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# D.C. Labor Market Indicators: January 2015 - February 2024

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## Highlights

From January 2015 to February 2024:

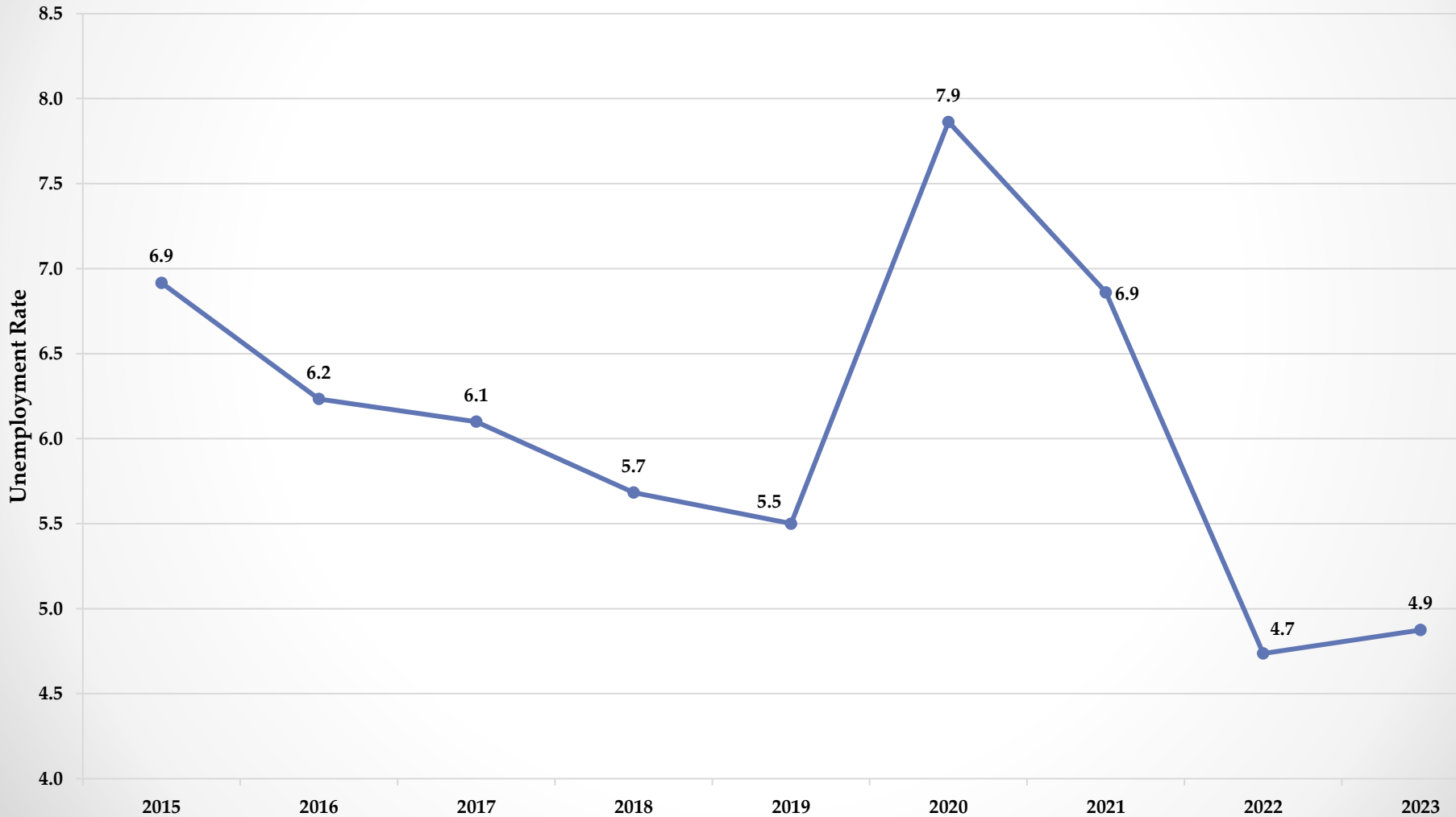
- ❖ The unemployment rate in DC decreased by **2.3** percentage points from **7.4%** to **5.1%**;
- ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by **4.1** percentage points (**12.9%** to **8.8%**) and **5.3** percentage points (**16.1%** to **10.8%**) respectively;
- ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by **26,600**;
- ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by **17,400**;
- ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants decrease by **2.09%**;
- ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by **7,600** people;
- ❖ The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by **17.0** weeks;
- ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by **18,900** jobs (**3.69%** increase);
- ❖ Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase among industries with employment increased by **15,600**;
- ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers with an average monthly opening of **868** jobs;
- ❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor's degree is Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal Medical & Executive with an average monthly opening of **356** jobs.



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DC Annual Average Unemployment Rate (2015-2023)

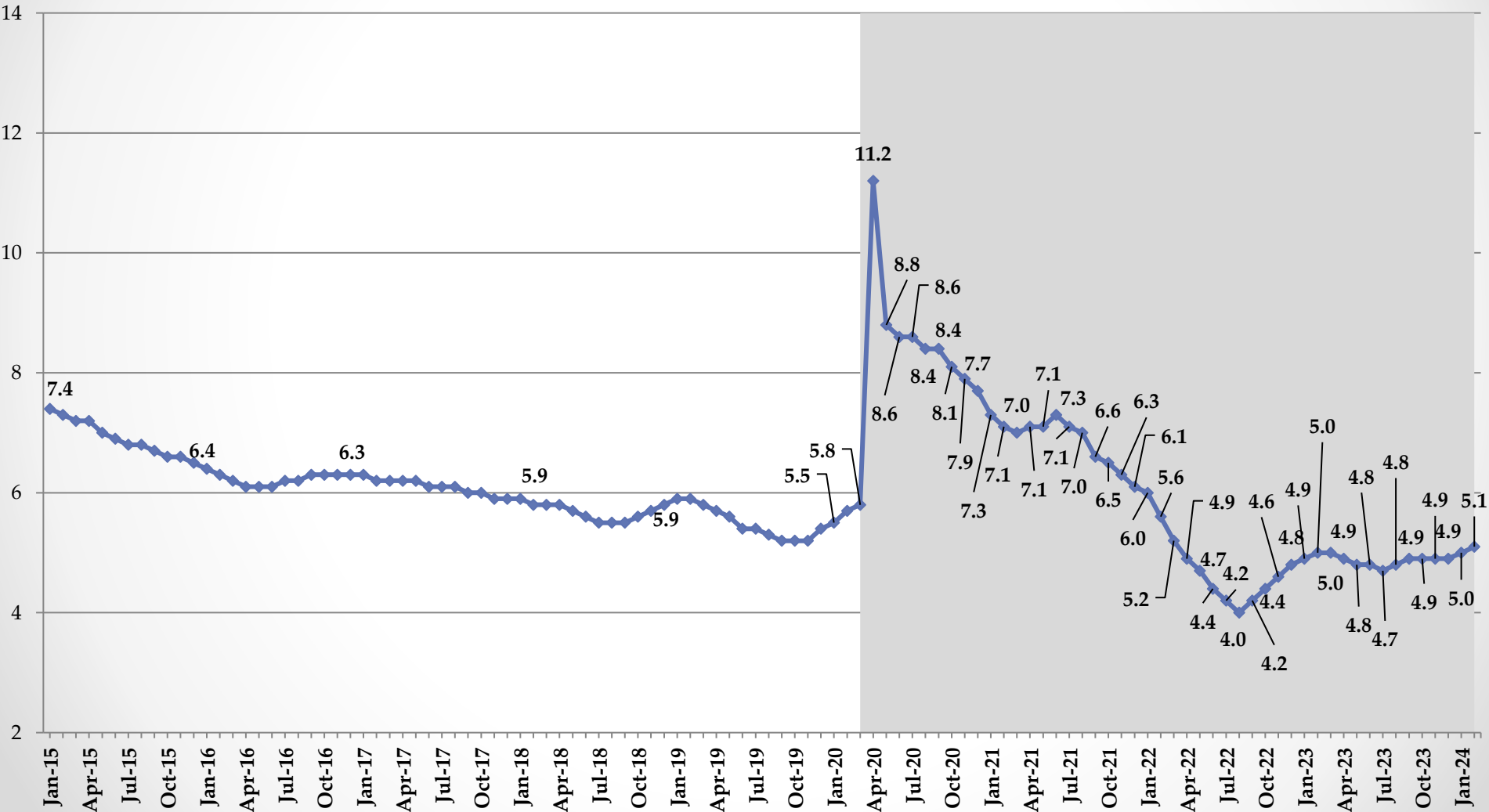




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The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Feb. 2024

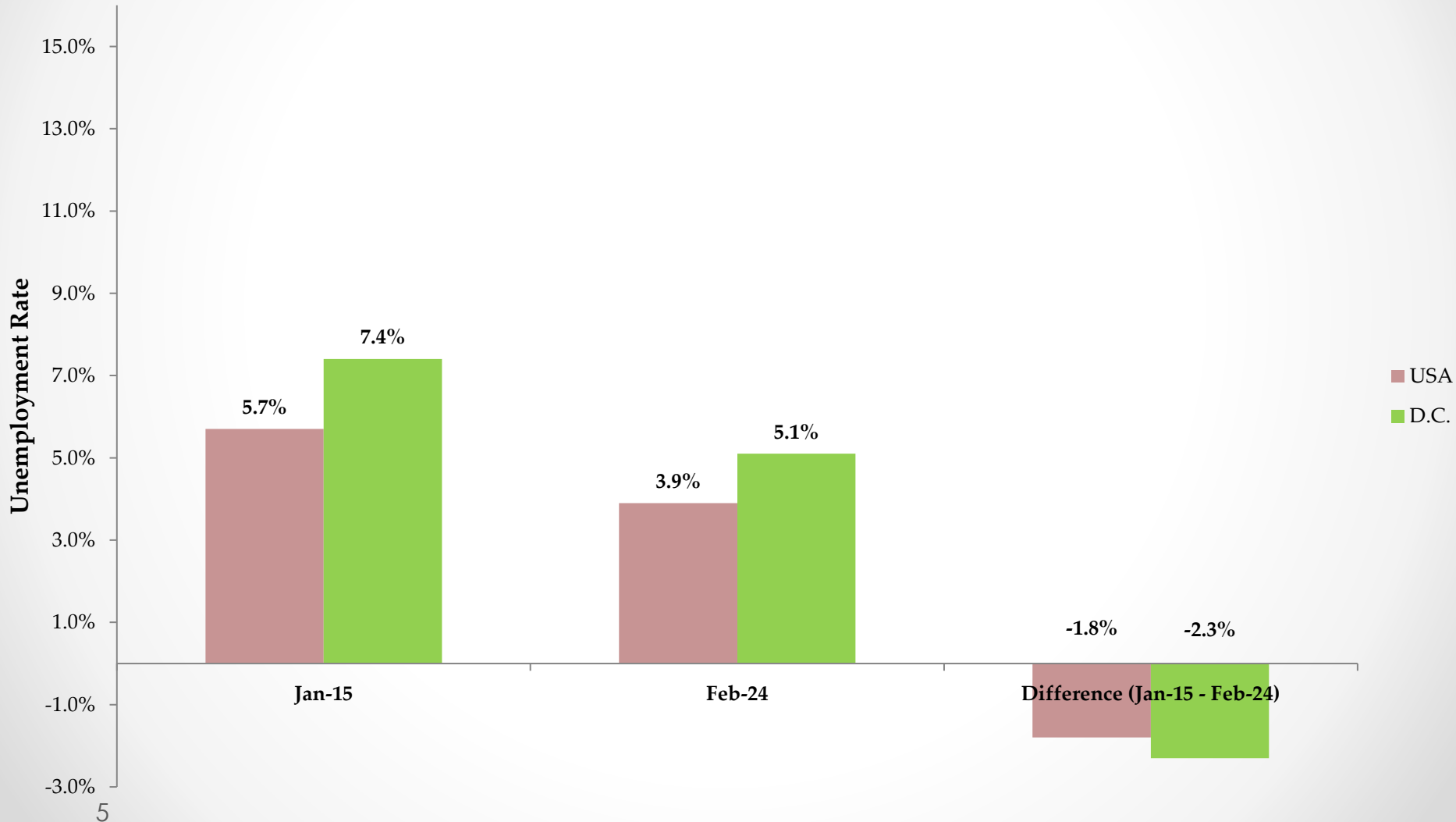




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## Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - February 2024)

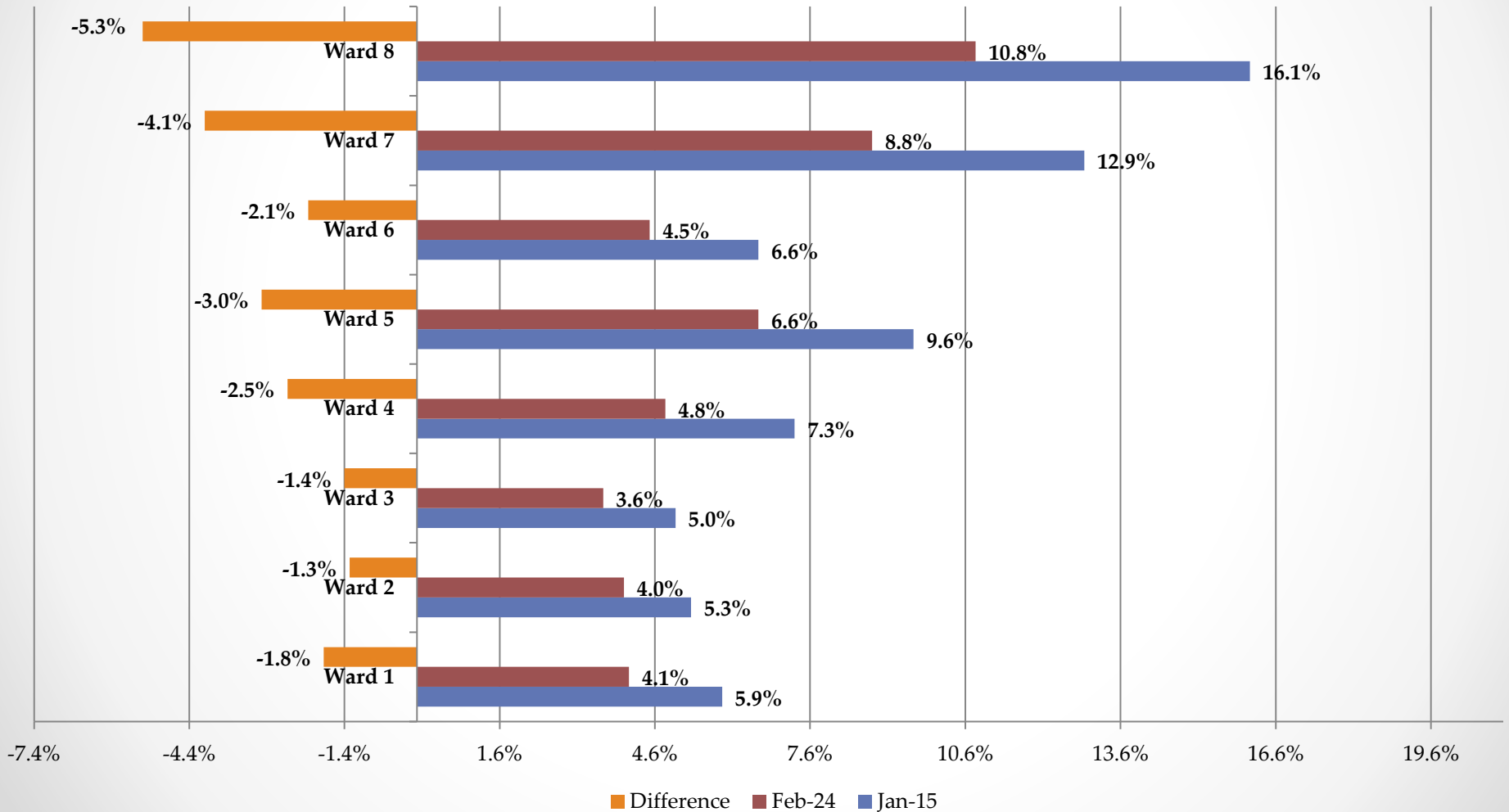




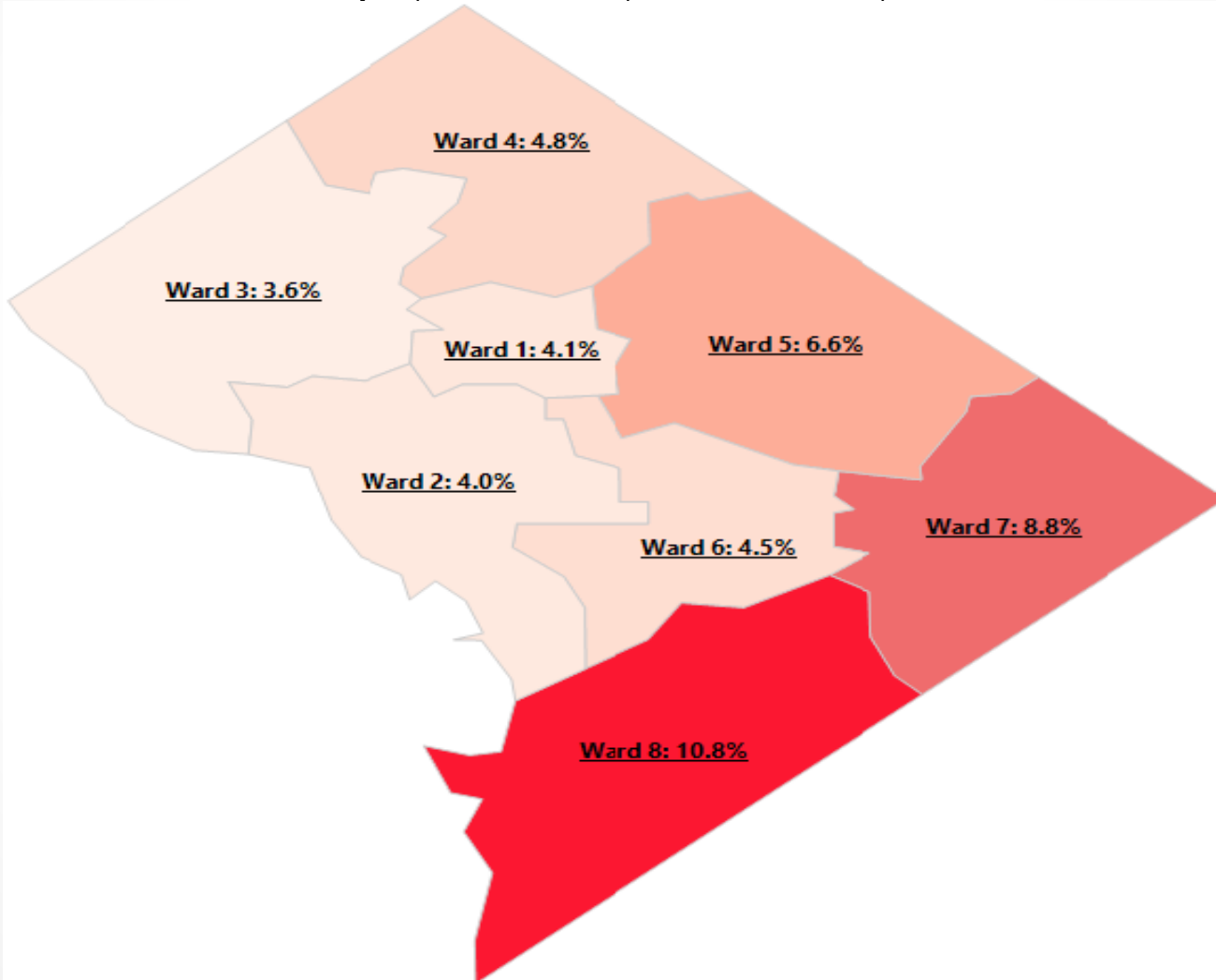
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## Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - February 2024)



## Unemployment Rate by Ward: February 2024

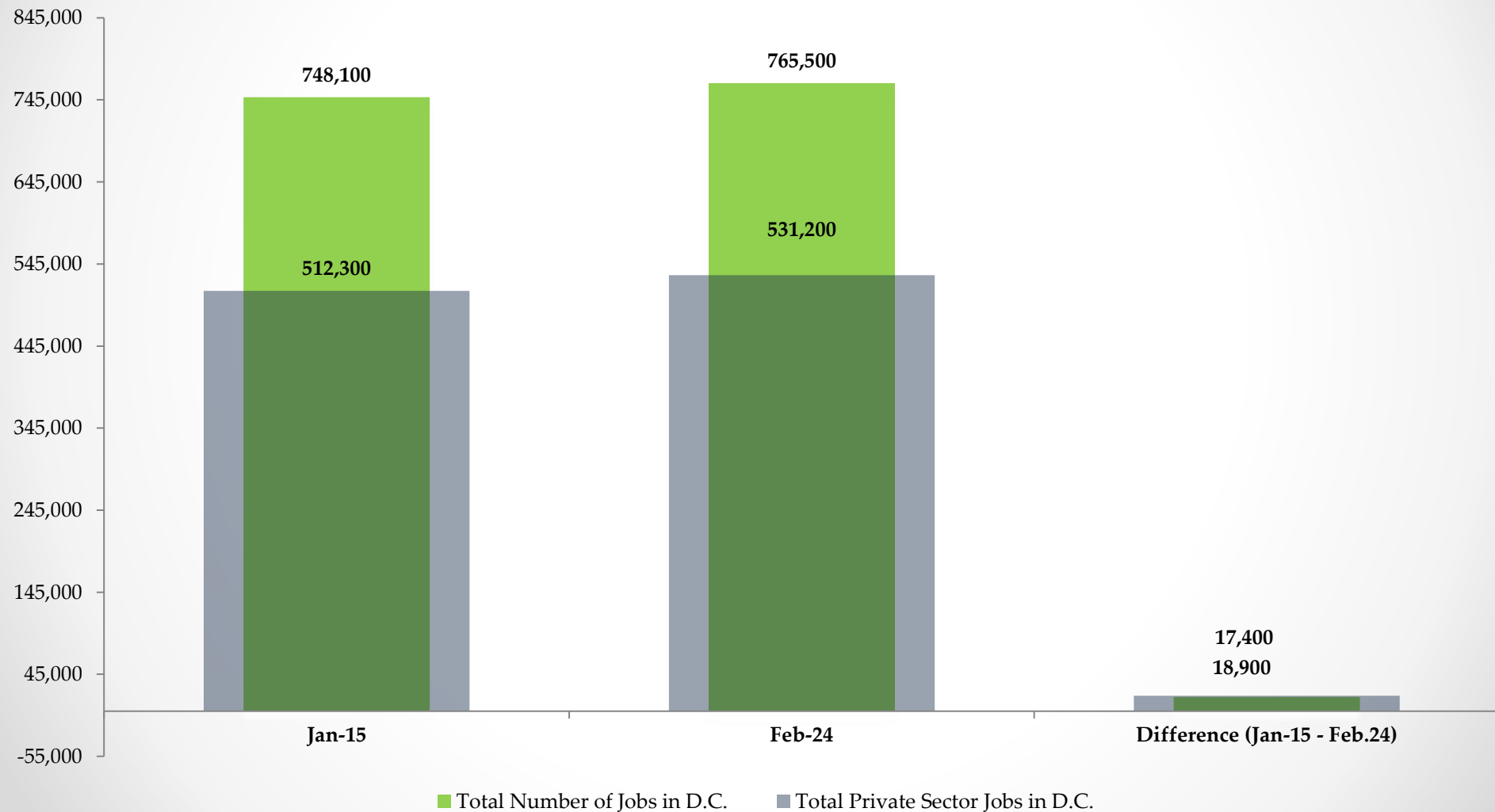




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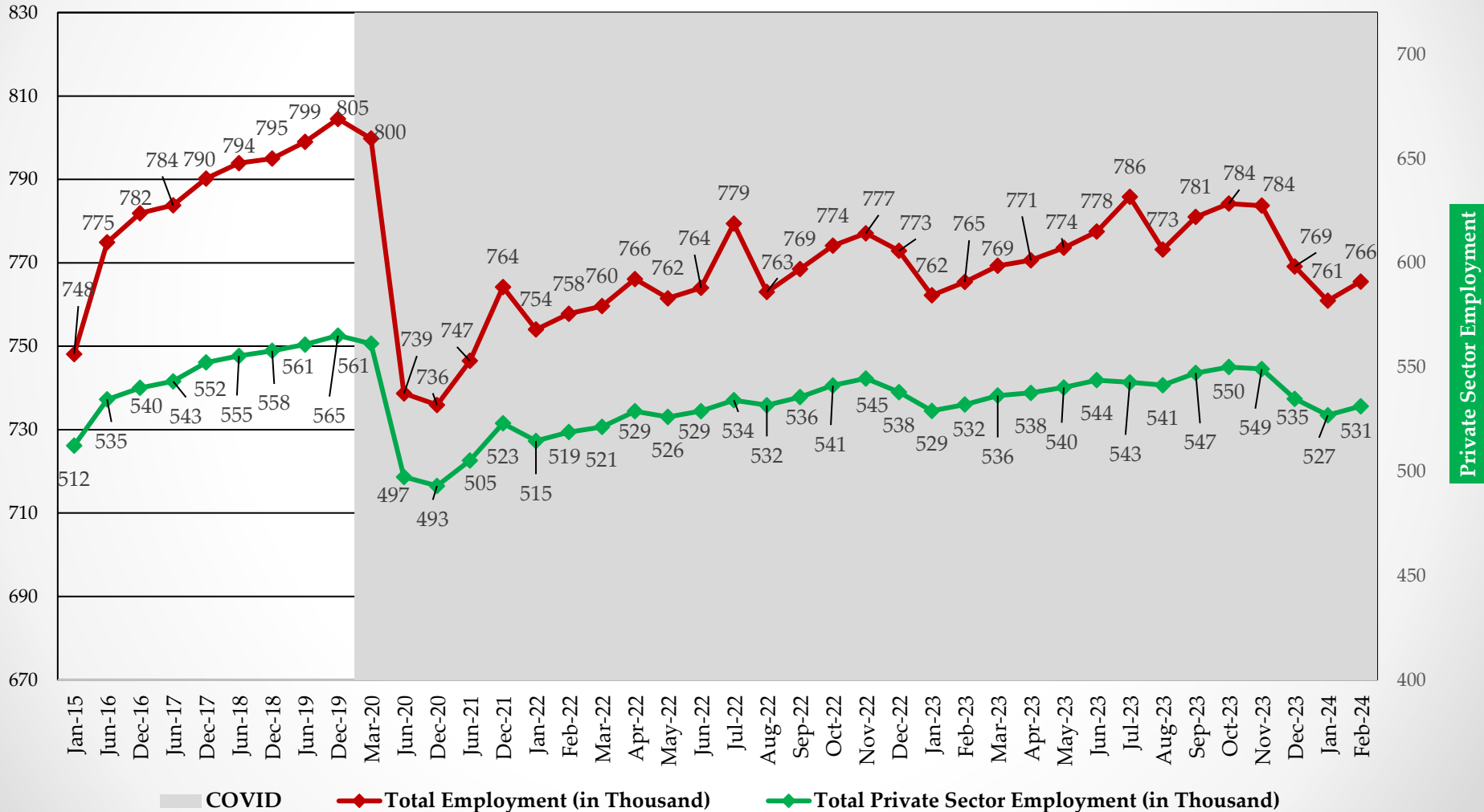
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Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Feb. 2024)





Total Employment and Private Sector in D.C. (Jan. 2015 - Feb. 24) (In Thousands)

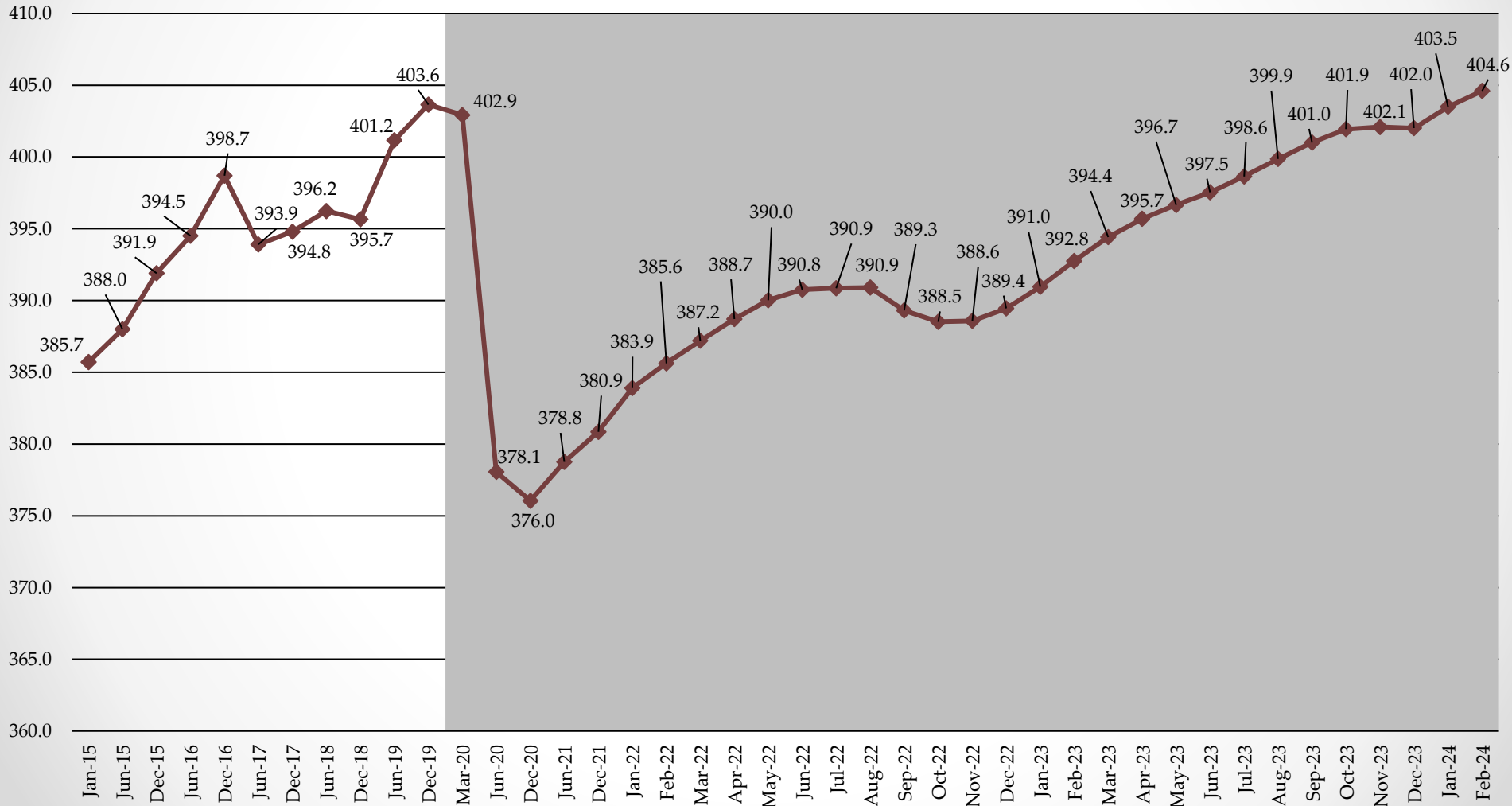




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The District's Labor Force (Jan. 2015- Feb. 24) (In Thousands)

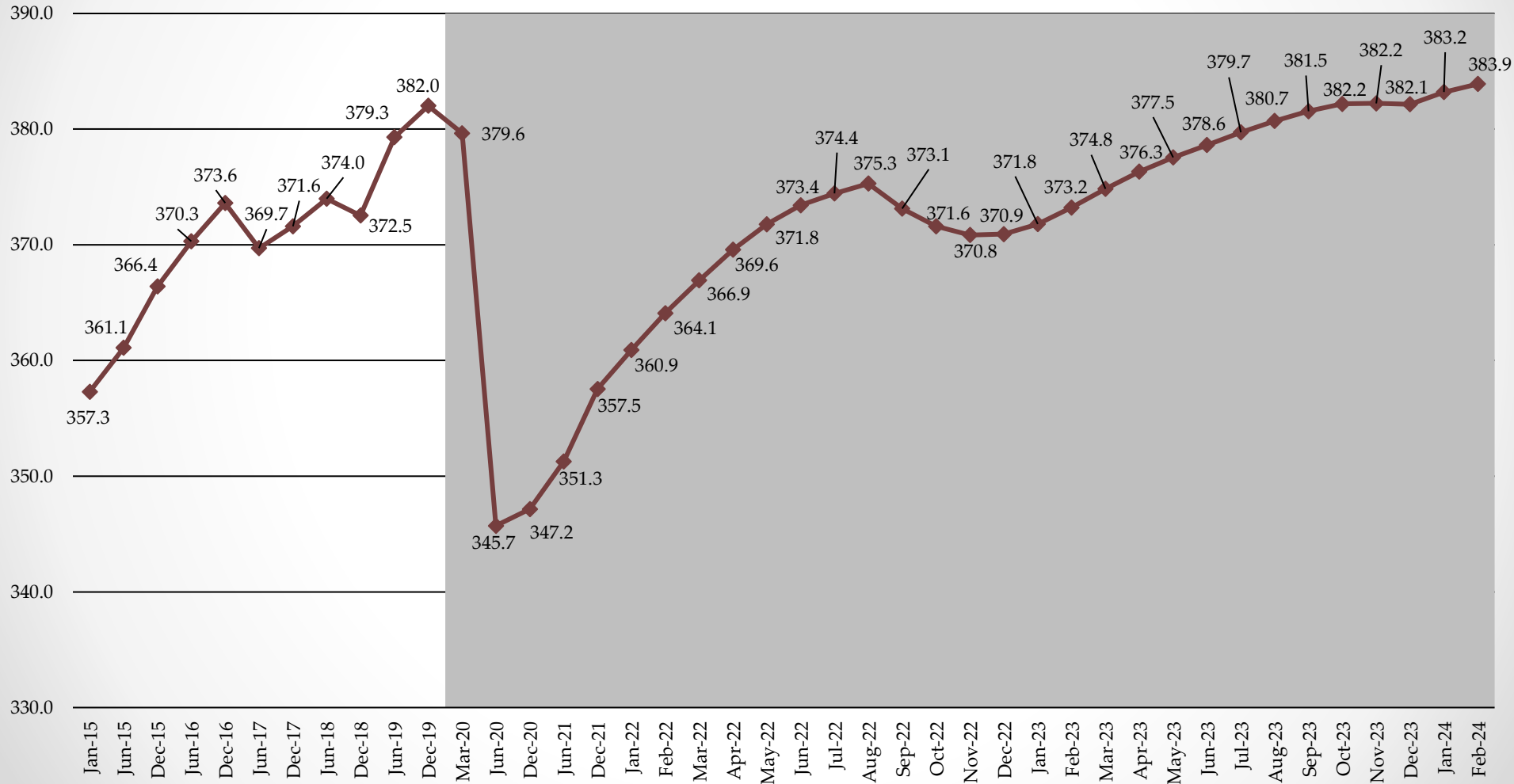




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**Employed DC Residents (Jan. 2015- Feb. 24) (In Thousands)**

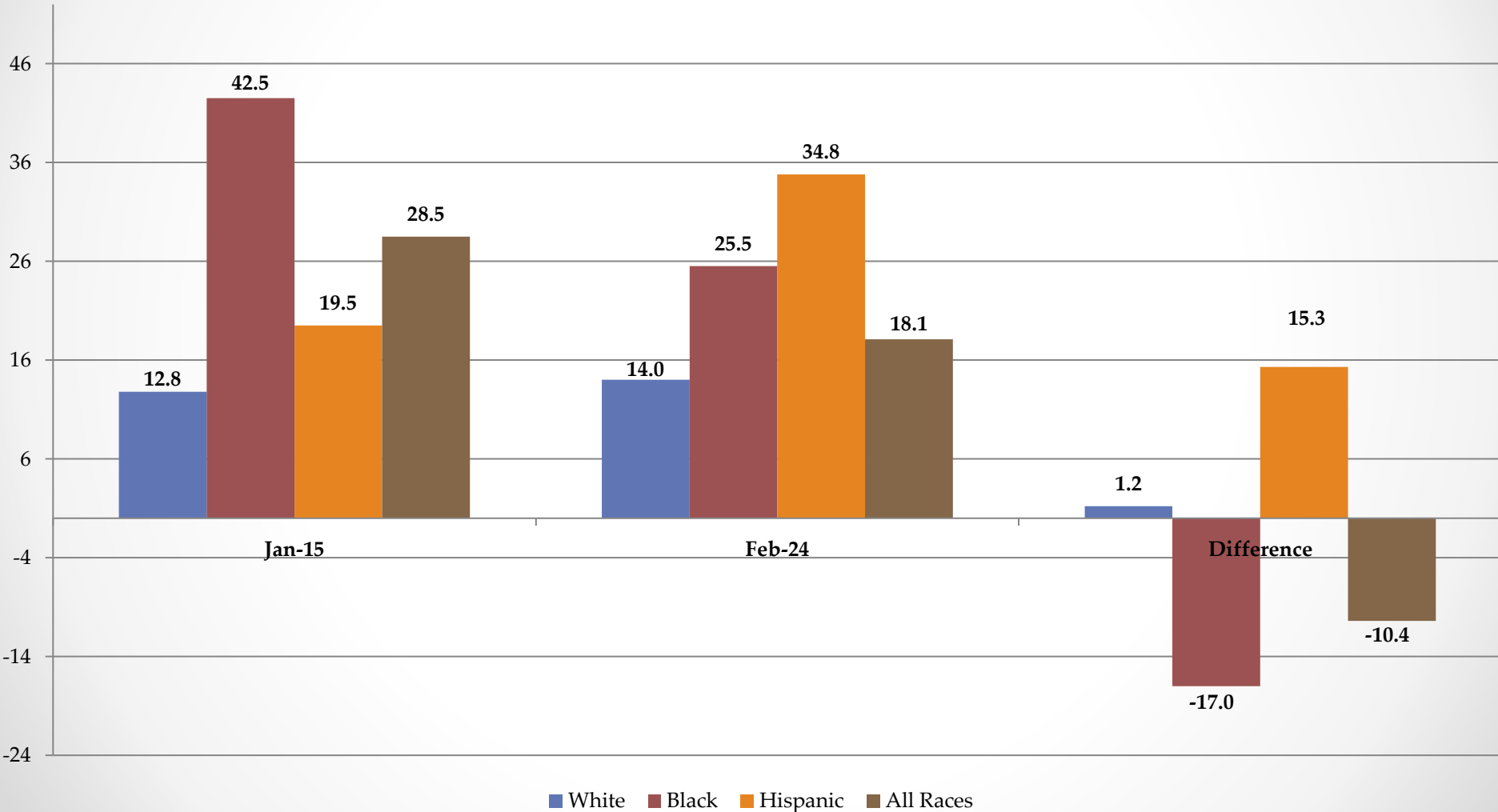




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Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - Feb. 2024)

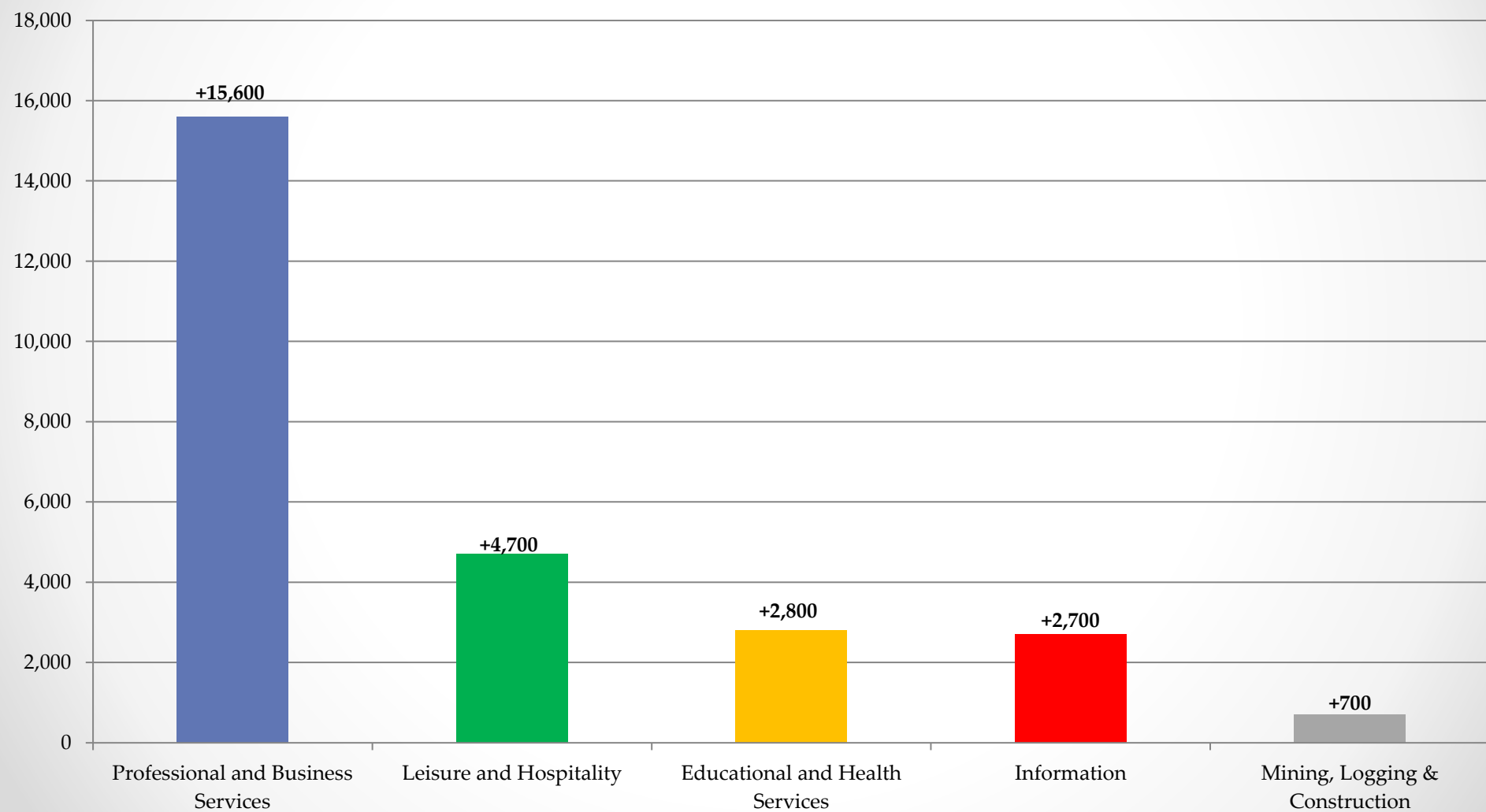




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**Top 5 Industries with Highest Employment Increase (Jan.2015 – Feb. 2024)**

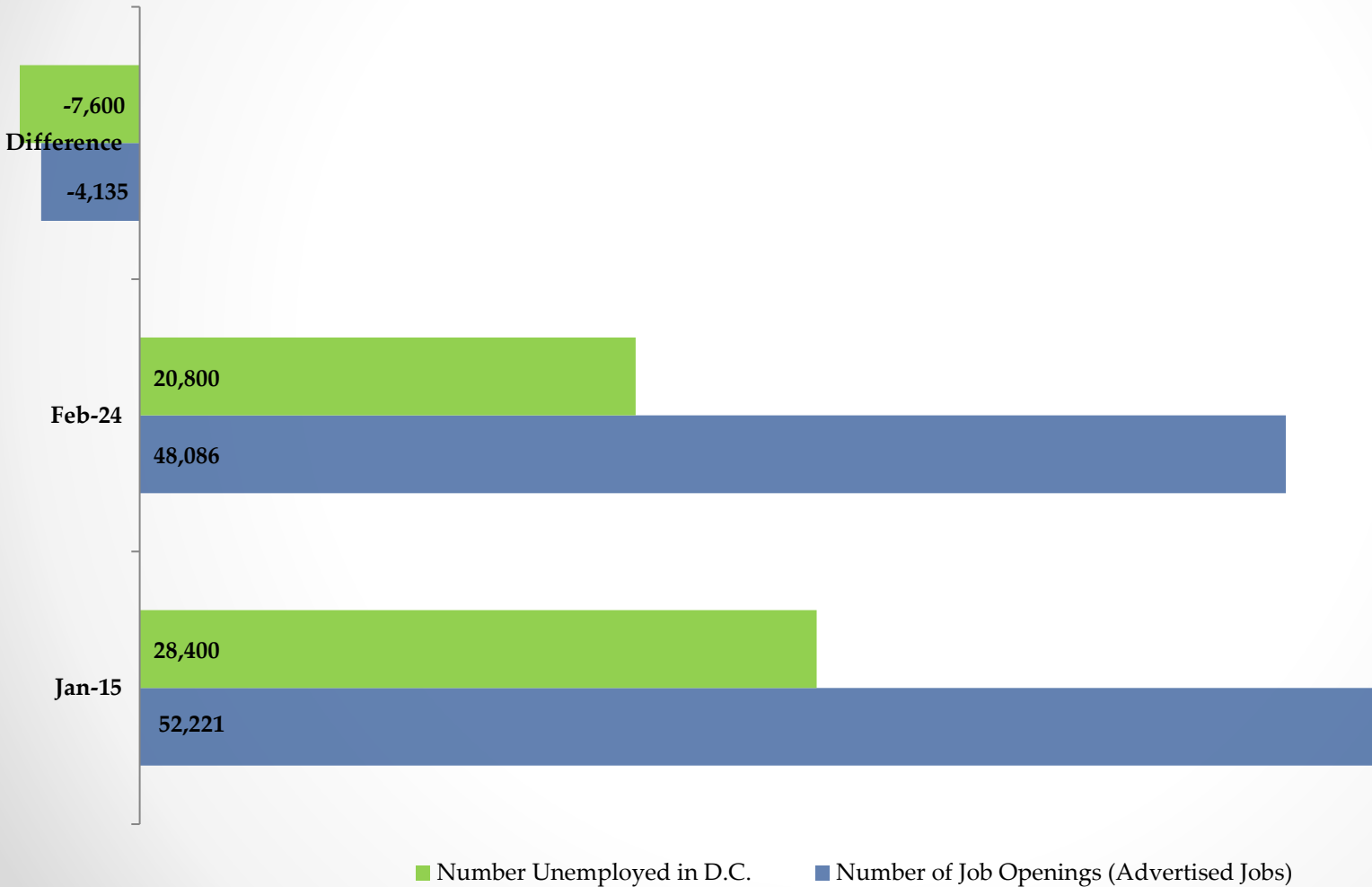




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## Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - Feb. 2024)

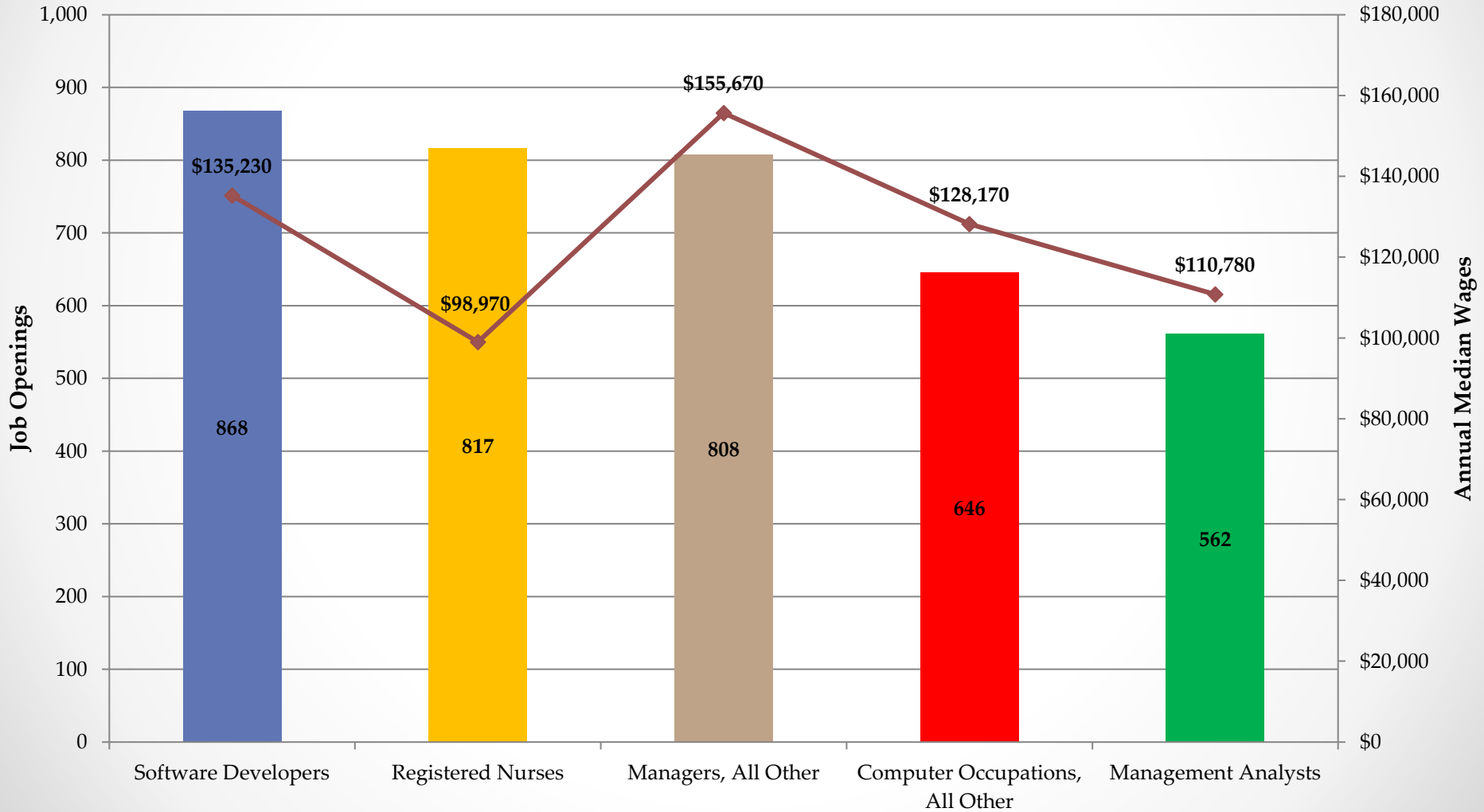




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**Top 5 Job Openings: January 2023 - February 2024 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)**

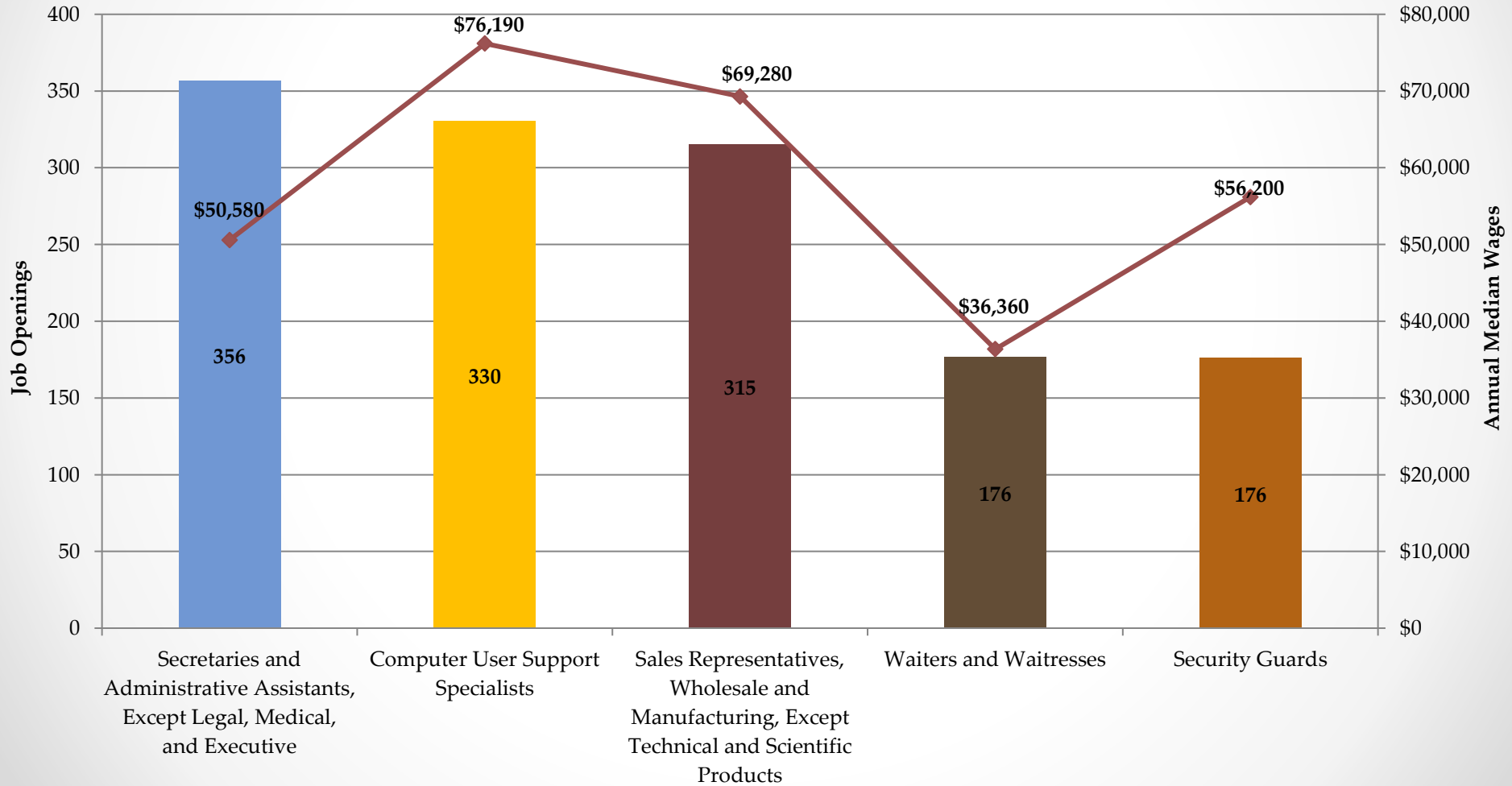




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**Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2023 - February 2024 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)**







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