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# D.C. Labor Market Indicators: January 2015 - December 2020

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## Highlights

• From January 2015 to December 2020:

- ❖ The unemployment rate in DC increased by **0.5** percentage points (or **6.8%** increase);
- ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 increased by **0.5** percentage points (**3.9%** increase) and increased by **1.4** percentage points (**8.7%** increase) respectively;
- ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by **24,900**;
- ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by **4,300**;
- ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants increased by **324%**;
- ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents increased by **4,400** people;
- ❖ In DC there are **1.0** jobs available (advertised) for 1 unemployed DC resident;
- ❖ The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by **23.7** weeks;
- ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District decreased by **-4,100** jobs or **-0.80%** decrease from January 2015;
- ❖ Government has the highest employment increase by industry with **8,400** since January 2015;
- ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers and Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers with an average monthly opening of **4,888**;
- ❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor's degree is Computer User Support Specialists with an average monthly opening of **2,065**.

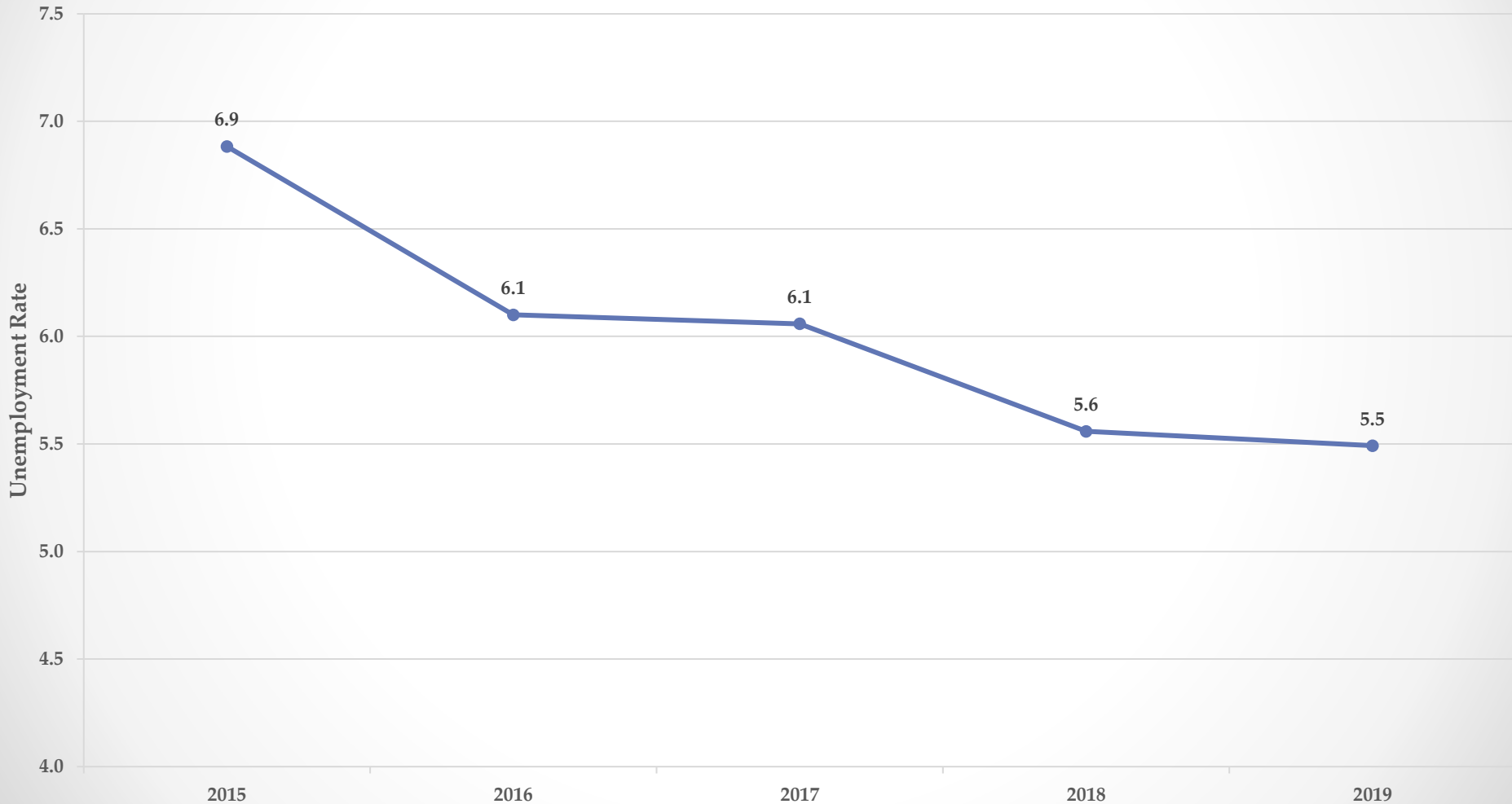


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## DC Annual Average Unemployment Rate (2015-2019)

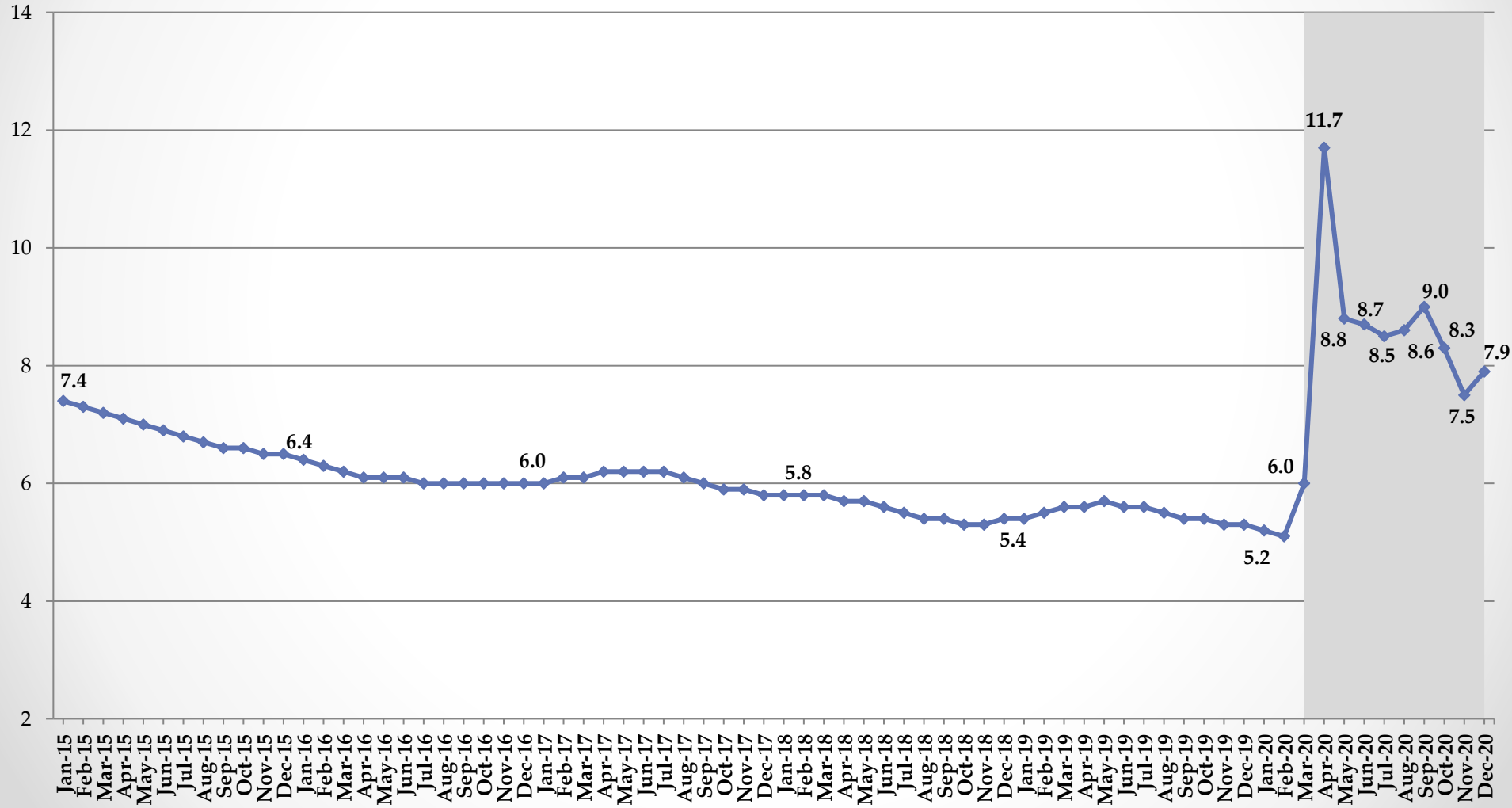




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The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Dec. 2020

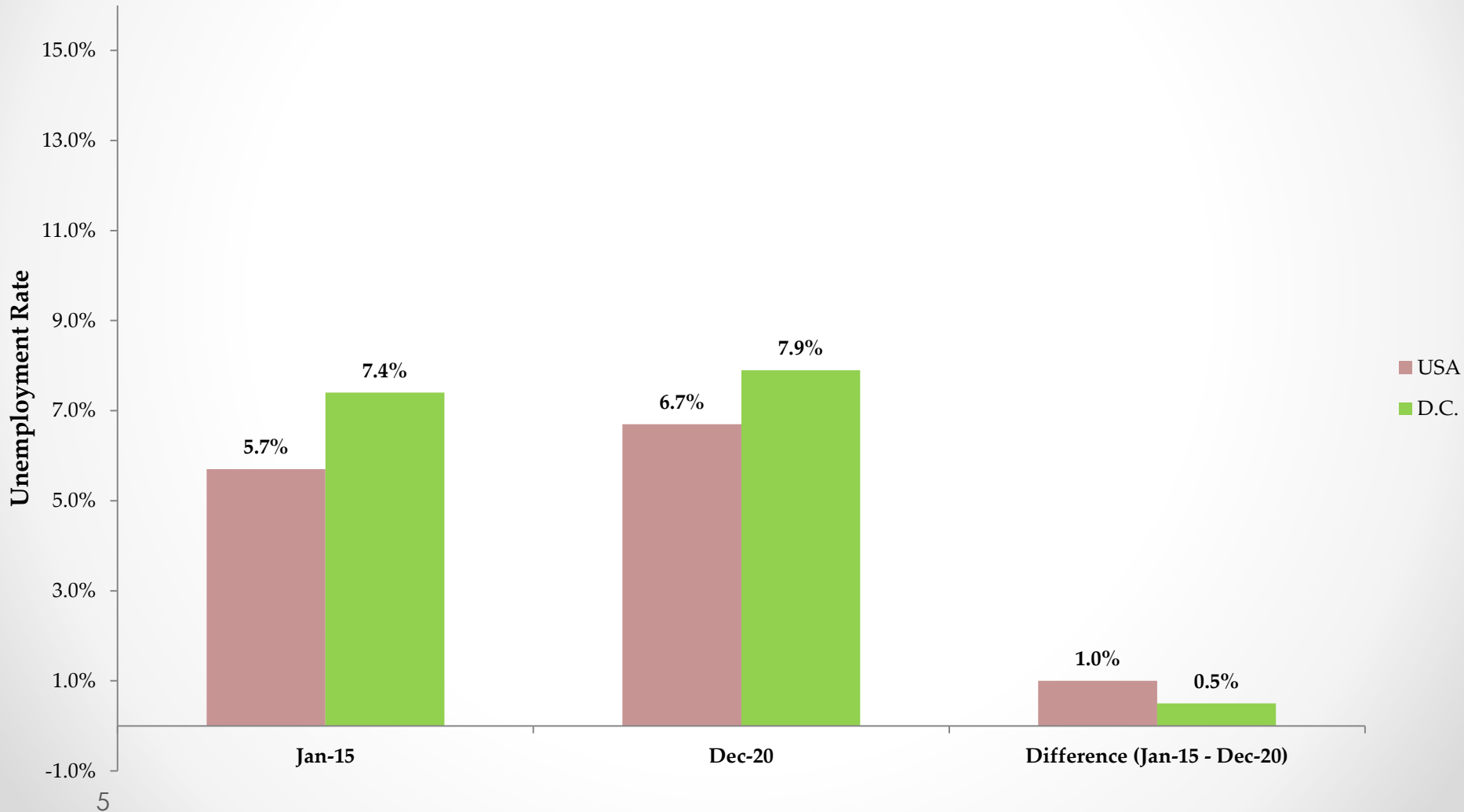




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## Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - December 2020)

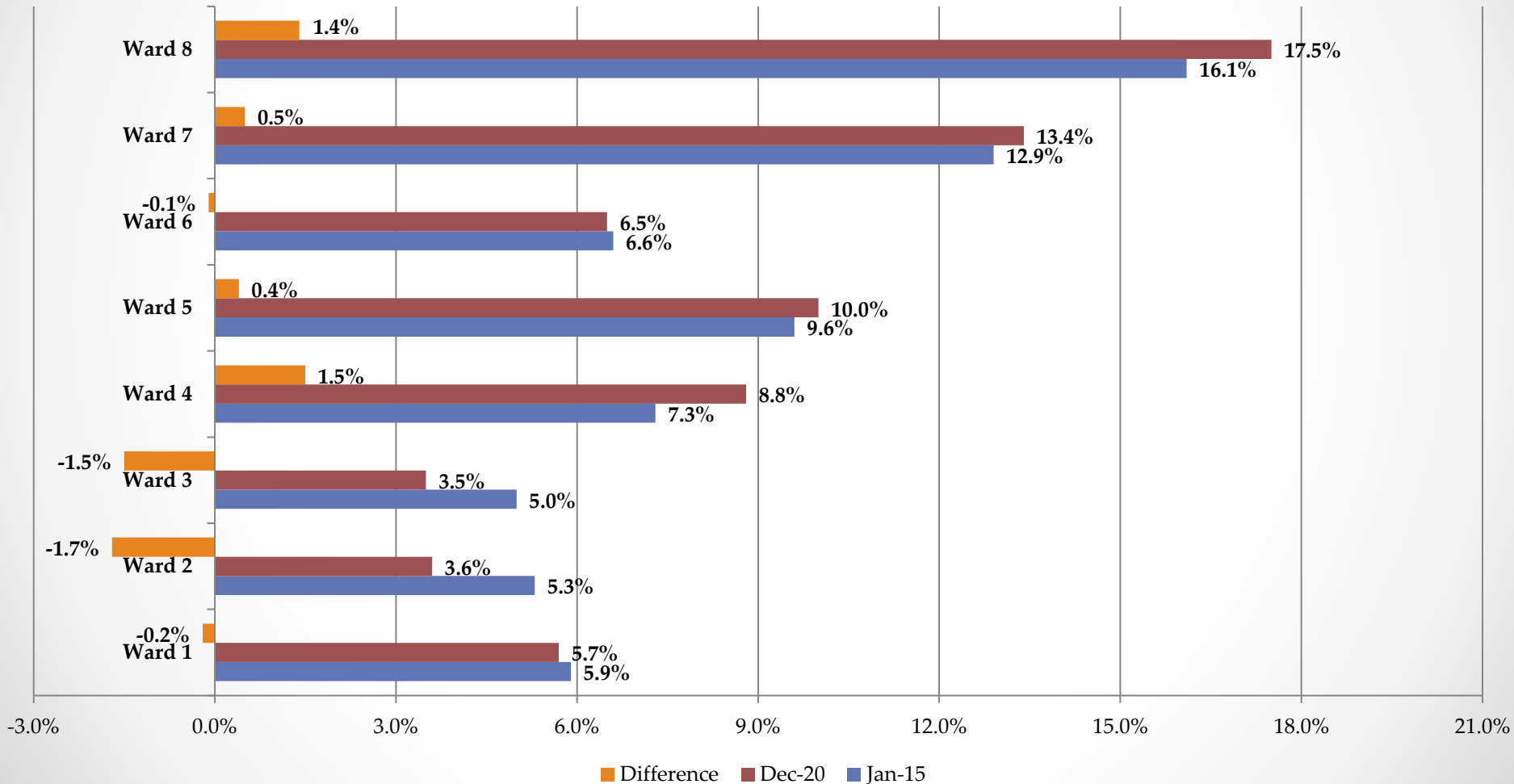




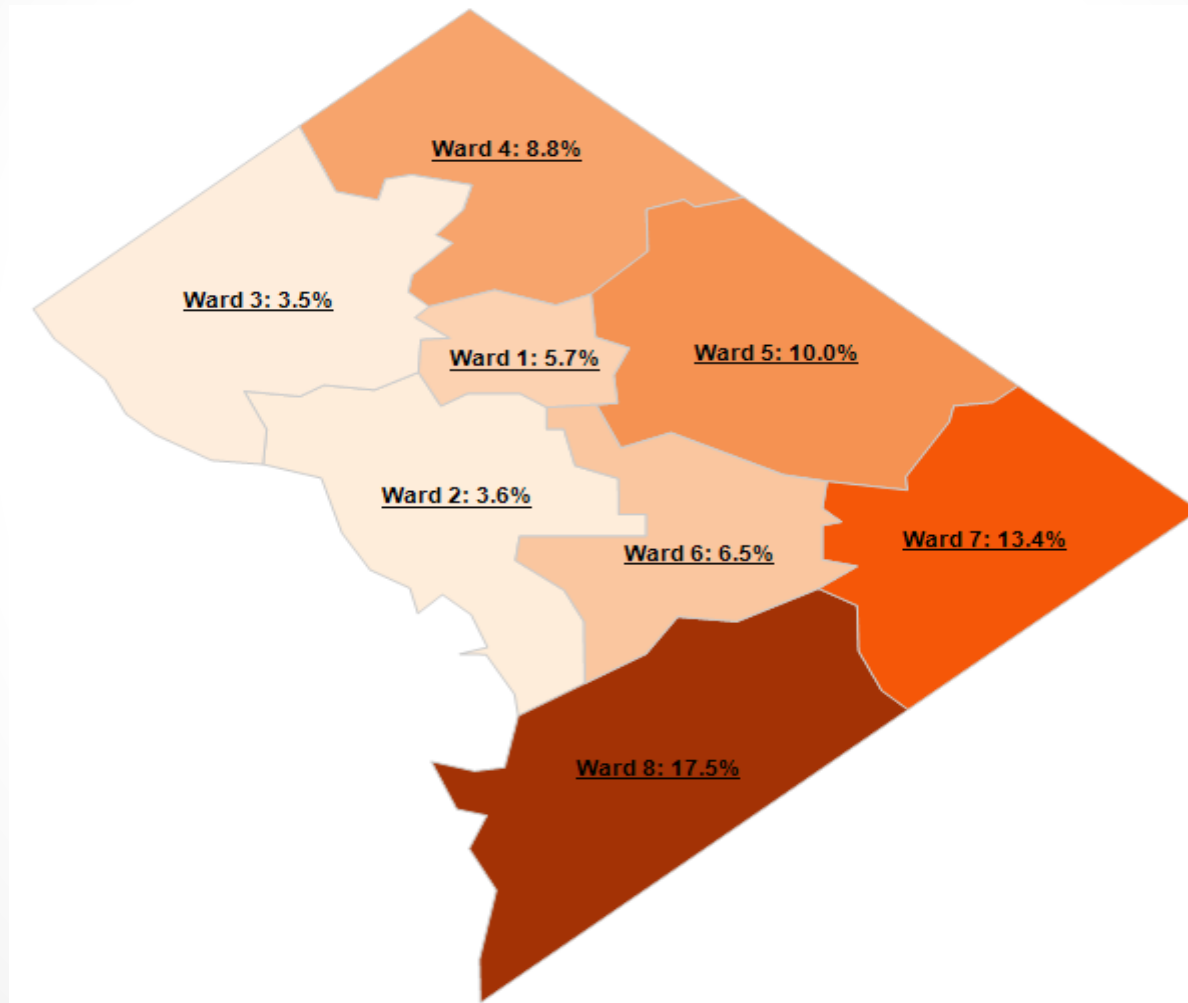
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## Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - December 2020)



## Unemployment Rate by Ward: December 2020

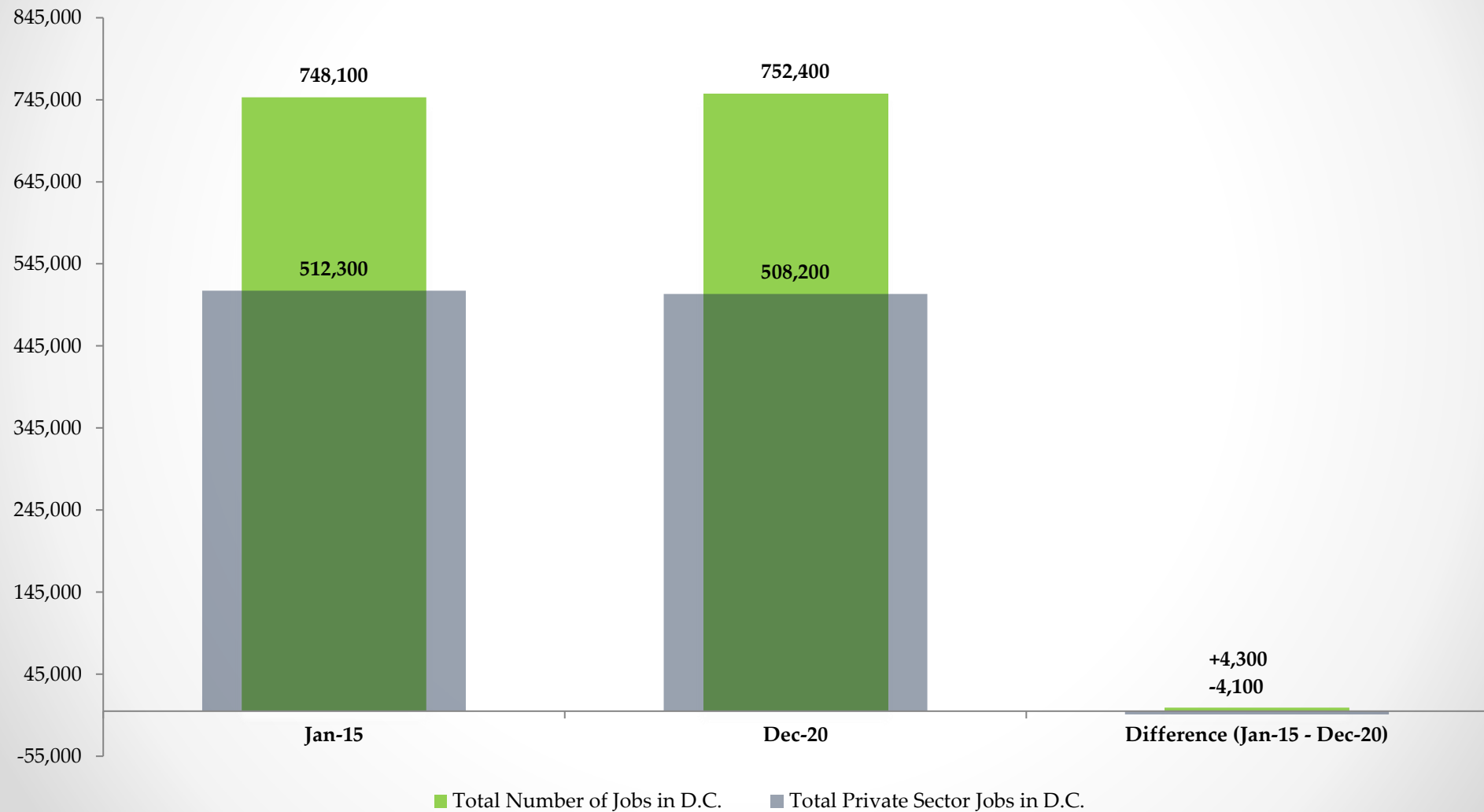




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Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Dec. 2020)



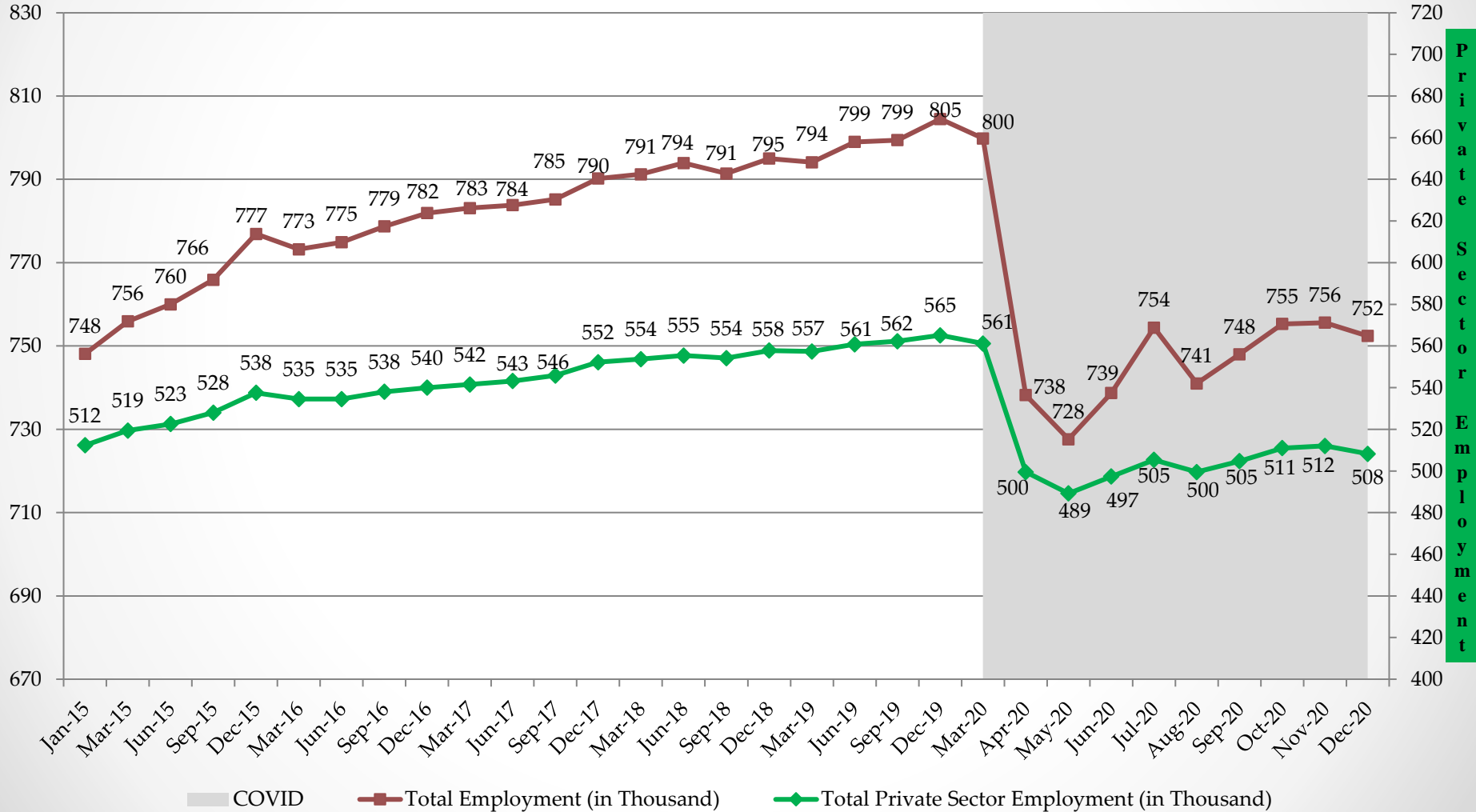




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Total Employment and Private Sector Employment in D.C. (Jan.2015 - Dec. 2020 (In Thousands))

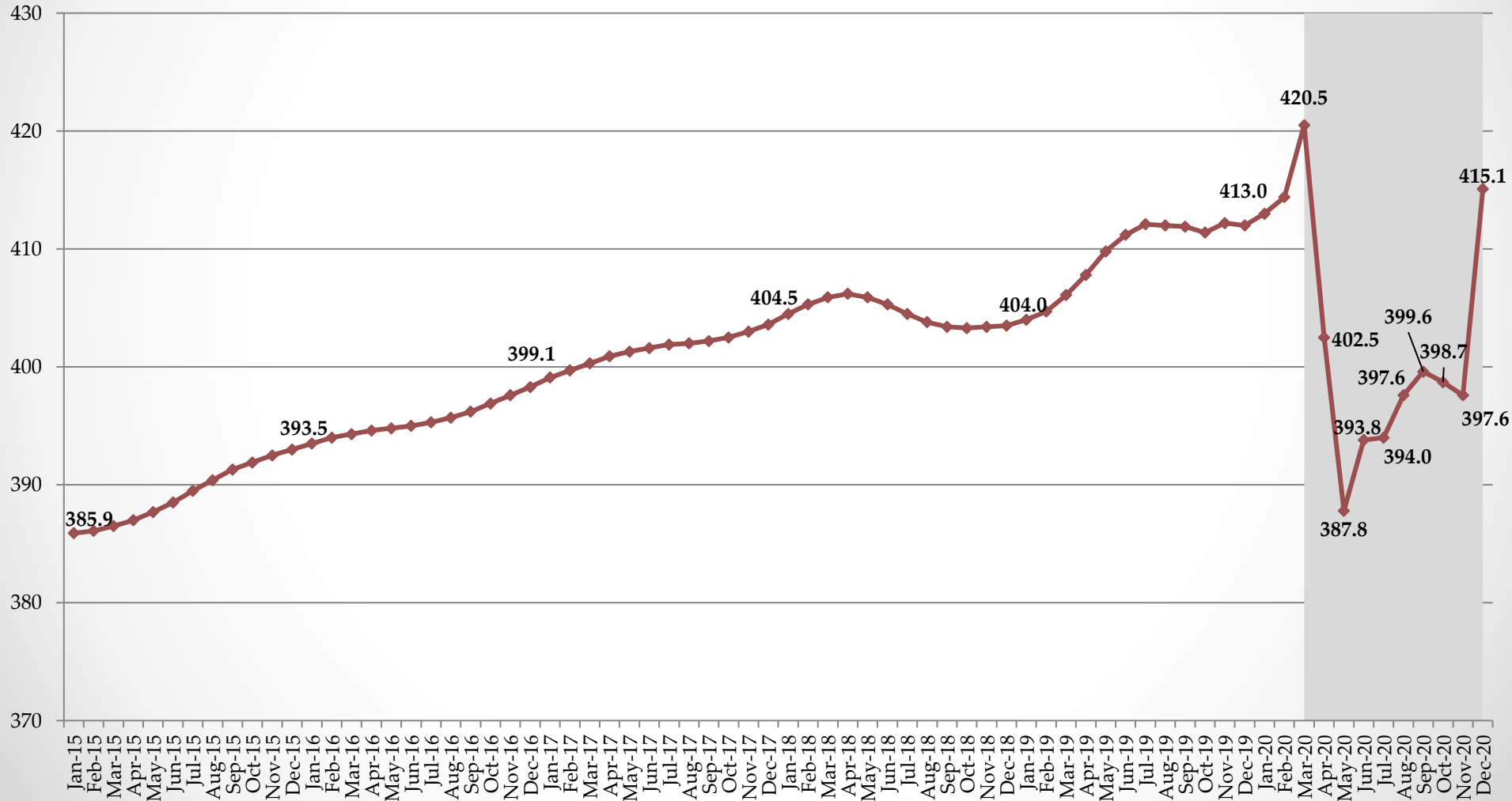




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The District's Labor Force (Jan. 2015 - Dec. 2020) (In Thousands)

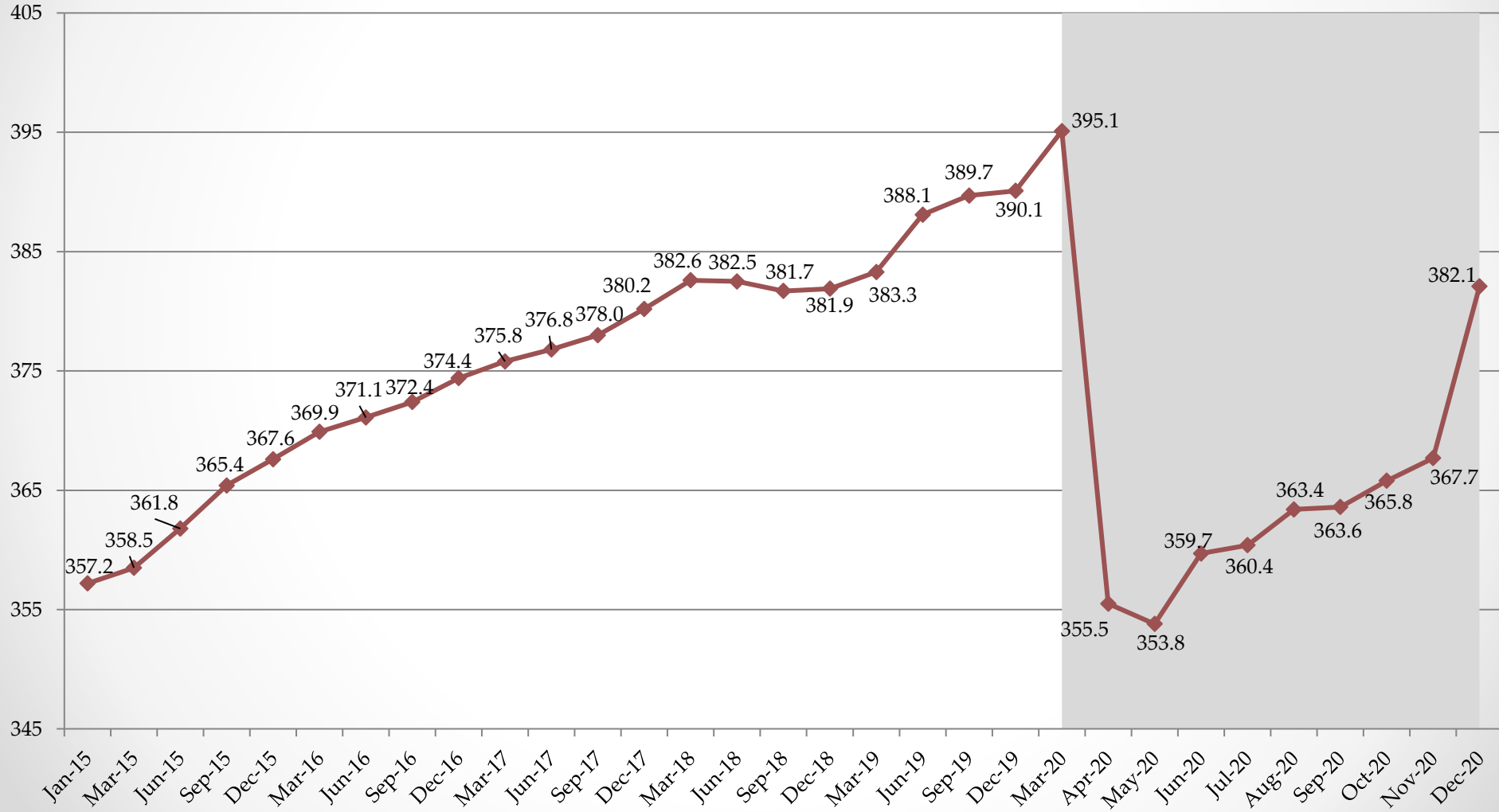




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Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 - Dec. 2020) (In Thousands)

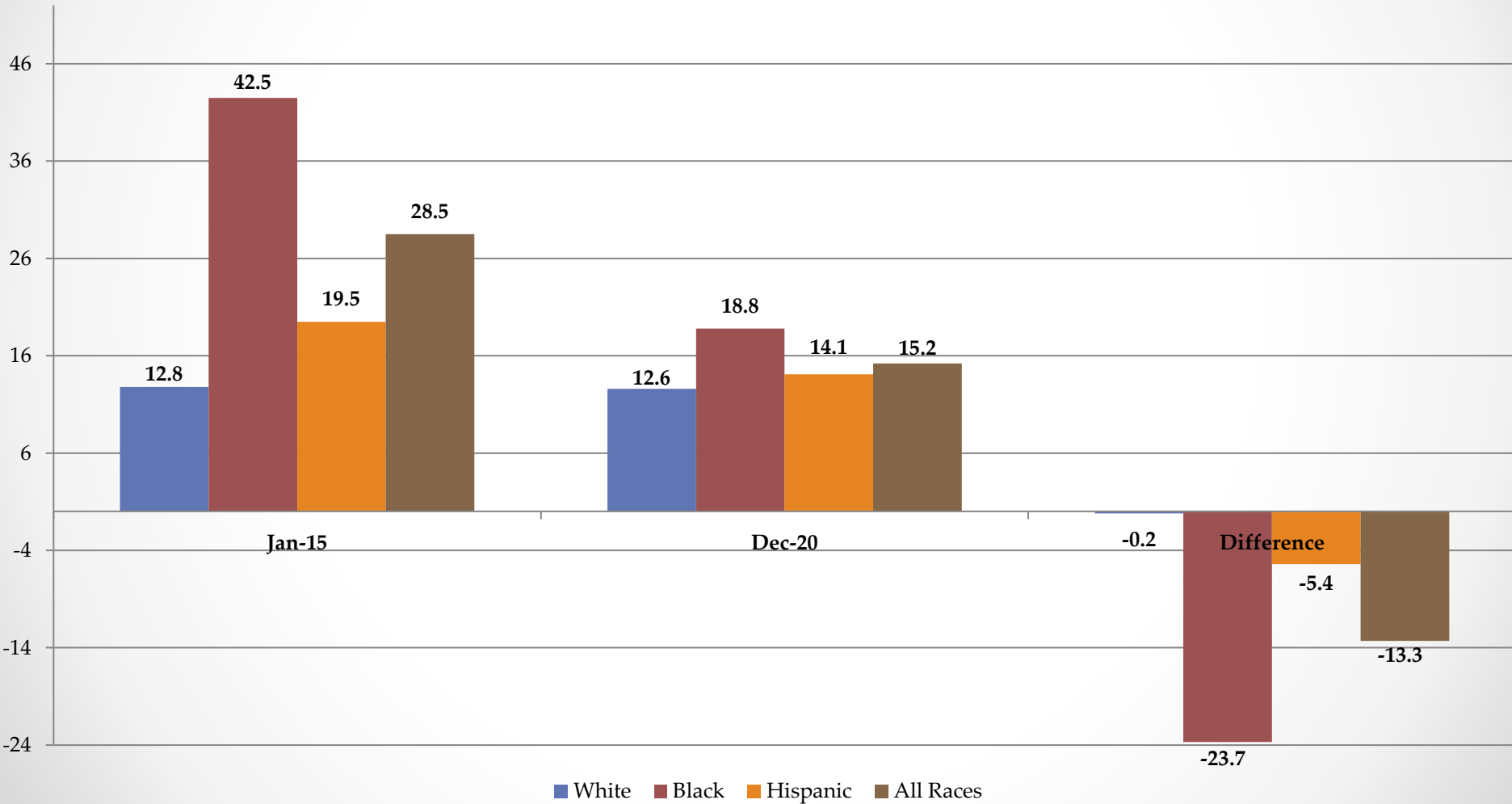




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Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - Dec. 2020)

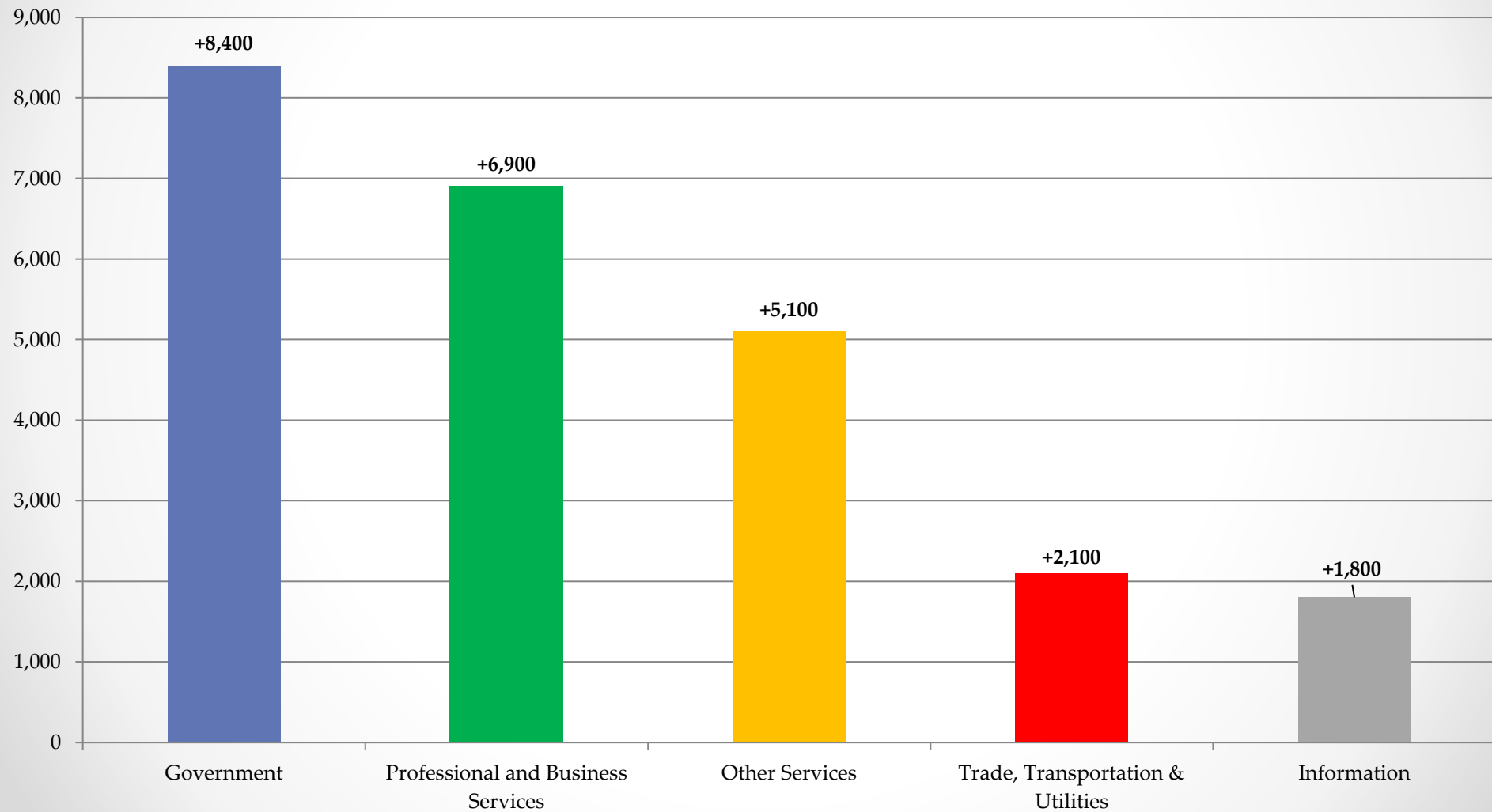




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Top 5 Industry with Highest Employment Increase (Jan.2015 – Dec.2020)

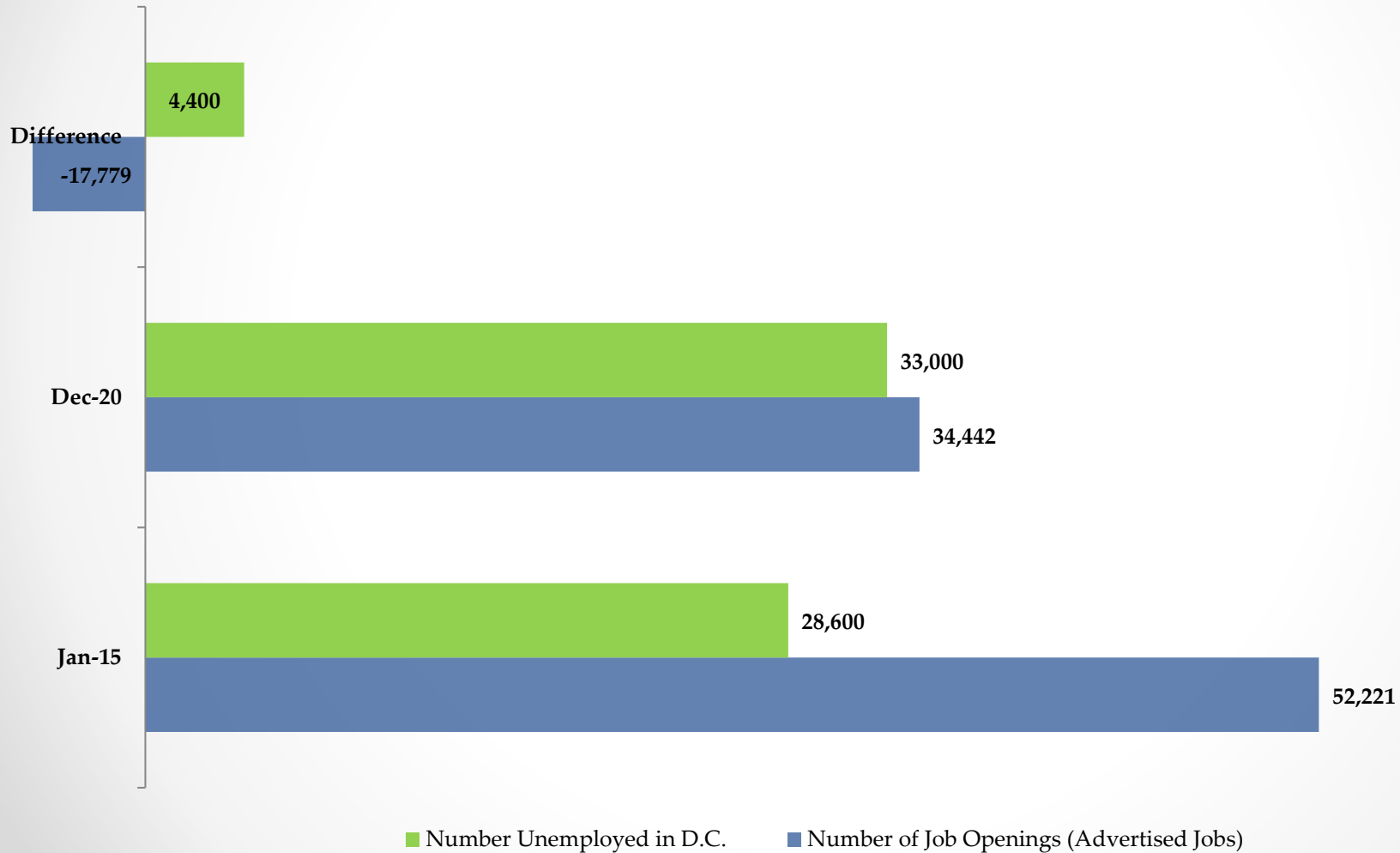




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Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - Dec. 2020)

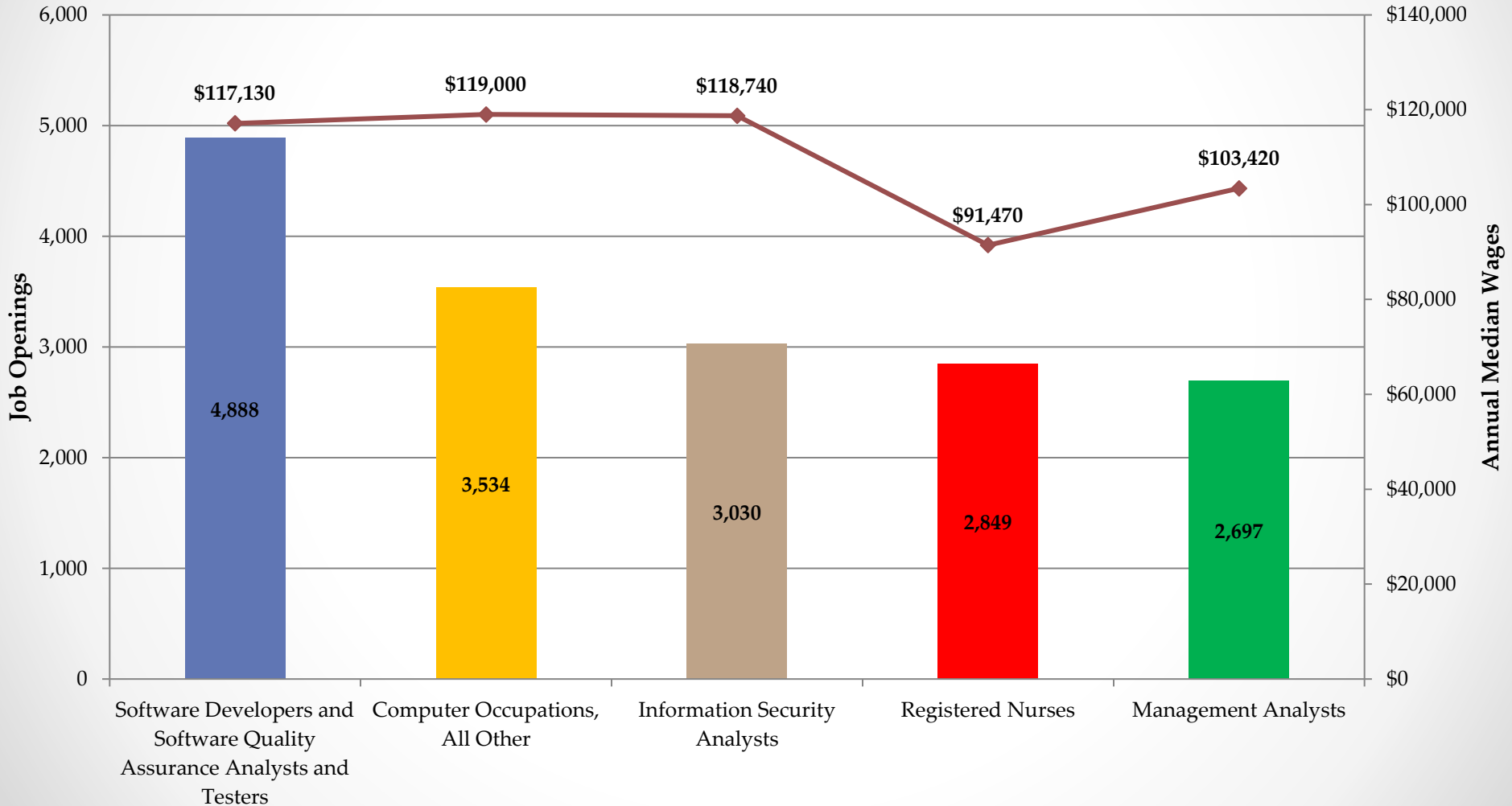




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**Top 5 Job Openings: January 2018 - December 2020 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)**

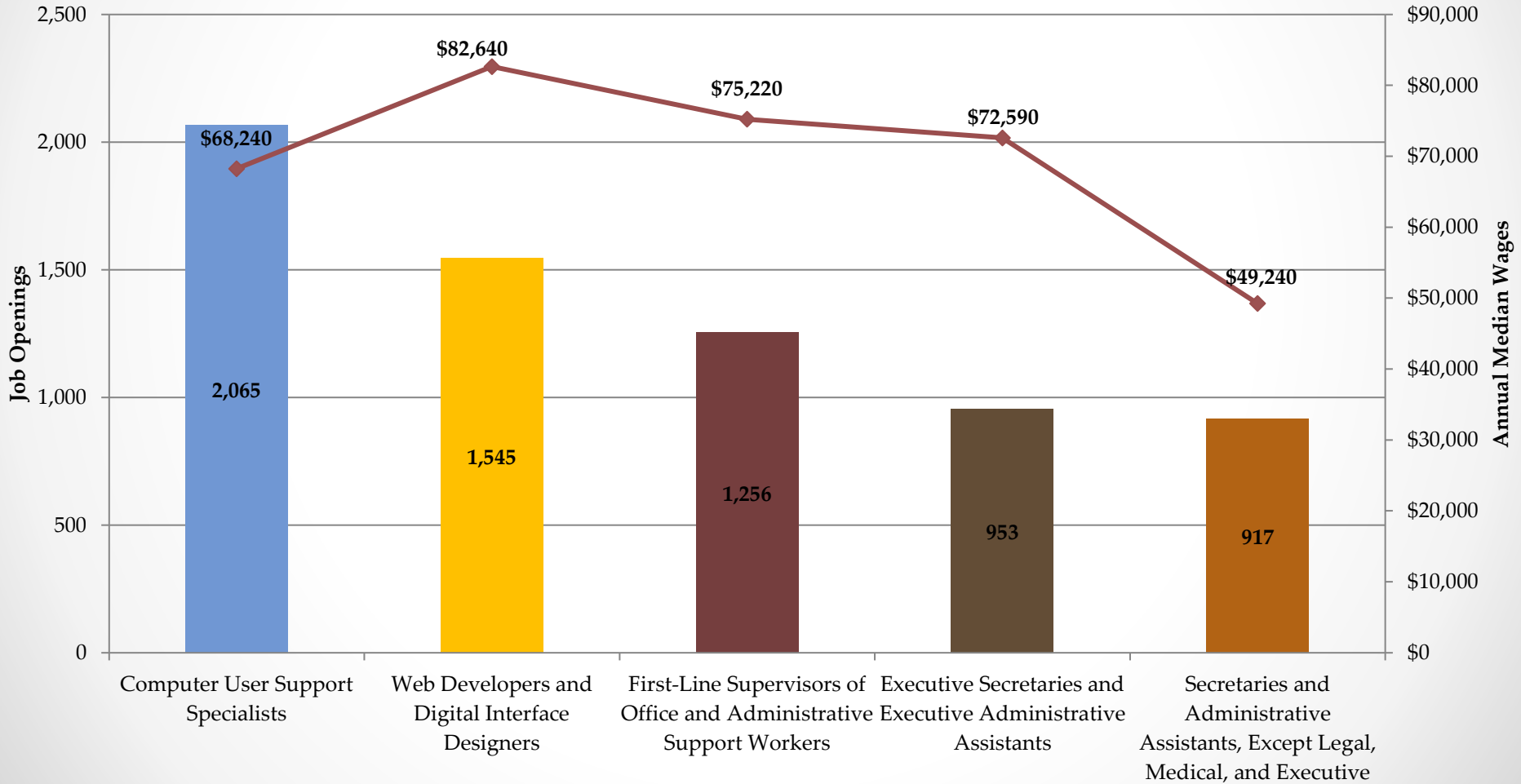




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**Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2018 - December 2020 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)**







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