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# D.C. Labor Market Indicators: January 2015 - December 2021

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## Highlights

- From January 2015 to December 2021:
  - ❖ 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 **3.9** percentage points (**12.9%** to **9.0%**) and **4.0** percentage points (**16.1%** to **12.1%**) respectively;
  - ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by **31,700**;
  - ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by **13,700**;
  - ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants increased by **187%**;
  - ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by **4,700** people;
  - ❖ In DC, there are **2.2** jobs available (advertised) for **1** unemployed DC resident;
  - ❖ The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by **9.1** weeks;
  - ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by **8,500** jobs (**1.66%** increase) from January 2015;
  - ❖ Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase among industries with employment increased by **13,900** since January 2015;
  - ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Computer Occupations, All Other with an average monthly opening of **1,406** jobs;
  - ❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor's degree is Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products with an average monthly opening of **494** jobs.

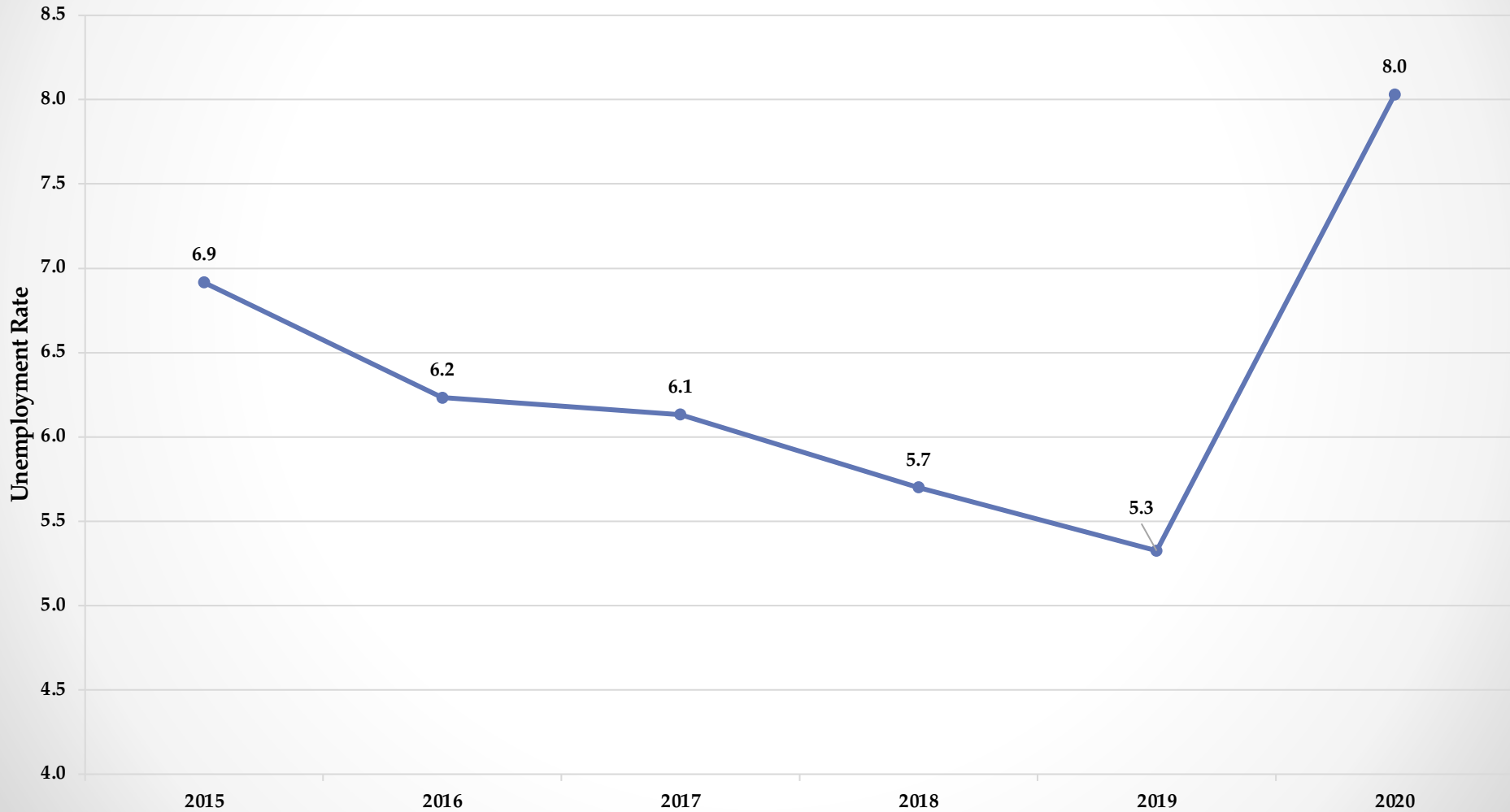


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DC Annual Average Unemployment Rate (2015-2020)

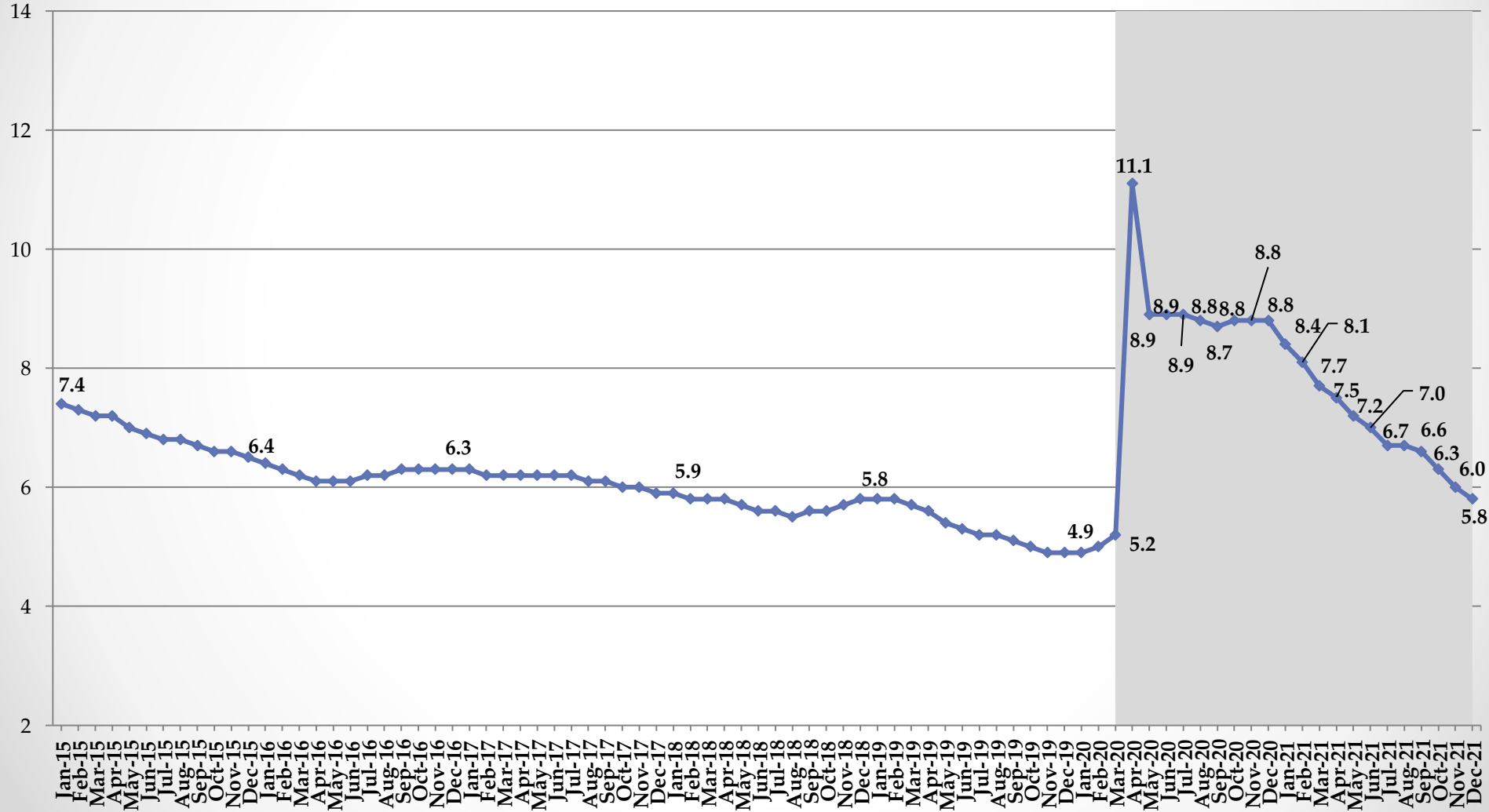




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The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Dec. 2021

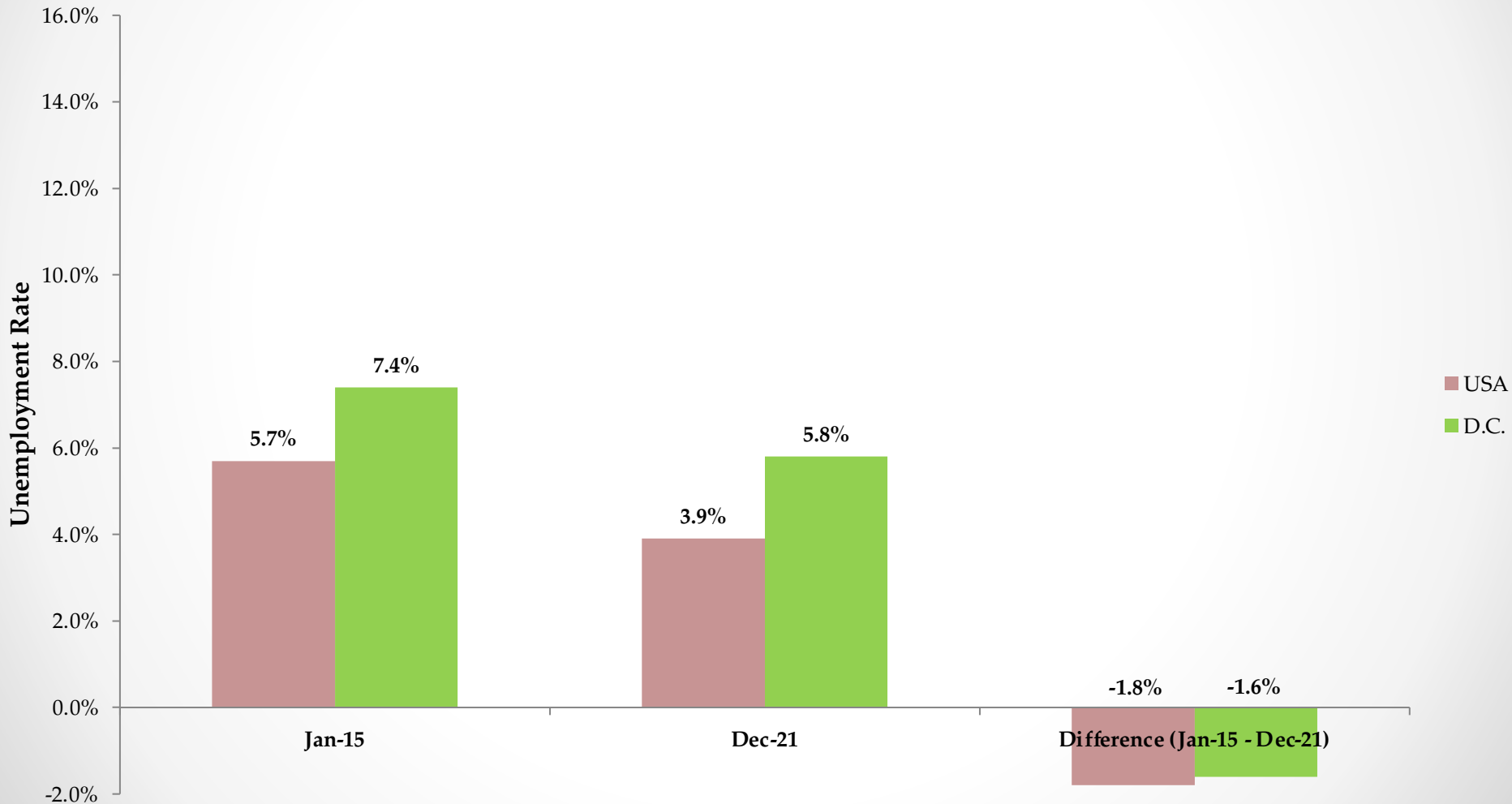




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## Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - December 2021)

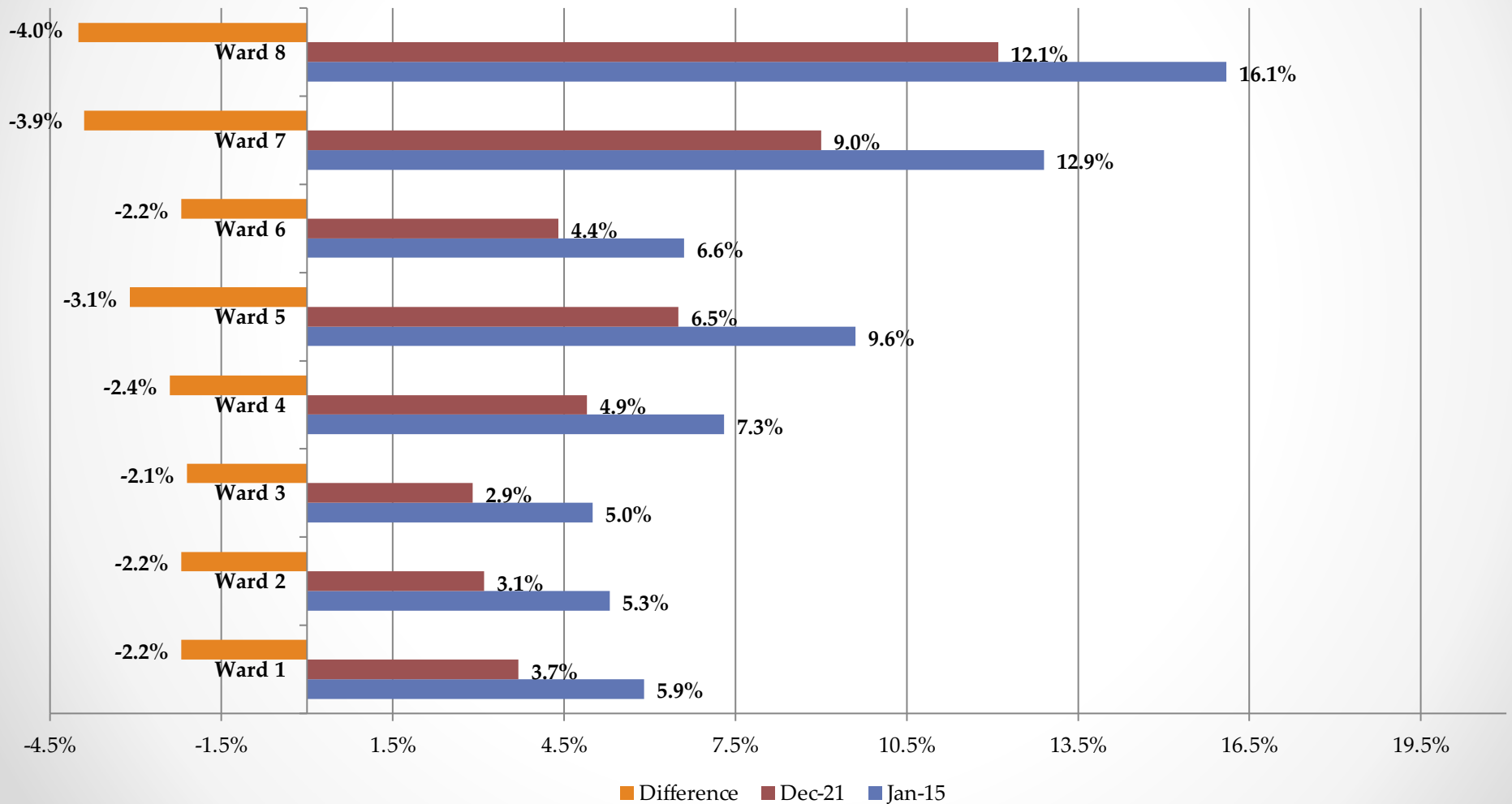




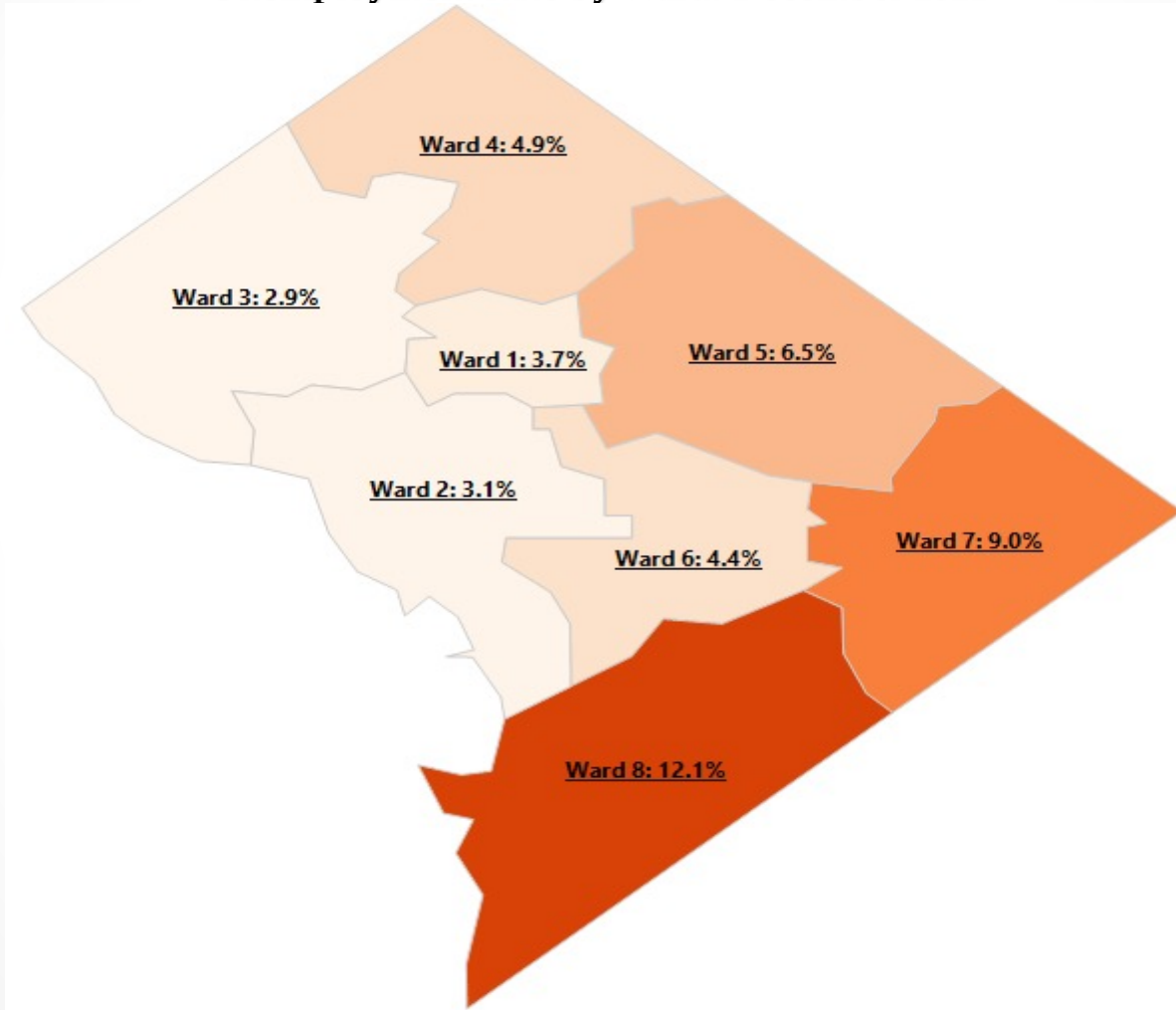
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Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - December 2021)



## Unemployment Rate by Ward: December 2021

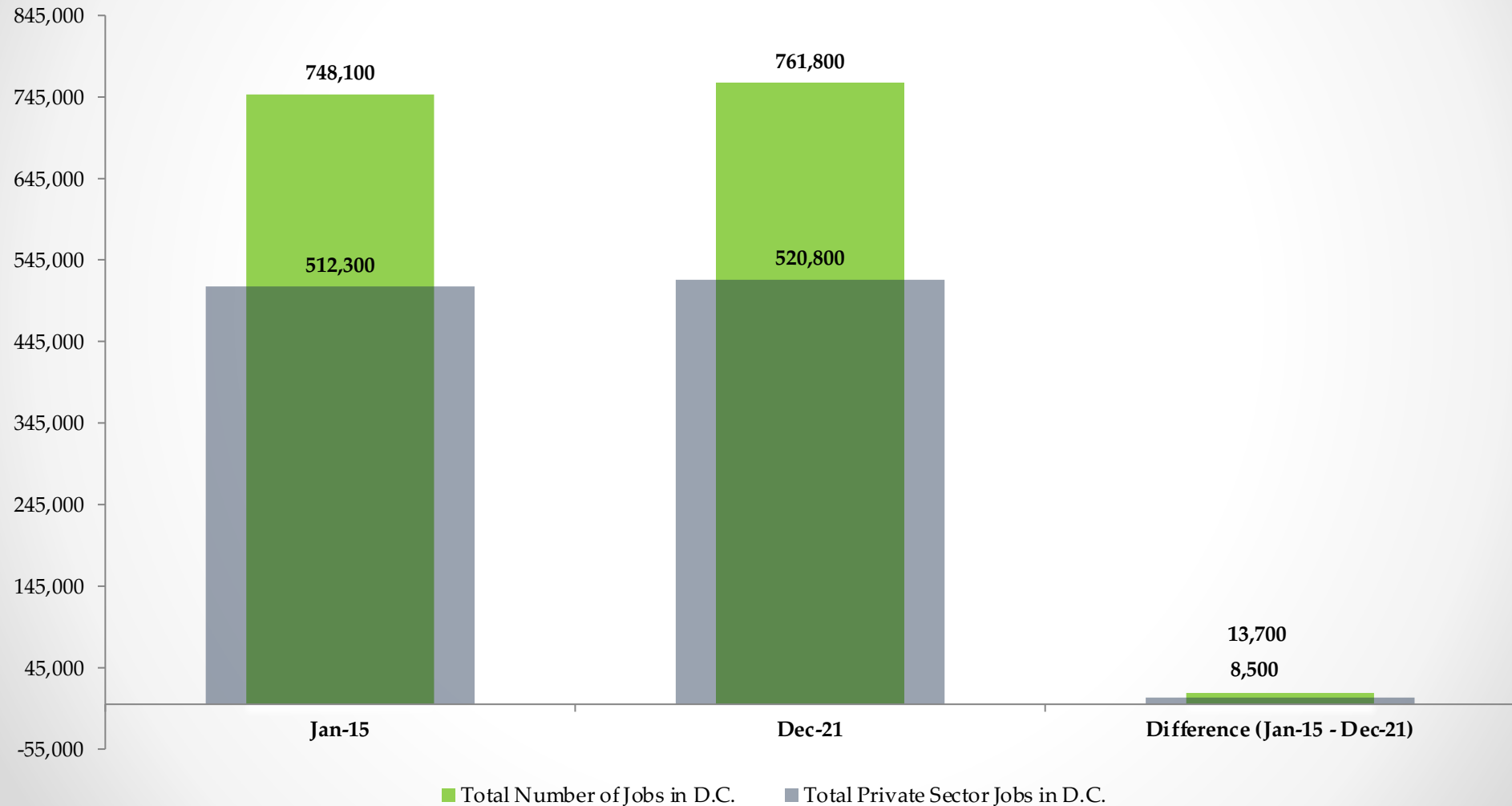




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Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Dec. 2021)



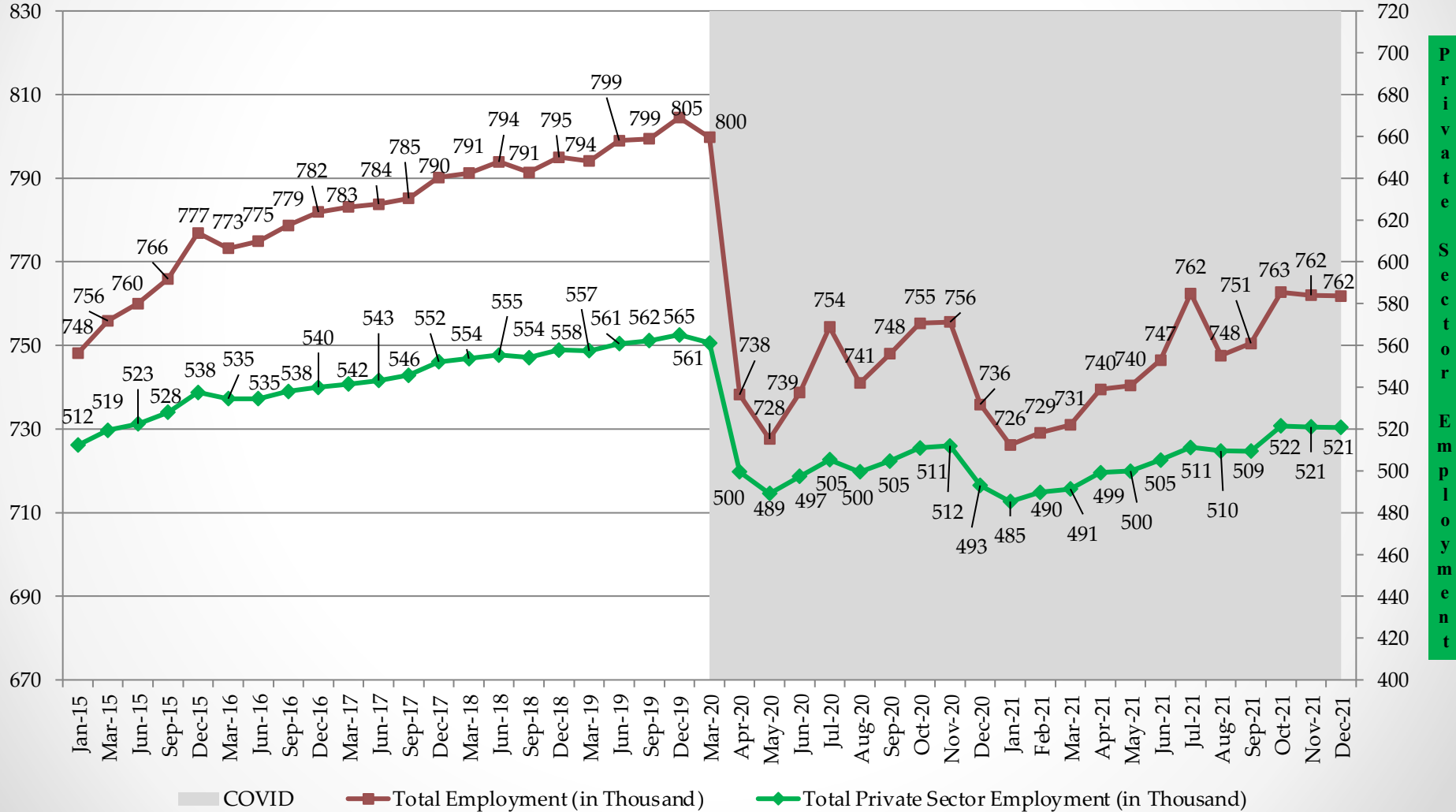




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Total Employment and Private Sector Employment in D.C. (Jan.2015 - Dec. 2021 (In Thousands))

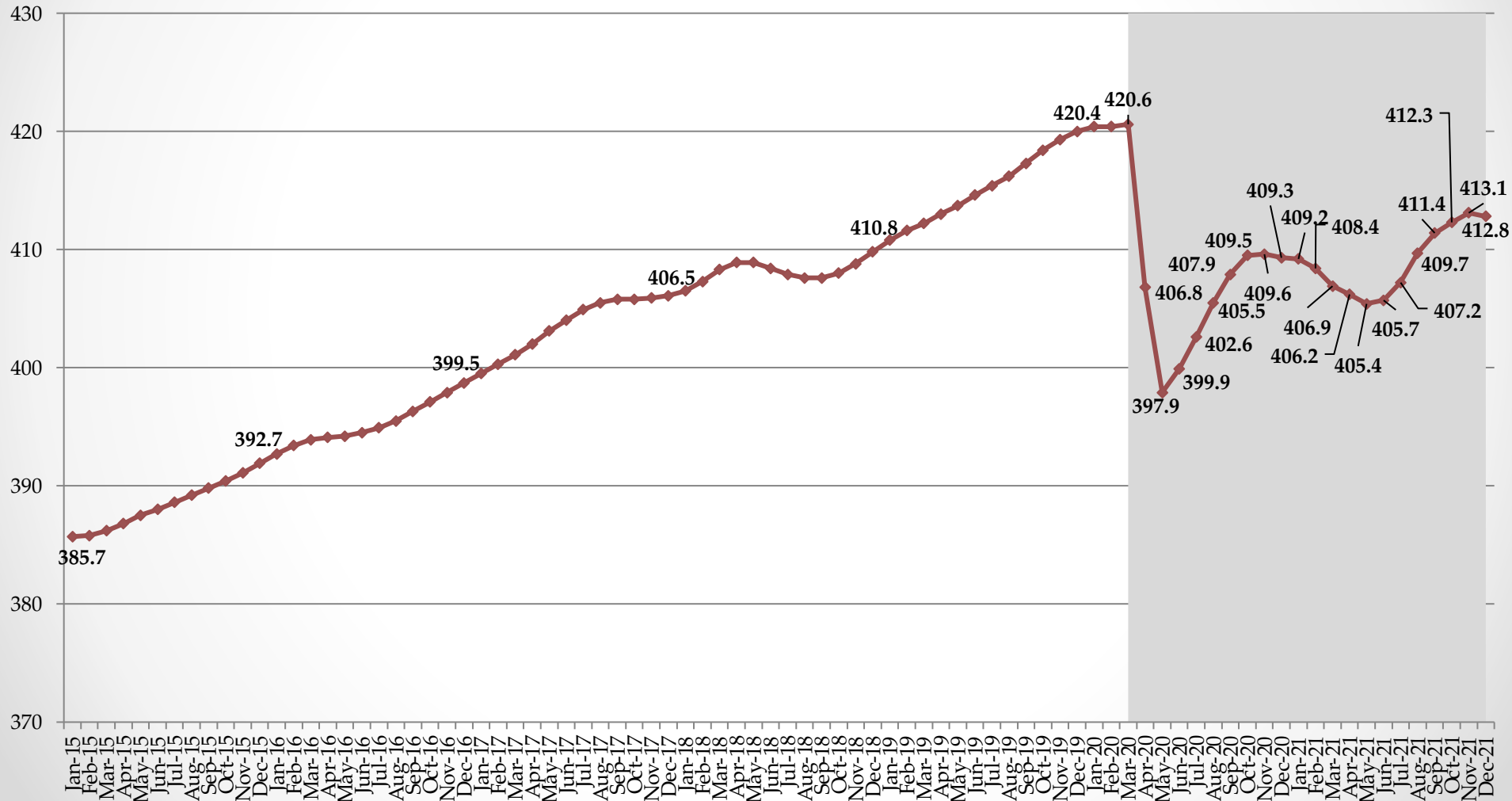




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The District's Labor Force (Jan. 2015 - Dec. 2021) (In Thousands)

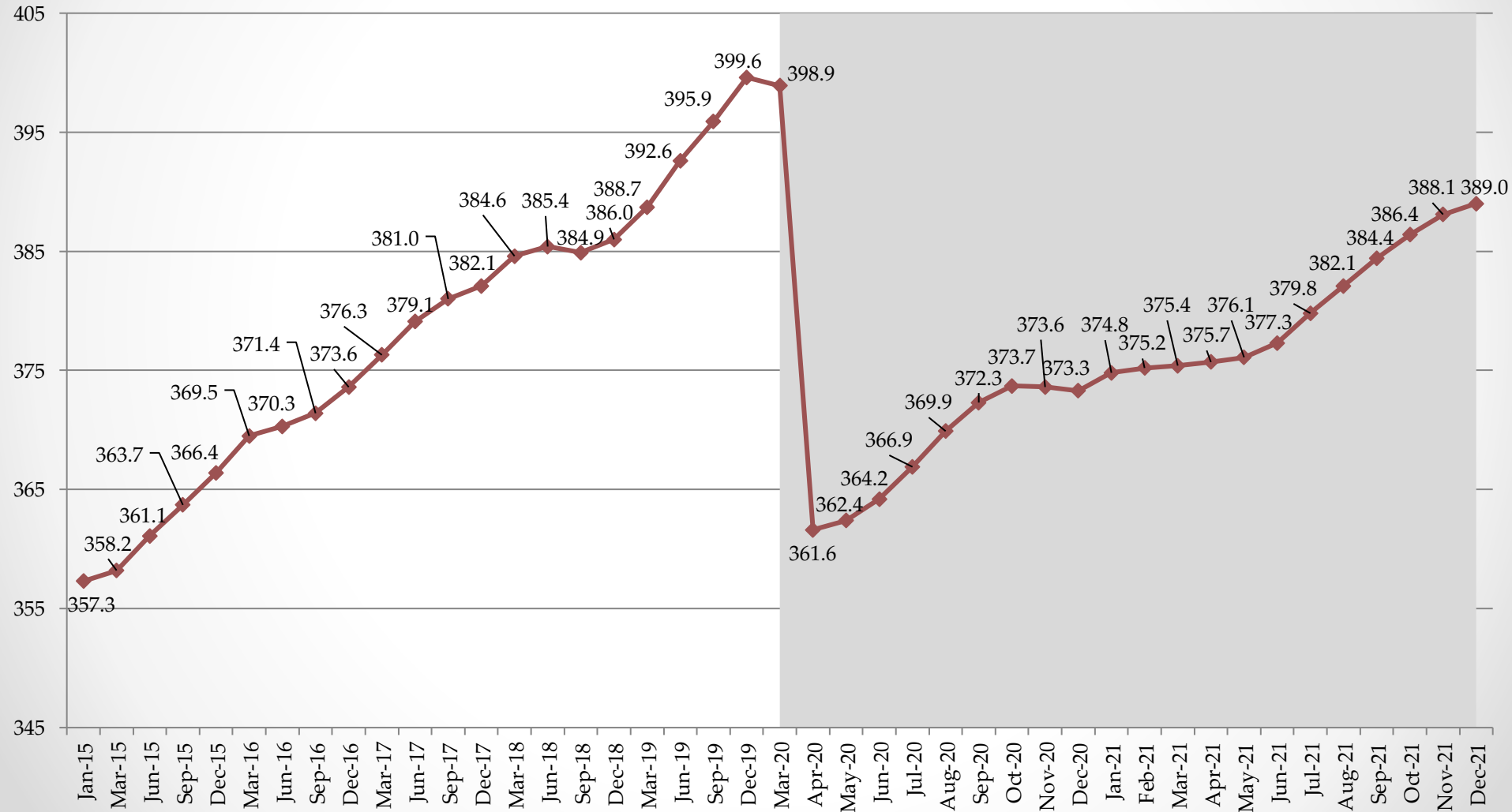




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Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 - Dec. 2021) (In Thousands)

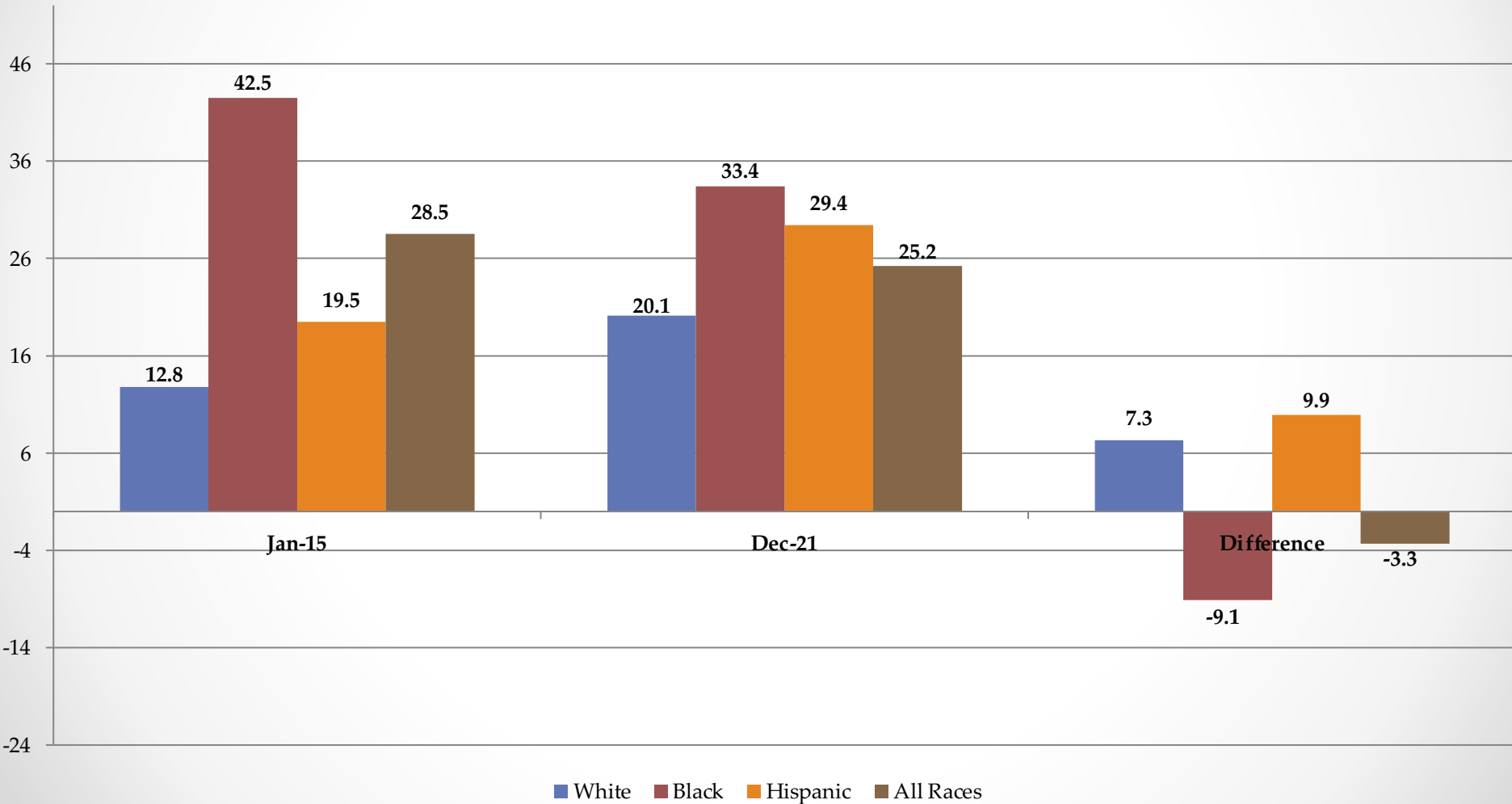




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Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - Dec. 2021)

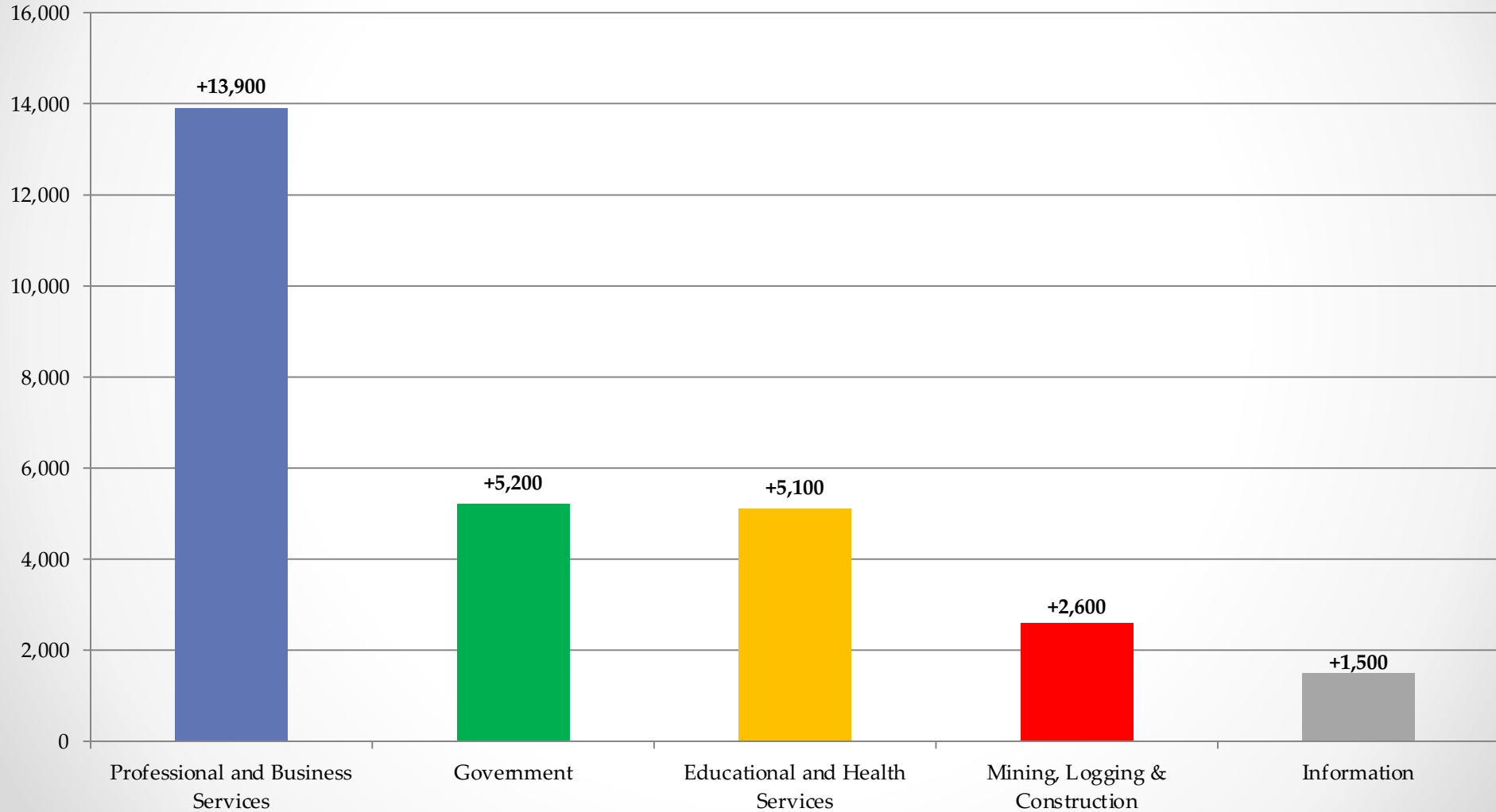




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Top 5 Industry with Highest Employment Increase (Jan.2015 – Dec. 2021)

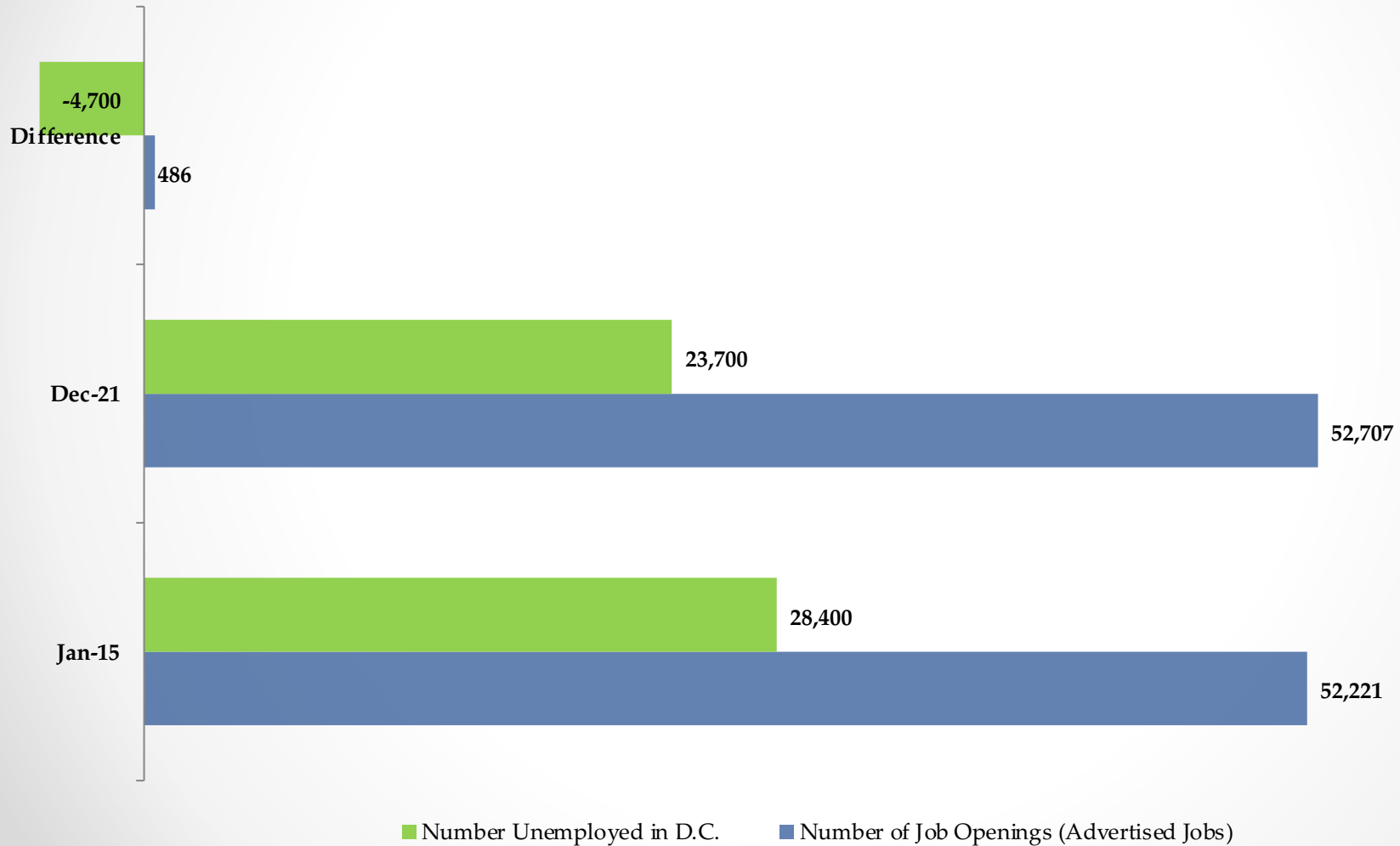




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Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - Dec. 2021)

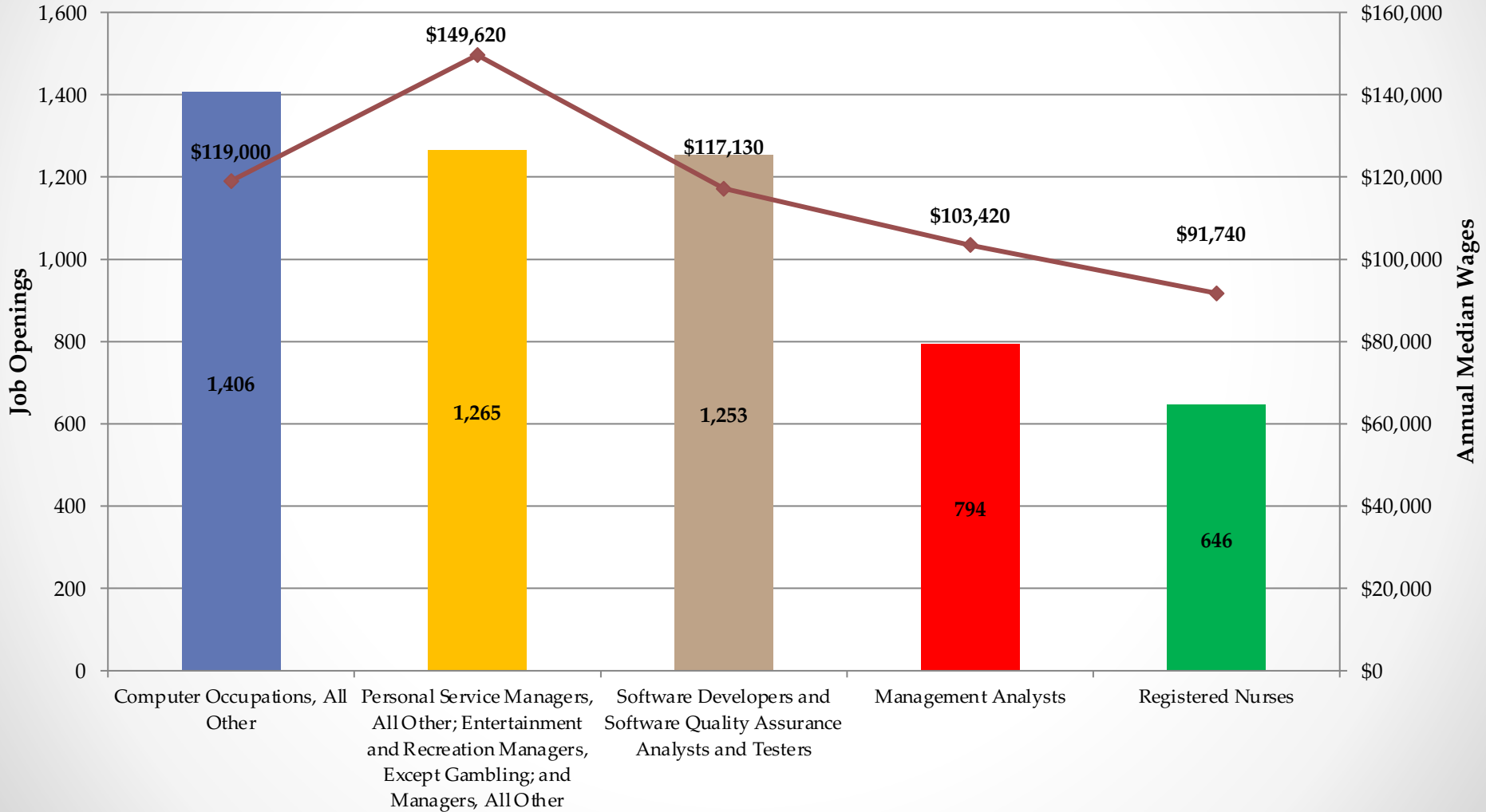




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Top 5 Job Openings: January 2020 - December 2021 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

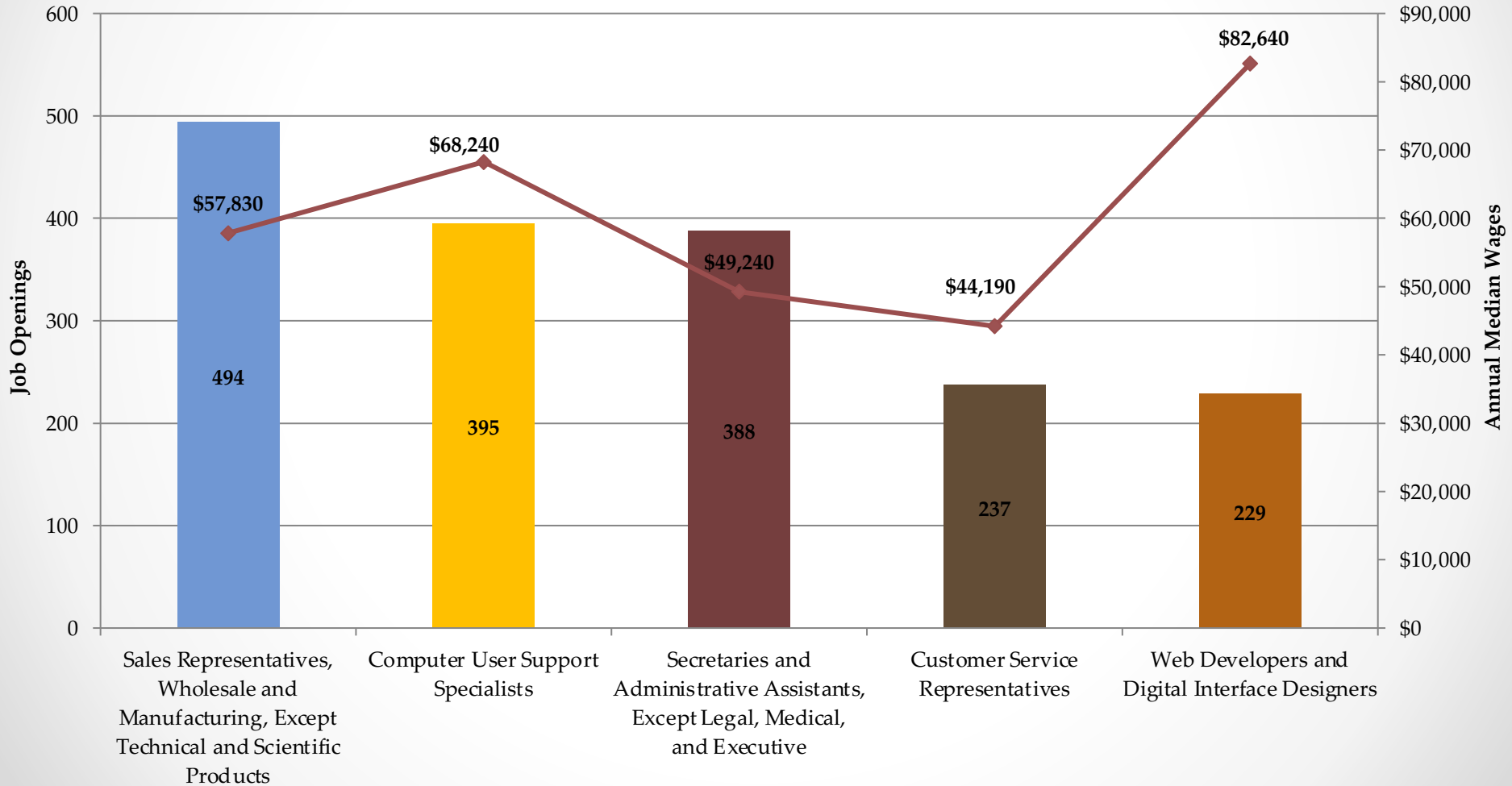




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Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2020 - December 2021 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)







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