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

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## Highlights

- From January 2015 to February 2020:
  - ❖ The unemployment rate in DC decreased by **2.2** percentage points (or **29.7%** decrease);
  - ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by **4.6** percentage points (**35.7%** decrease) and **5.0** percentage points (**31.1%** decrease) respectively;
  - ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by **35,800**;
  - ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by **51,400**;
  - ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants decreased by **0.27%**;
  - ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by **7,300** people;
  - ❖ In DC there are **2.3** jobs available (advertised) for **1** unemployed DC resident;
  - ❖ The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by **14.5** weeks;
  - ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by **48,700** new jobs or **9.51%** increase from January 2015;
  - ❖ Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase by industry with **14,500 since January 2015**;
  - ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers, Applications with an average monthly opening of **4,148**;
  - ❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor's degree is Computer User Support Specialists with an average monthly opening of **2,021**.

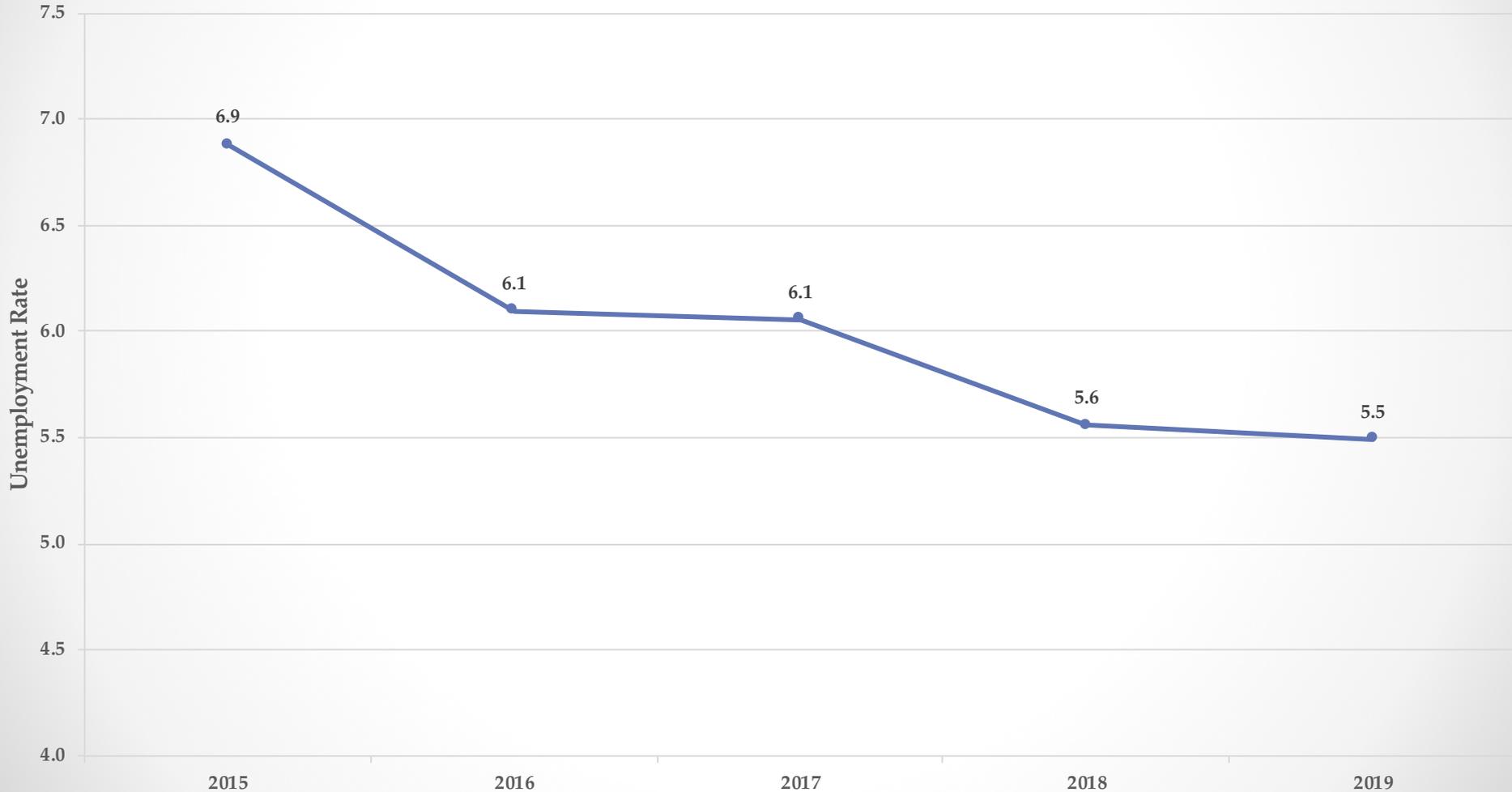


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DC Annual Average Unemployment Rate (2015-2019)

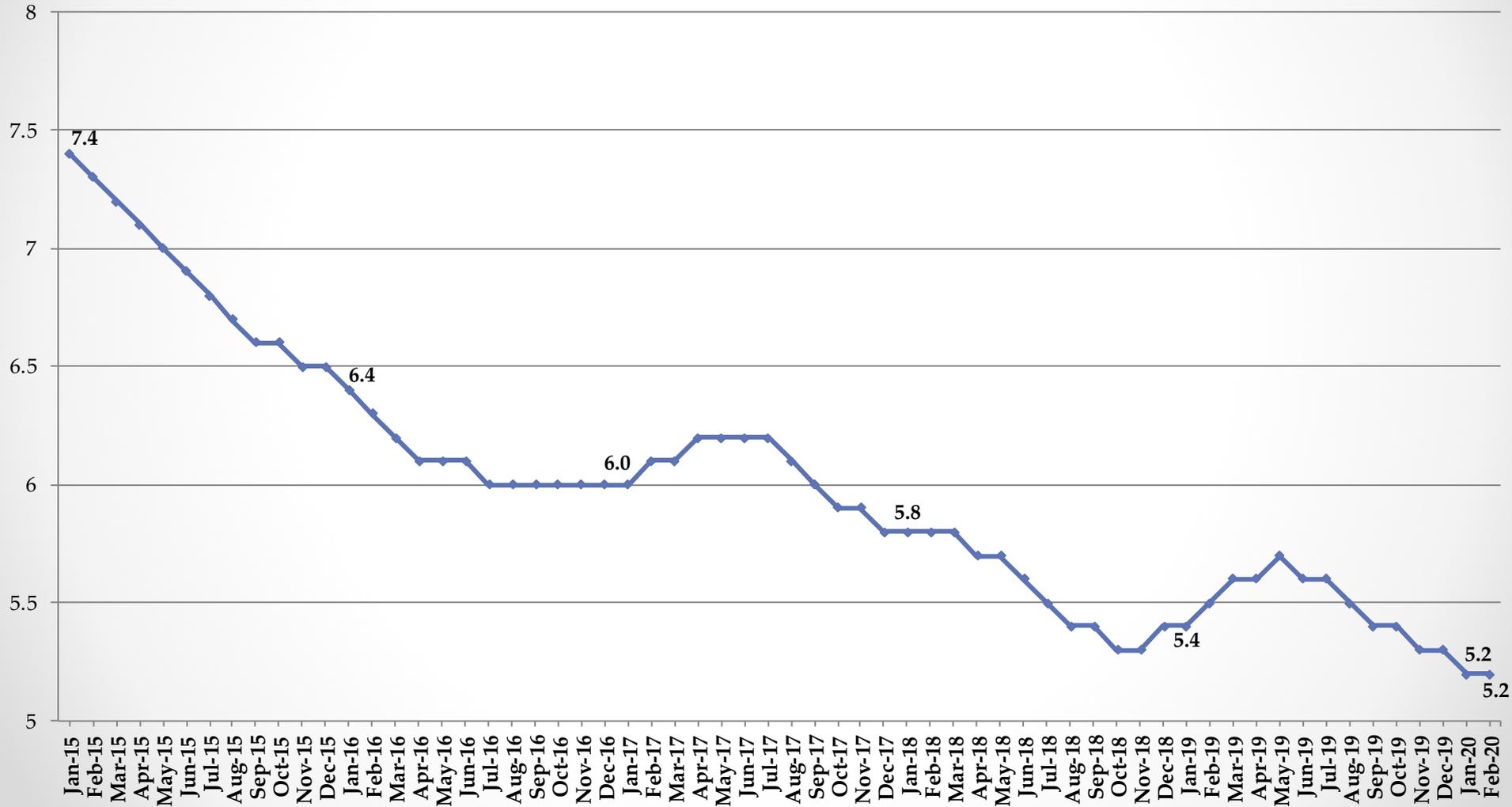




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The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Feb. 2020

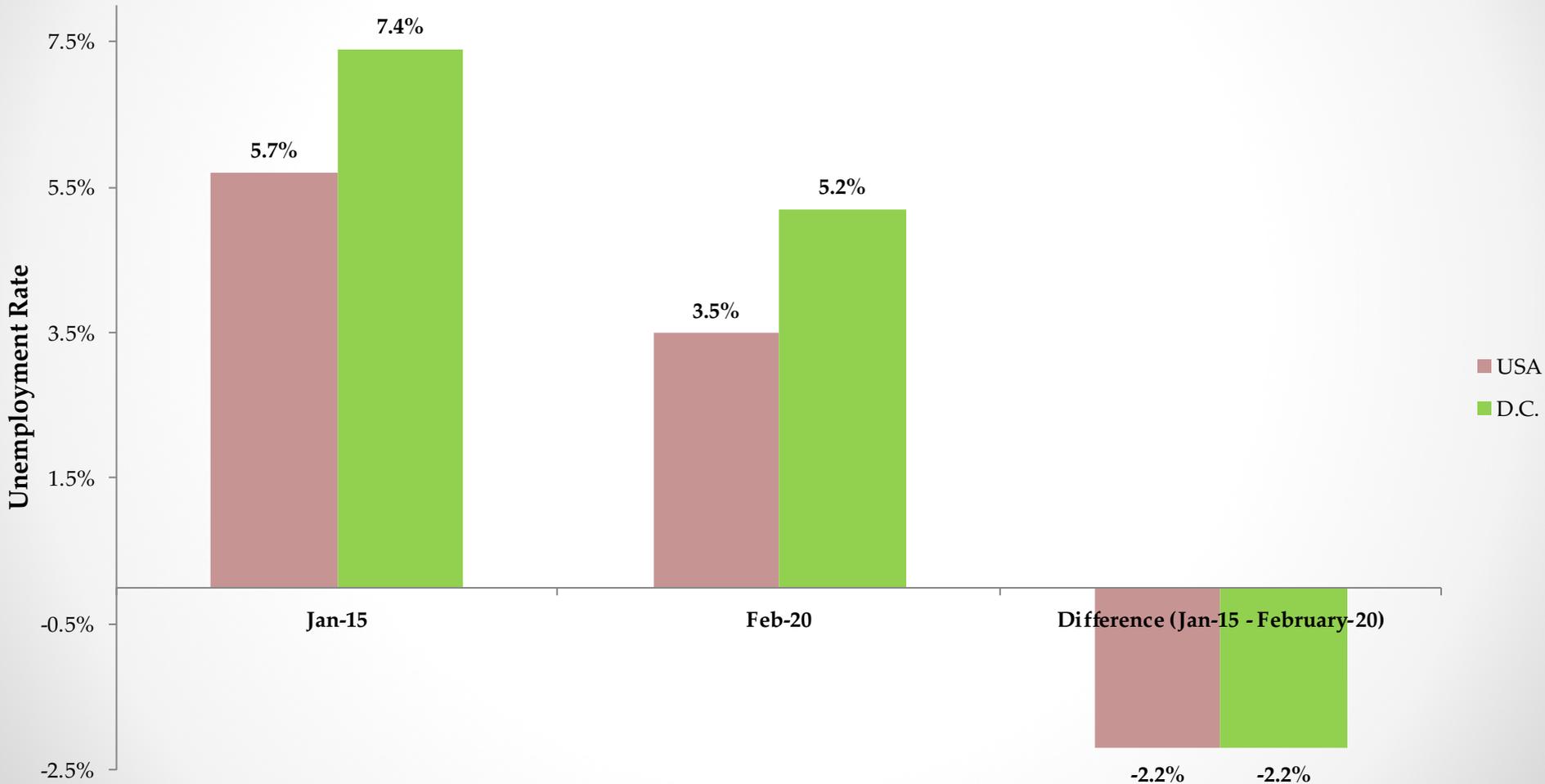




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## Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - February 2020)

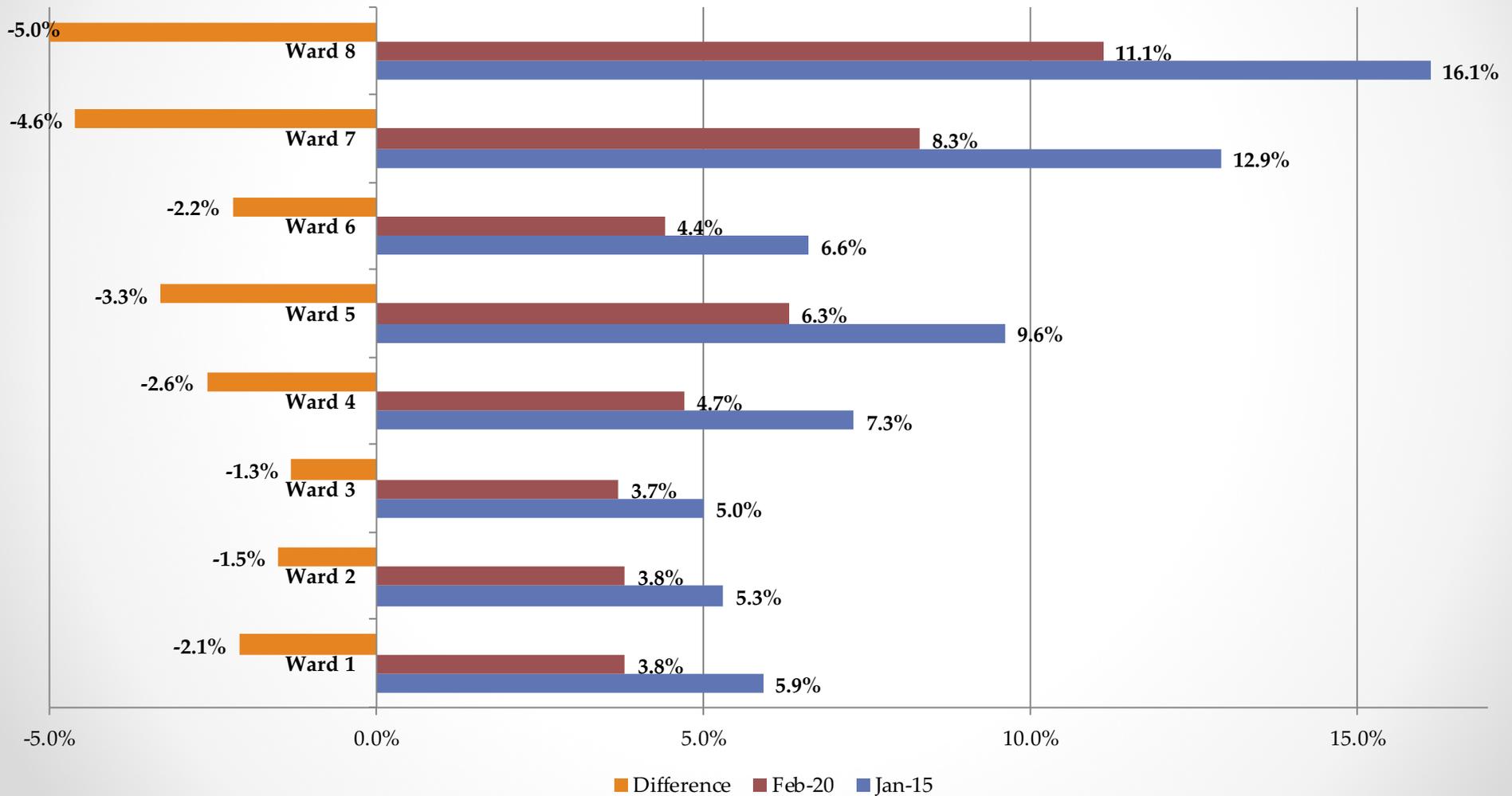




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**Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - February 2020)**

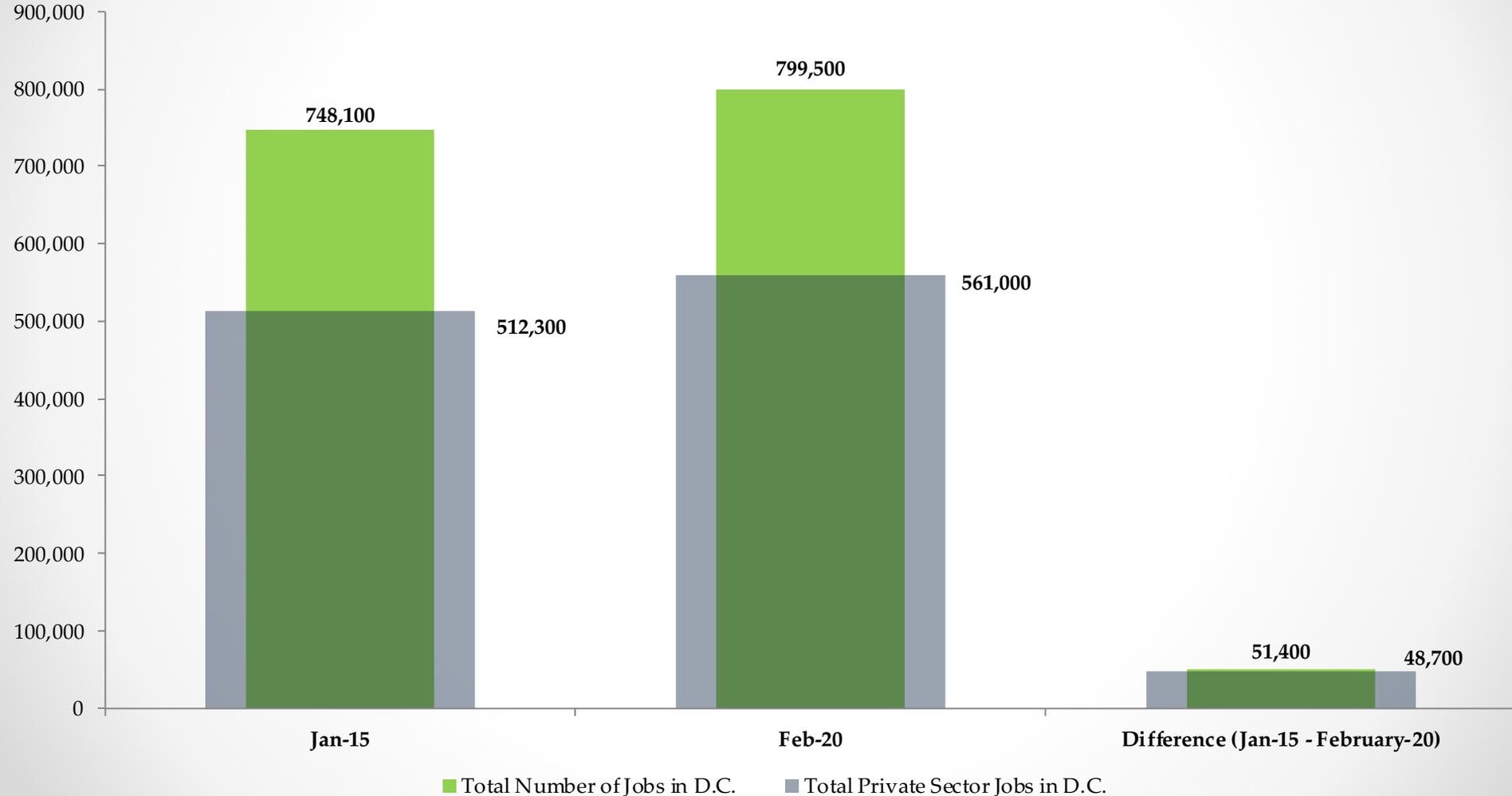




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Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Feb. 2020)

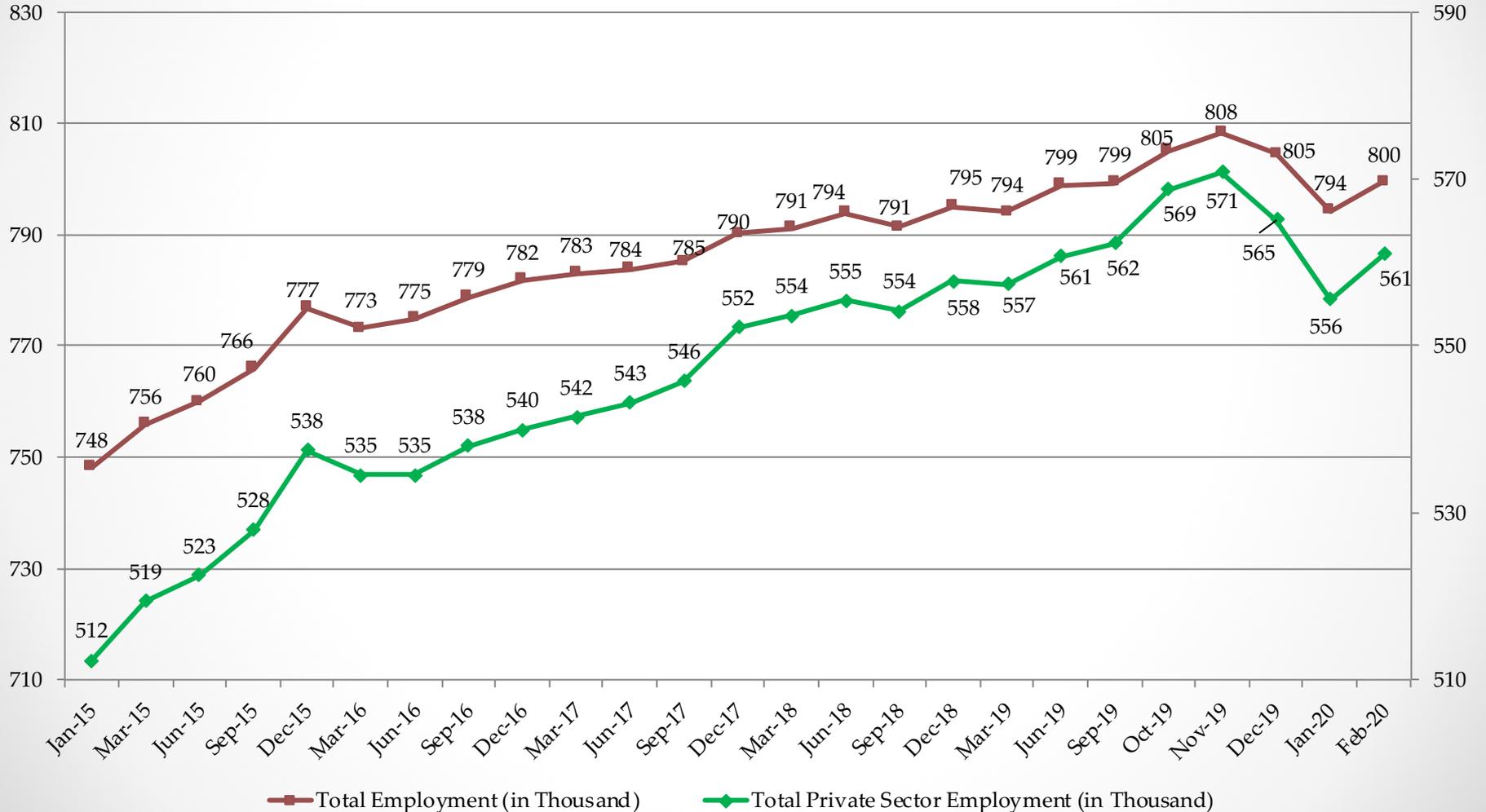




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Total Employment and Private Sector Employment in D.C. (Jan.2015 - Feb. 2020 (In Thousands))

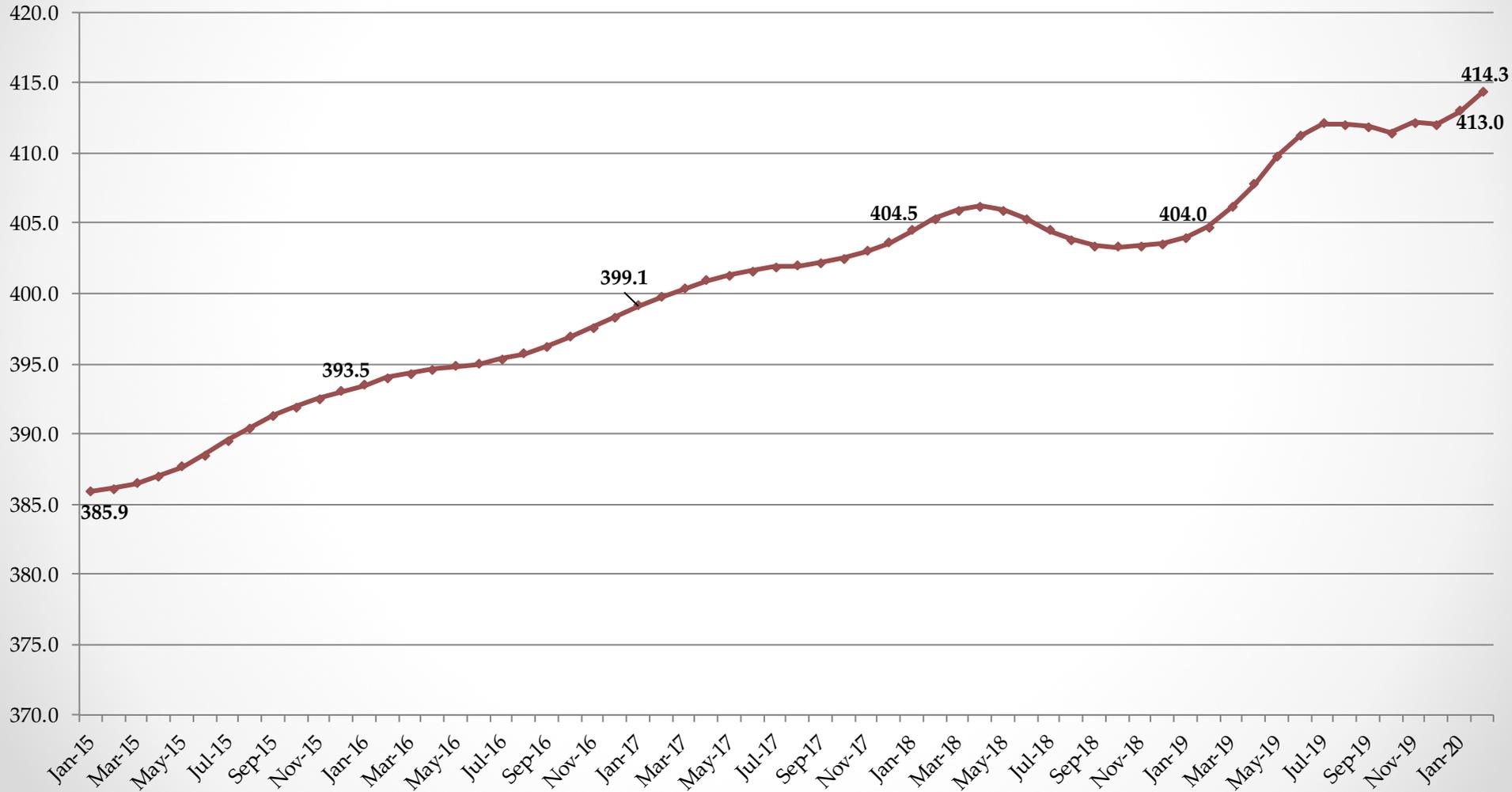




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The District's Labor Force (Jan. 2015 - Feb. 2020) (In Thousands)

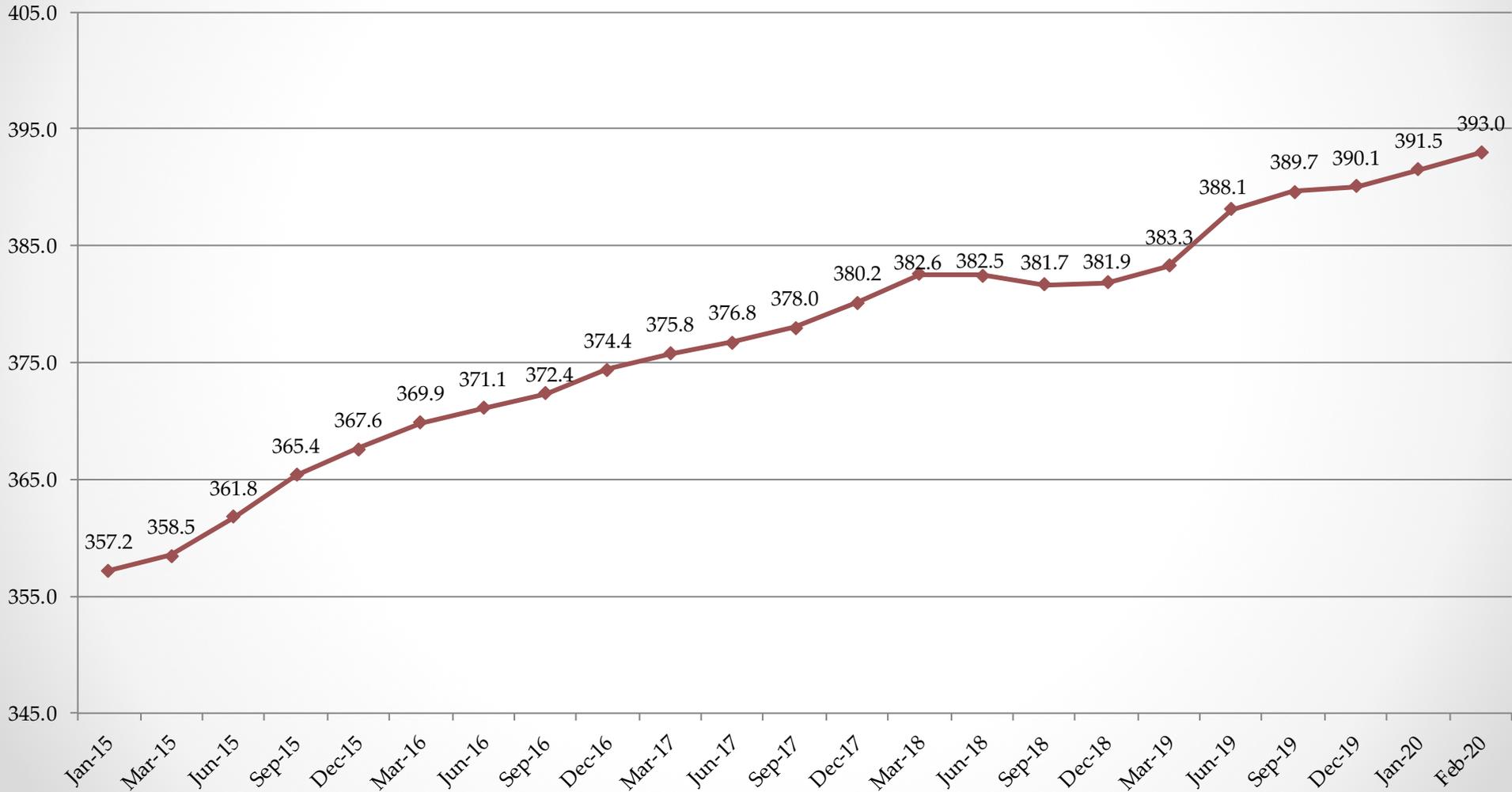




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Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 - Feb. 2020) (In Thousands)

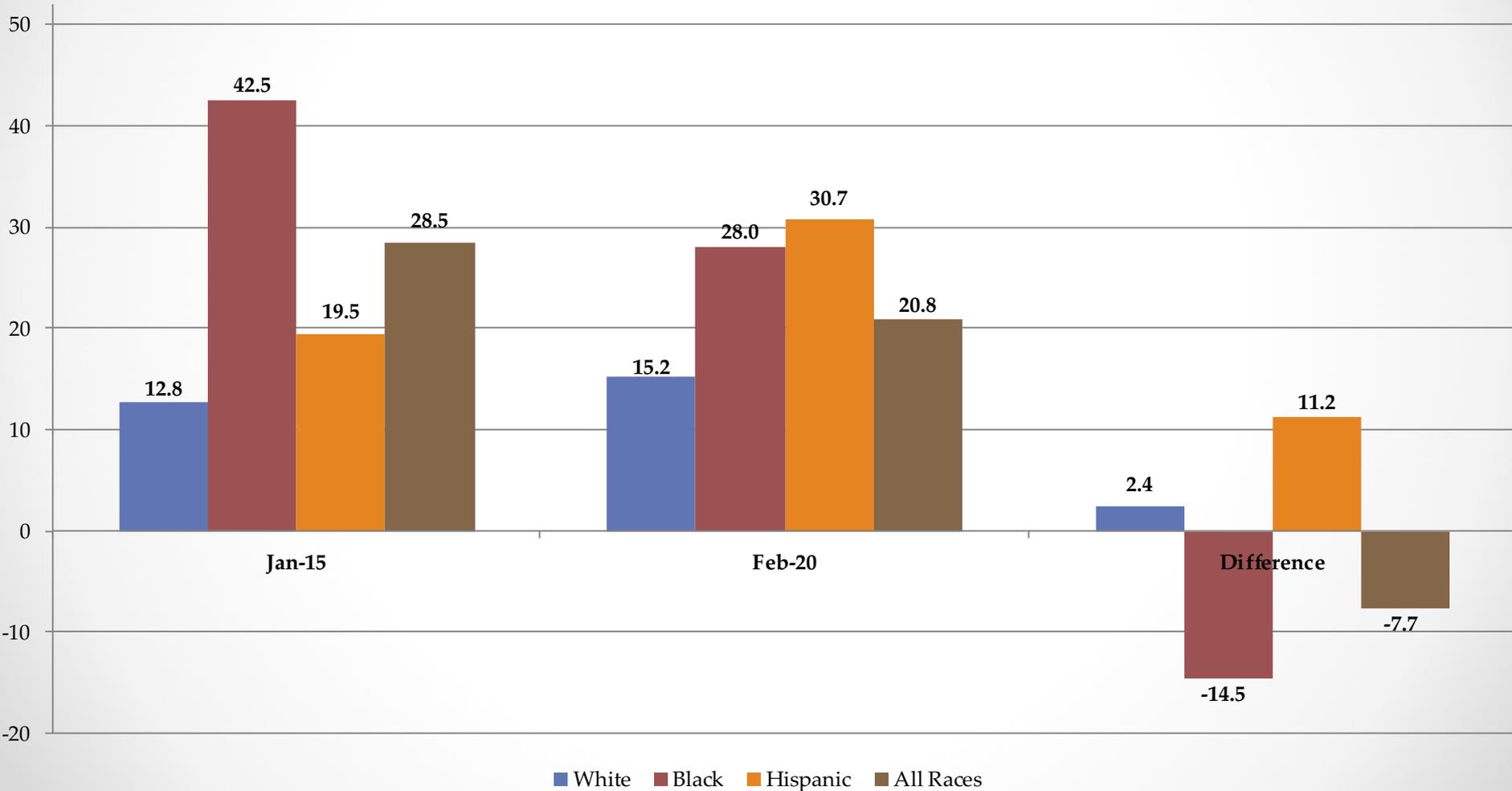




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Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - Feb. 2020)

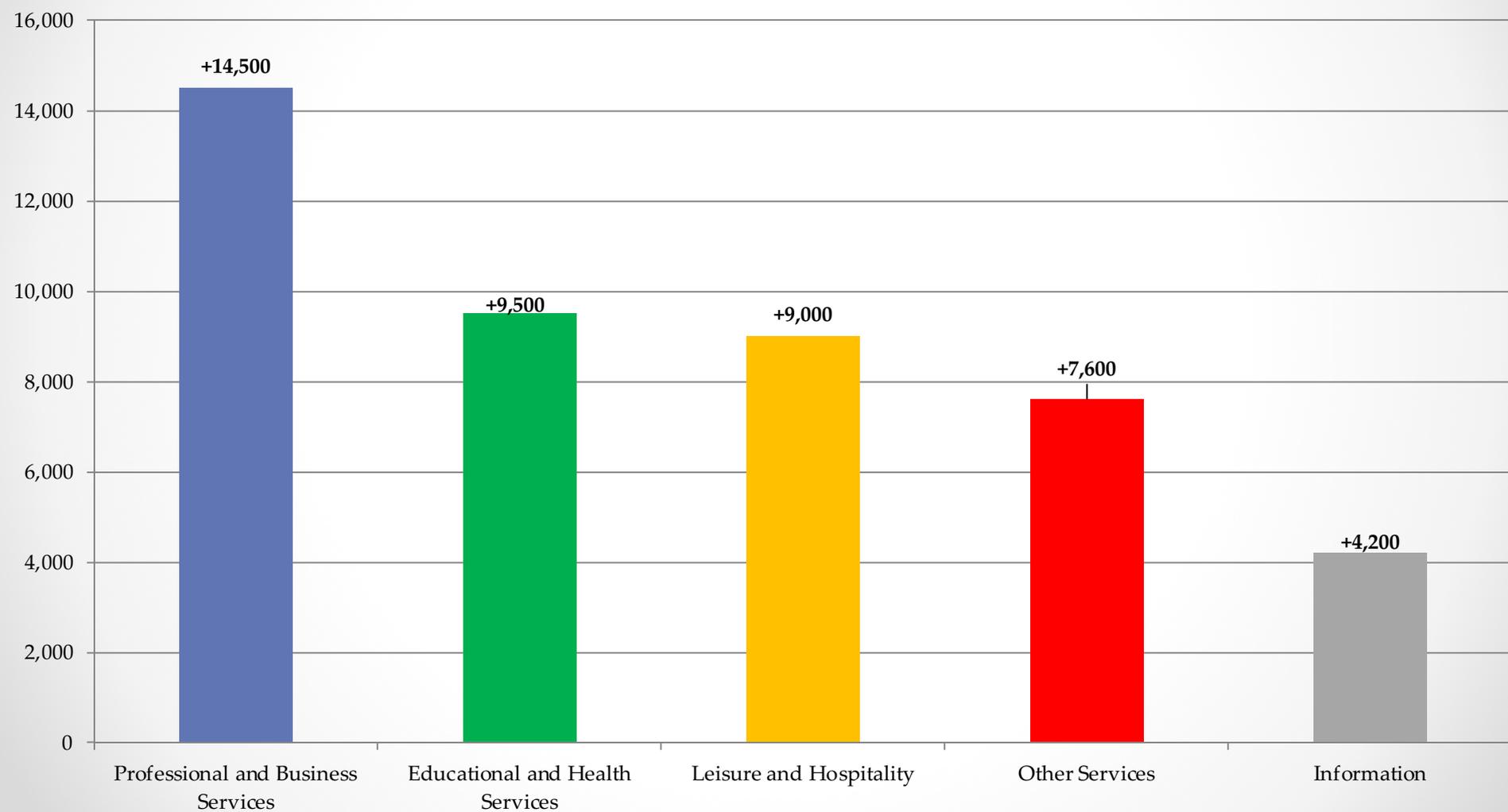




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Top 5 Industry with Highest Employment Increase (Jan.2015 – Feb. 2020)

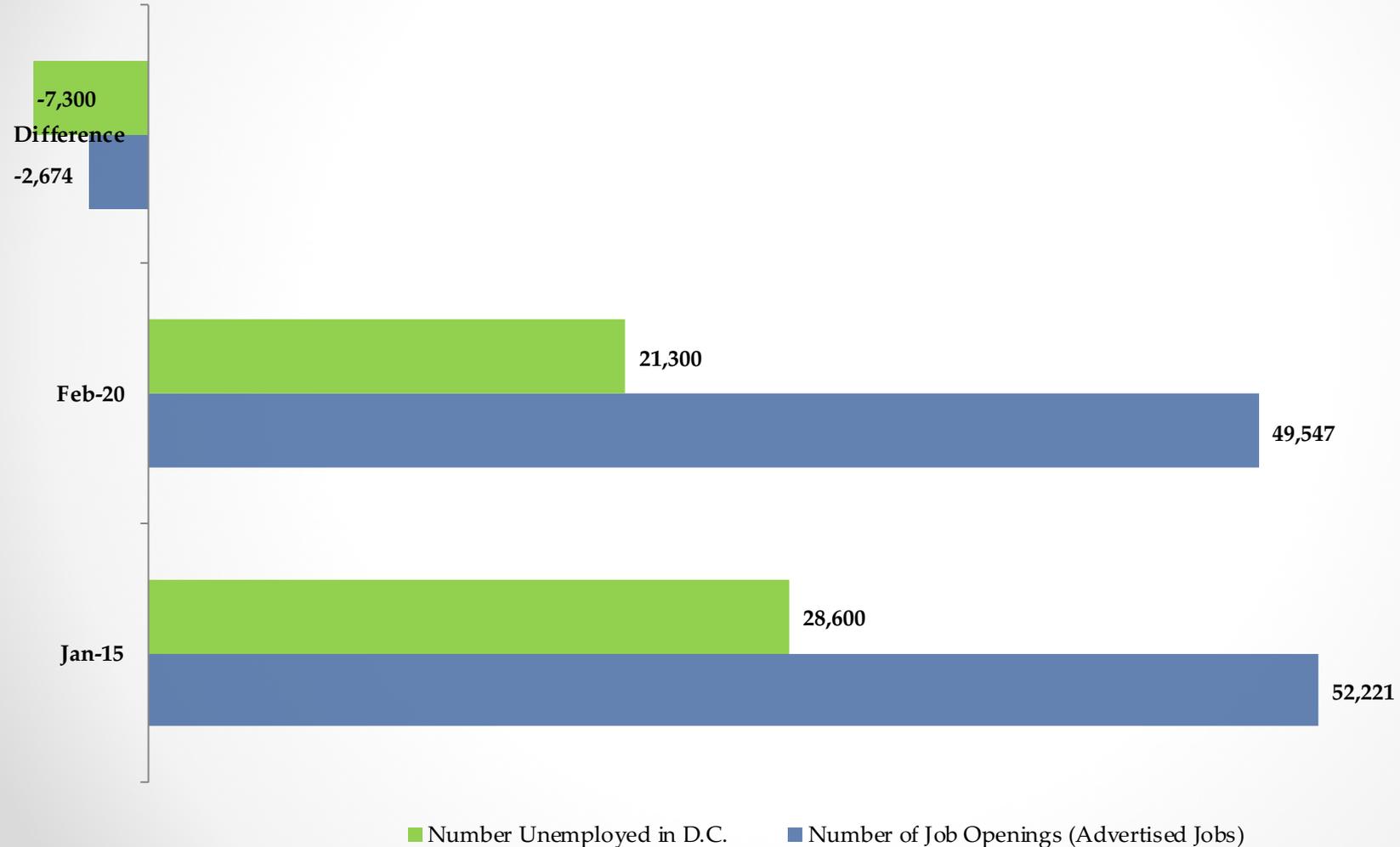




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## Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - Feb. 2020)

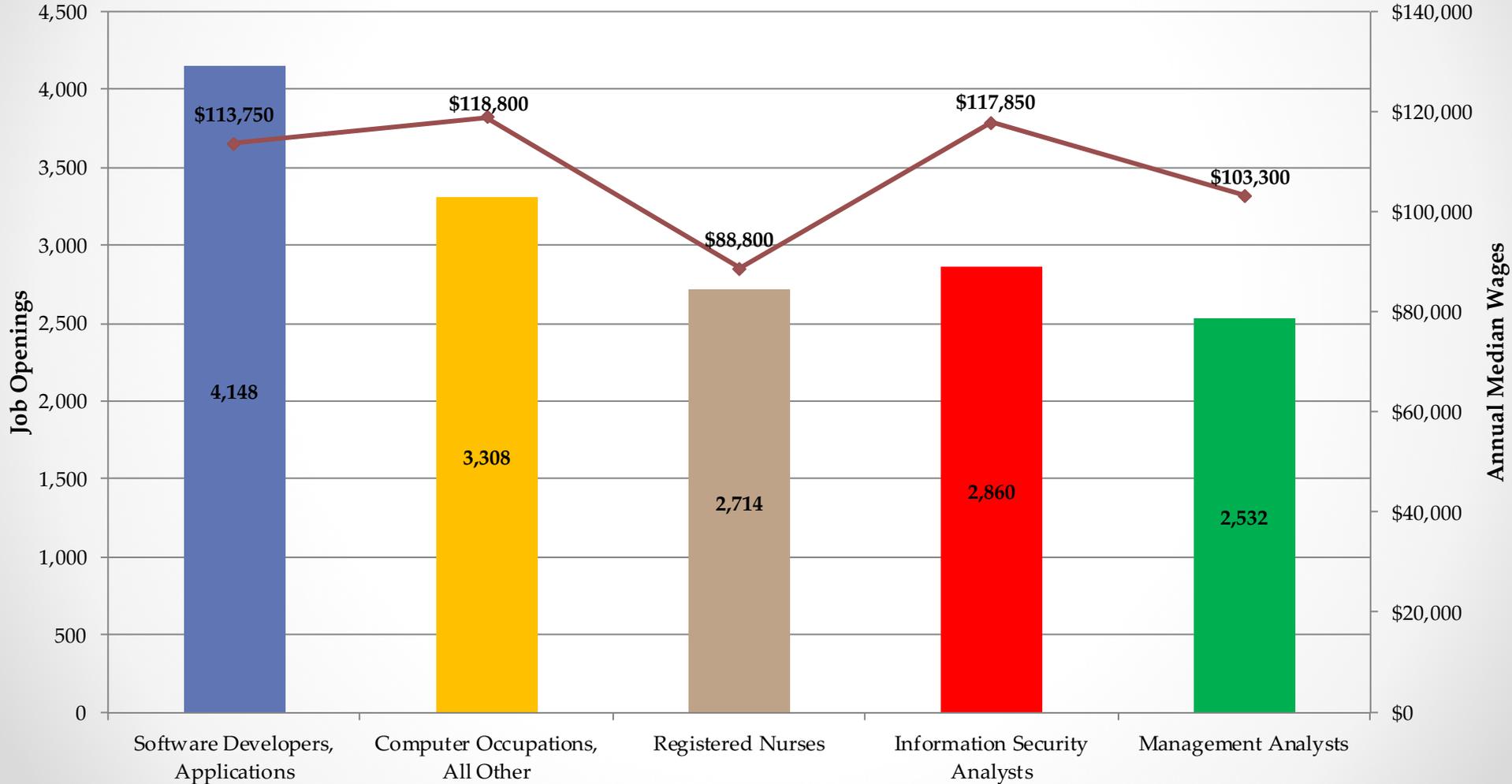




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Top 5 Job Openings: January 2017 - February 2020 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

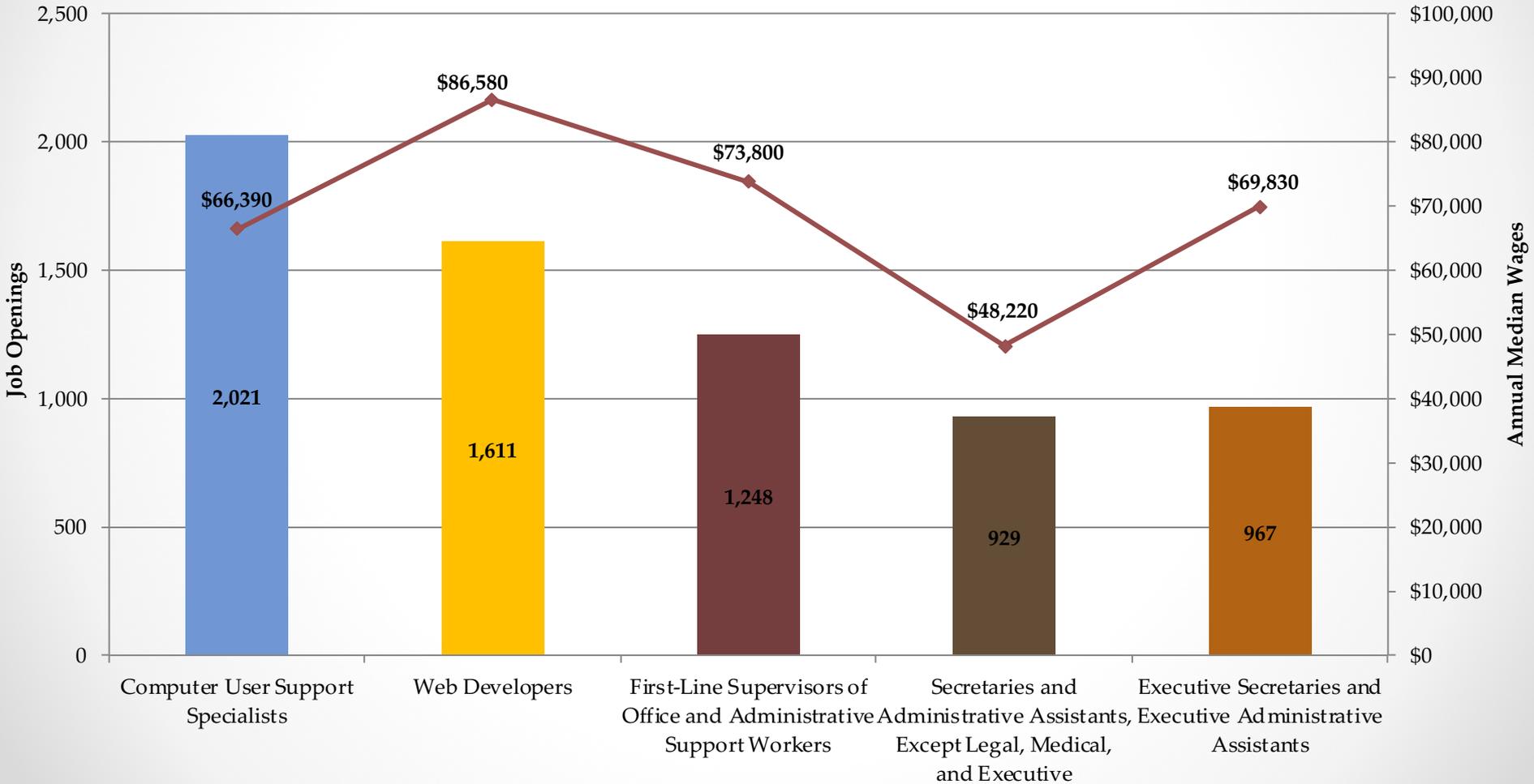




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**Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2017 - February 2020 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)**





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