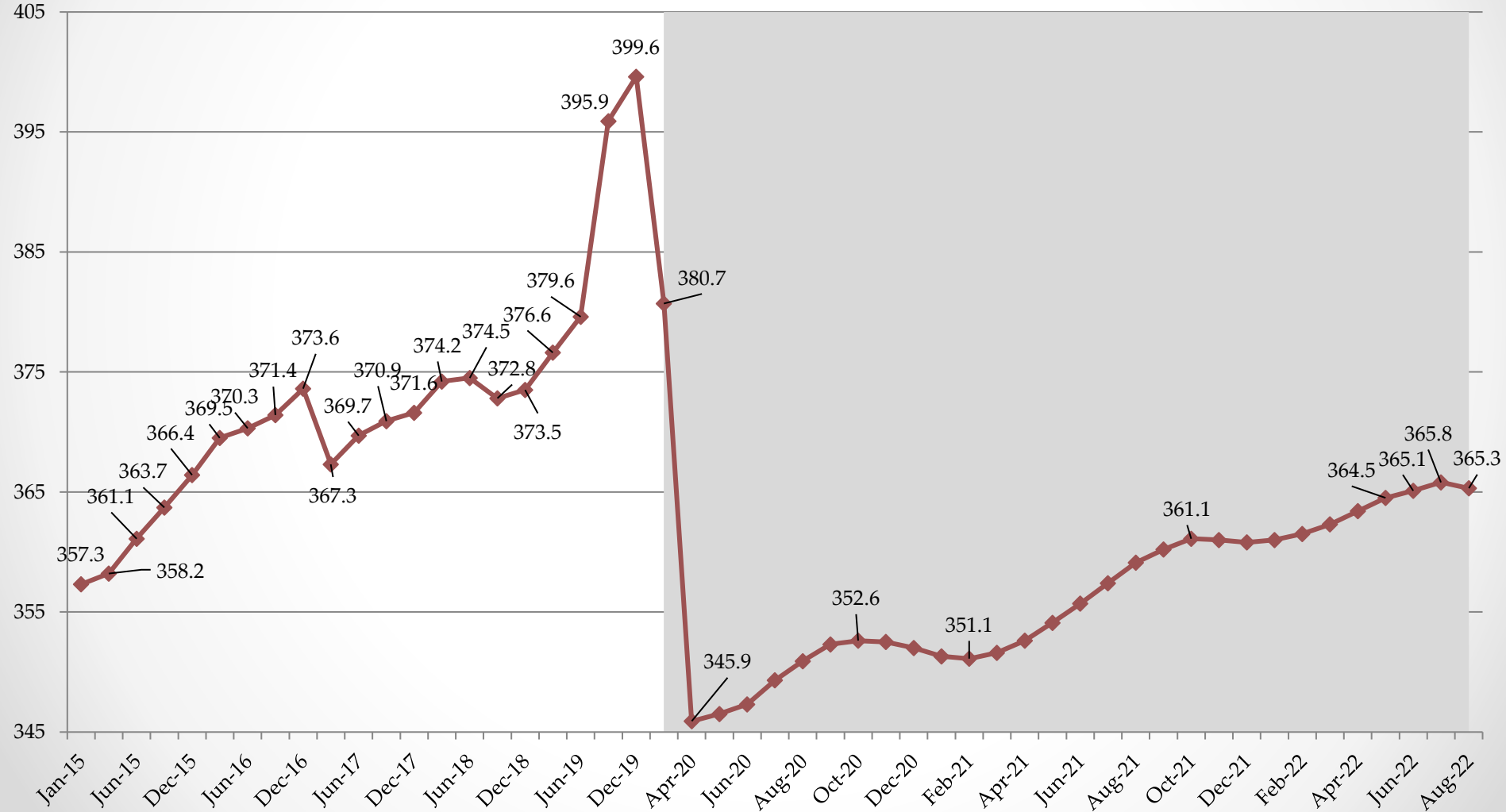




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Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 - August 2022) (In Thousands)

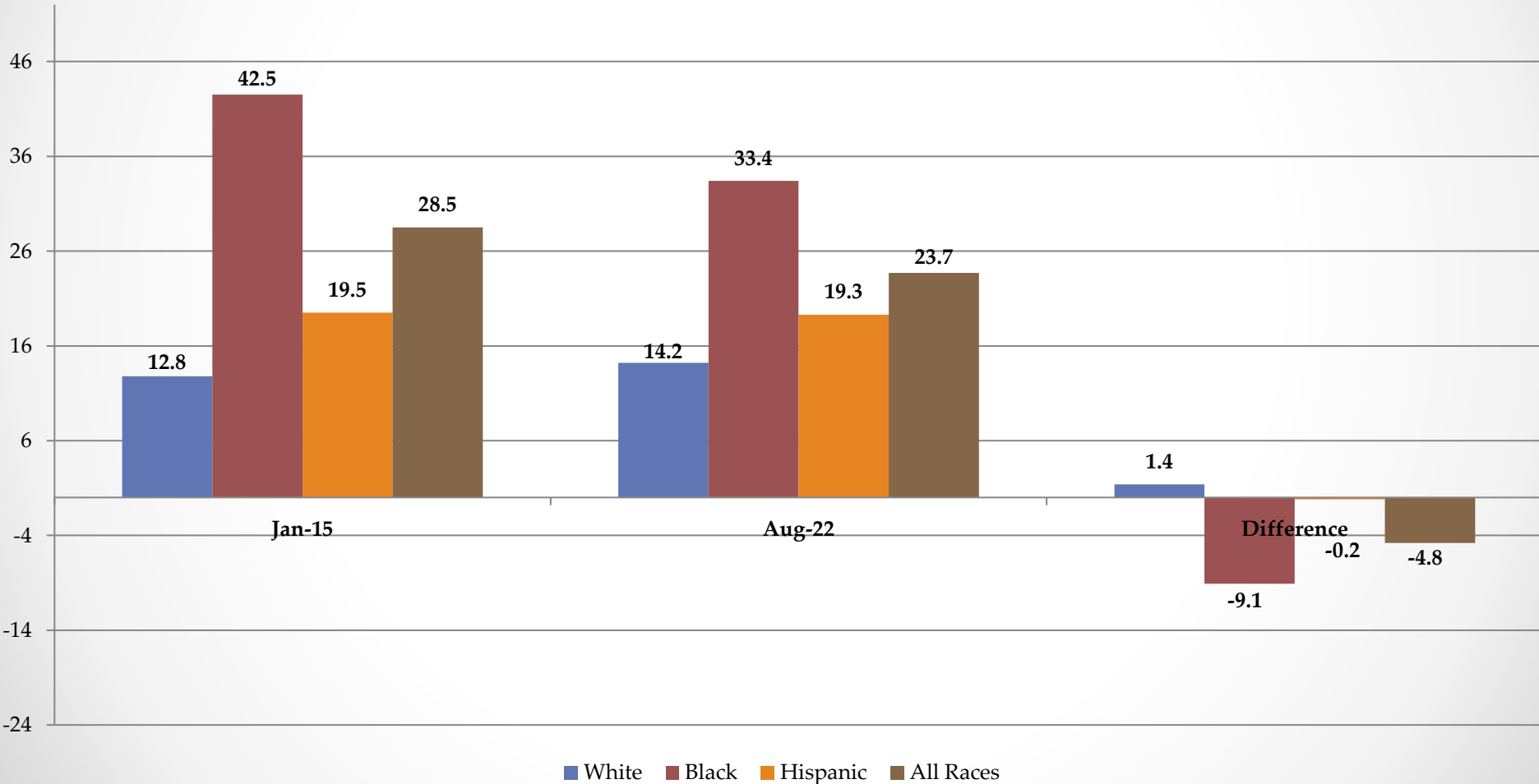




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Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - August 2022)

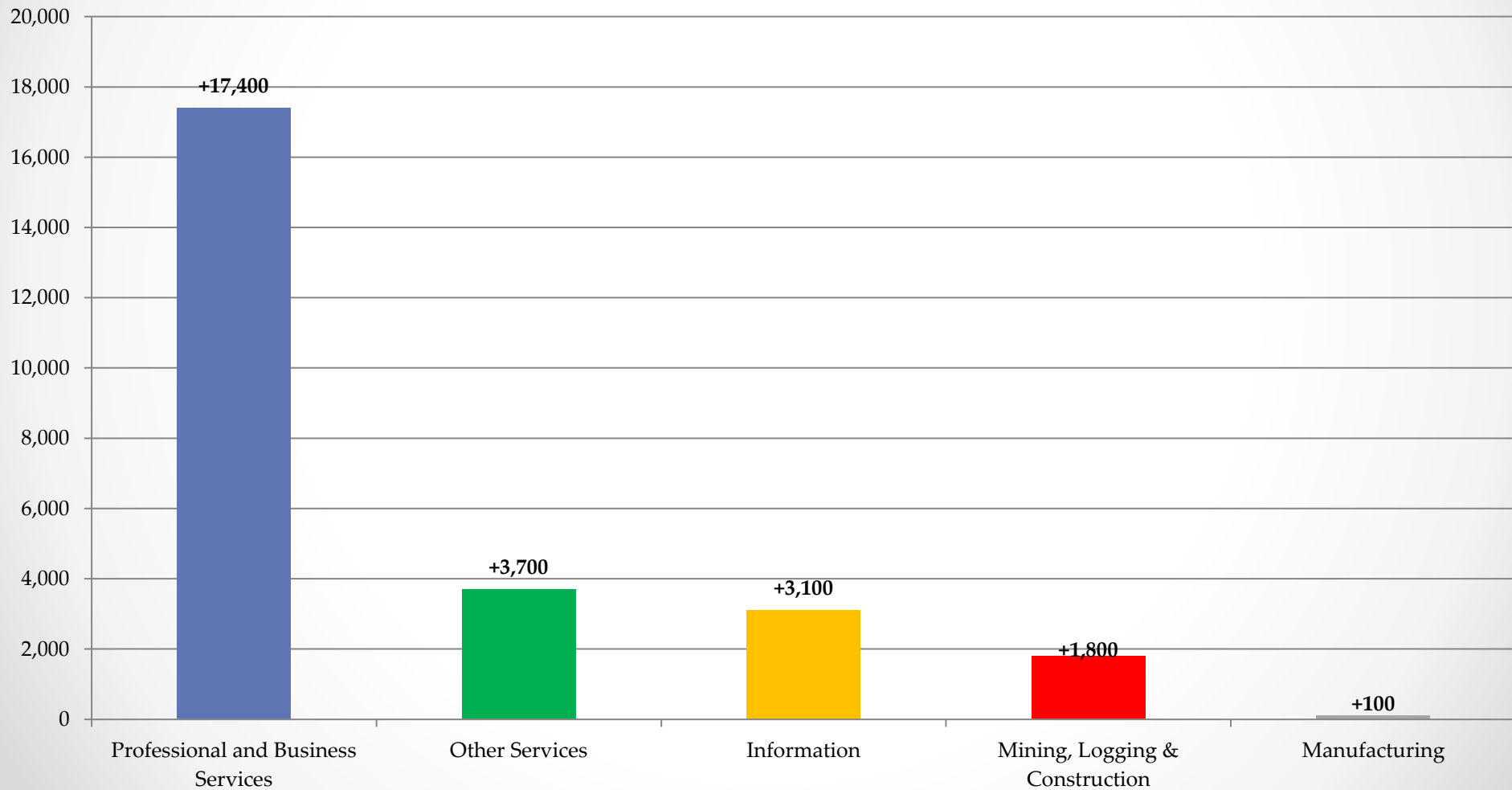




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Top 5 Industries with Highest Employment Increase (Jan.2015 – August 2022)

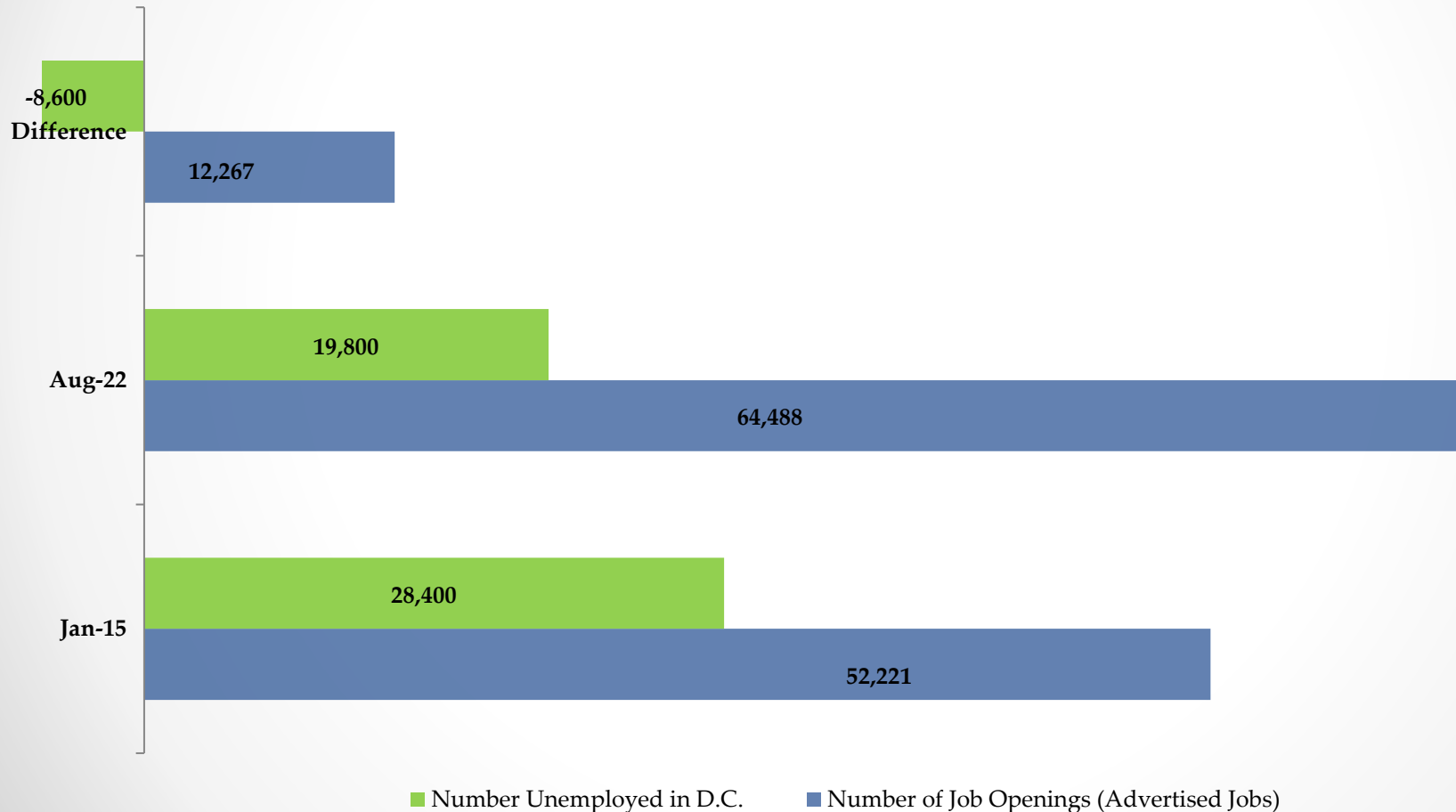




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Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - August 2022)

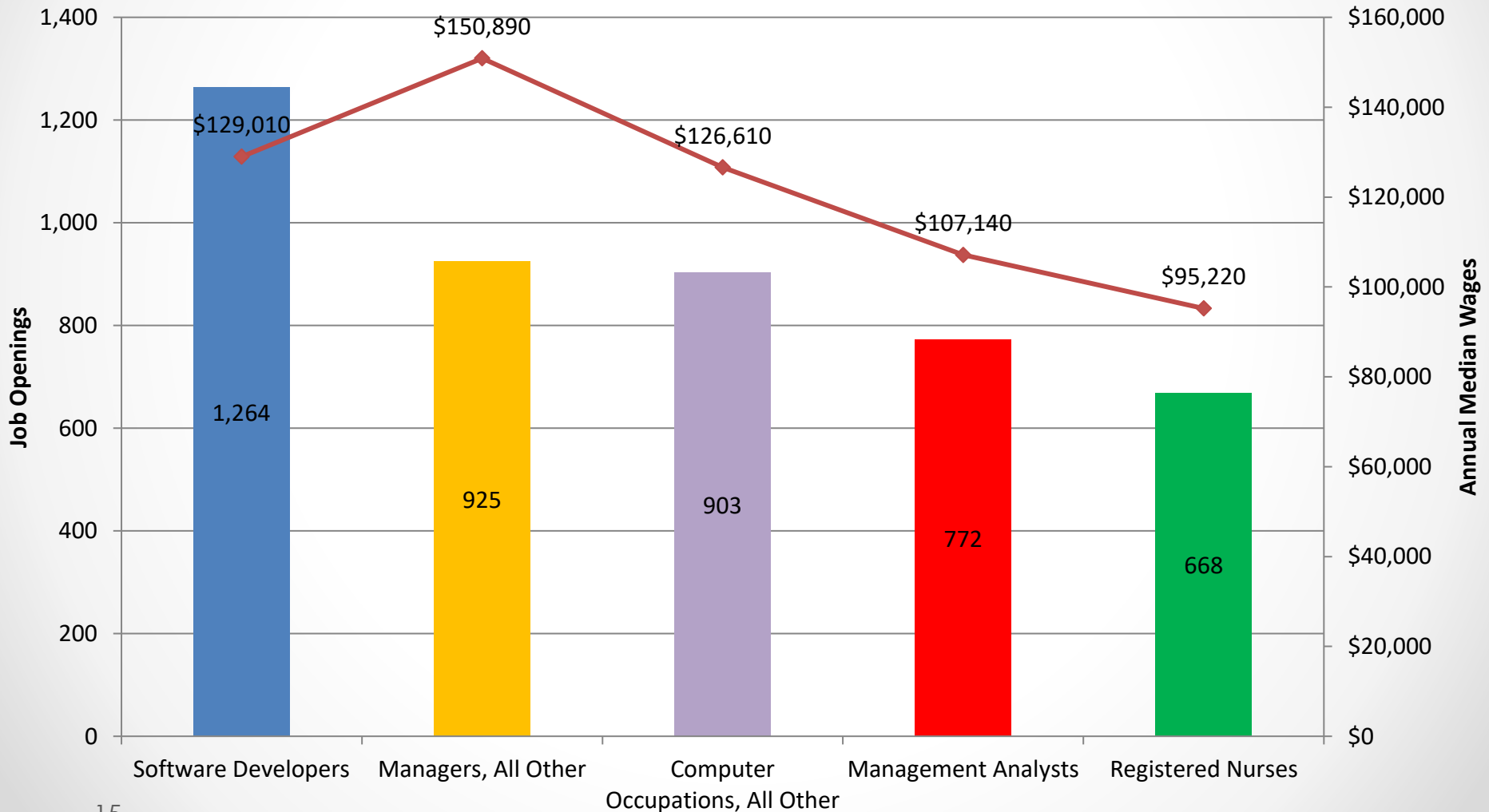




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Top 5 Job Openings: January 2020 - August 2022 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

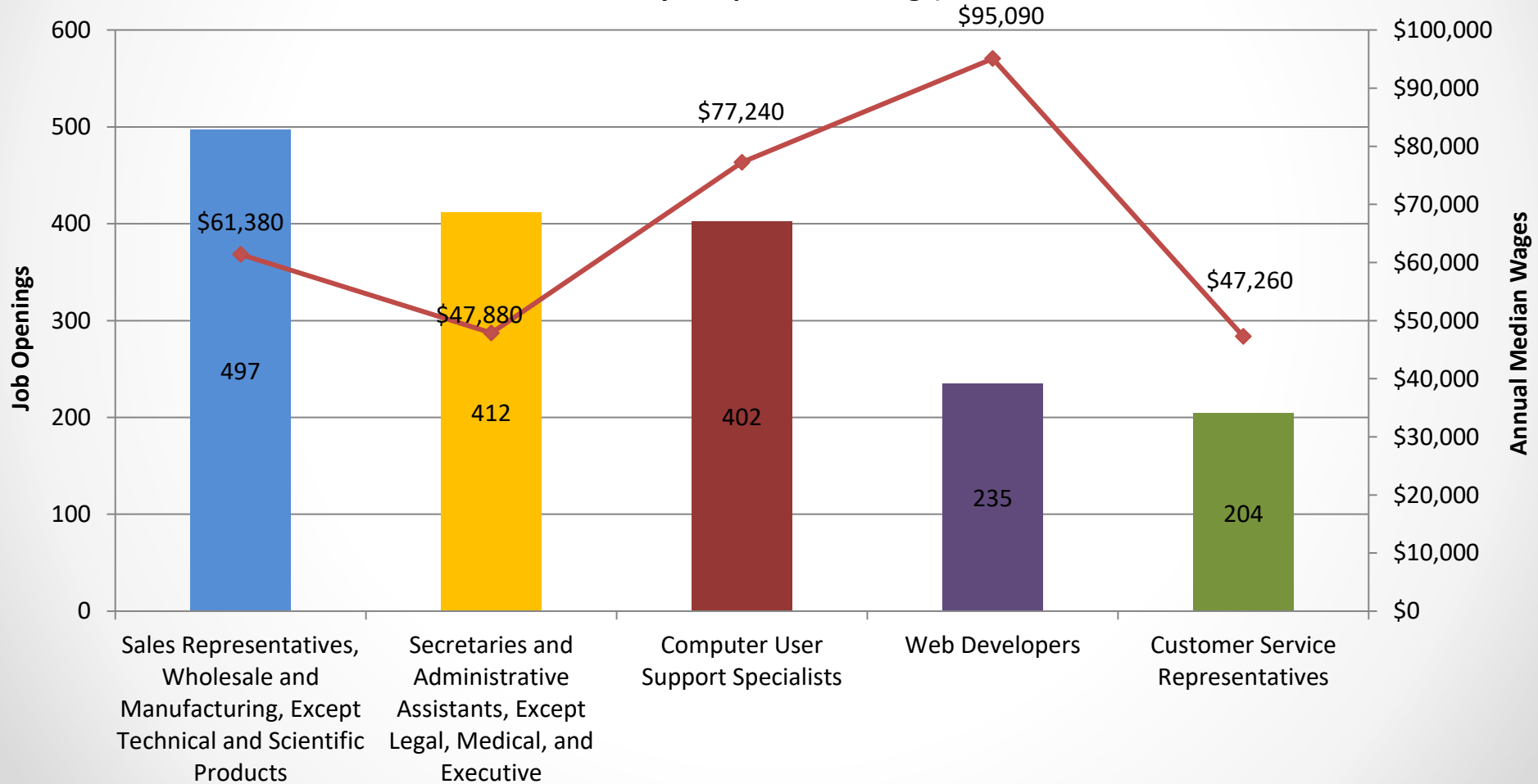




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Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2020 - August 2022 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)





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