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D.C. Labor Market Indicators: July 2018

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Highlights

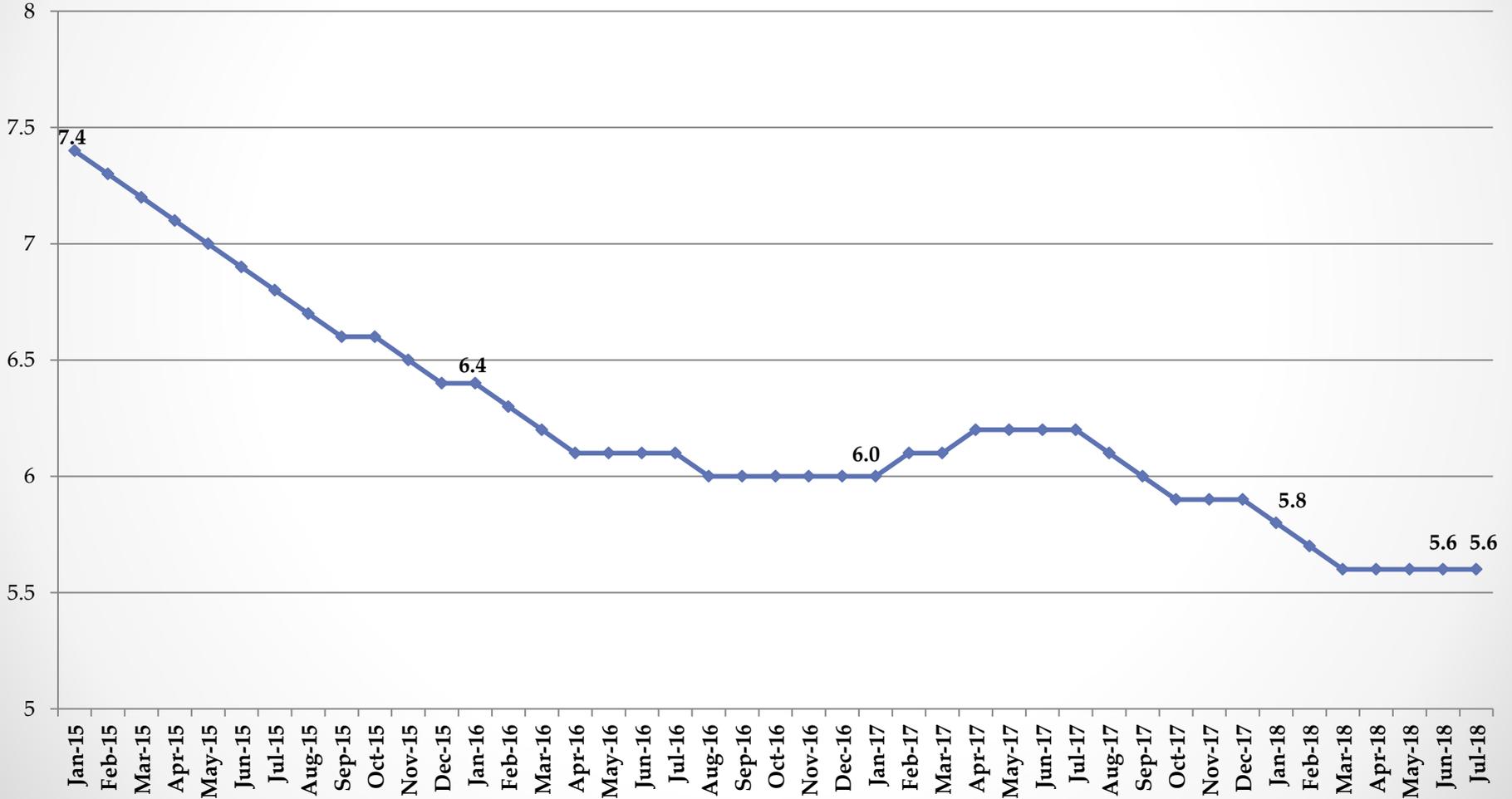
- From January 2015 to July 2018:
 - ❖ The unemployment rate in DC decreased by **1.8** percentage points (or **24.3%** decrease);
 - ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by **2.3** percentage points (**17.8%** decrease) and **2.5** percentage points (**15.5%** decrease) respectively;
 - ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by **29,700**;
 - ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by **47,100**;
 - ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants increased by **19.34%**;
 - ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by **5,700** people;
 - ❖ In DC there are **2.0** jobs available (advertised) for **1** unemployed DC resident;
 - ❖ The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by **21.9** weeks;
 - ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by **36,200** new jobs or **6.96%** increase from January 2015;
 - ❖ Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase by industry with **11,100 since January 2015**;
 - ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers, Applications with an average monthly opening of **3,277**;
 - ❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor's degree is Computer User Support Specialists with an average monthly opening of **1,766**.



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The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - July 2018





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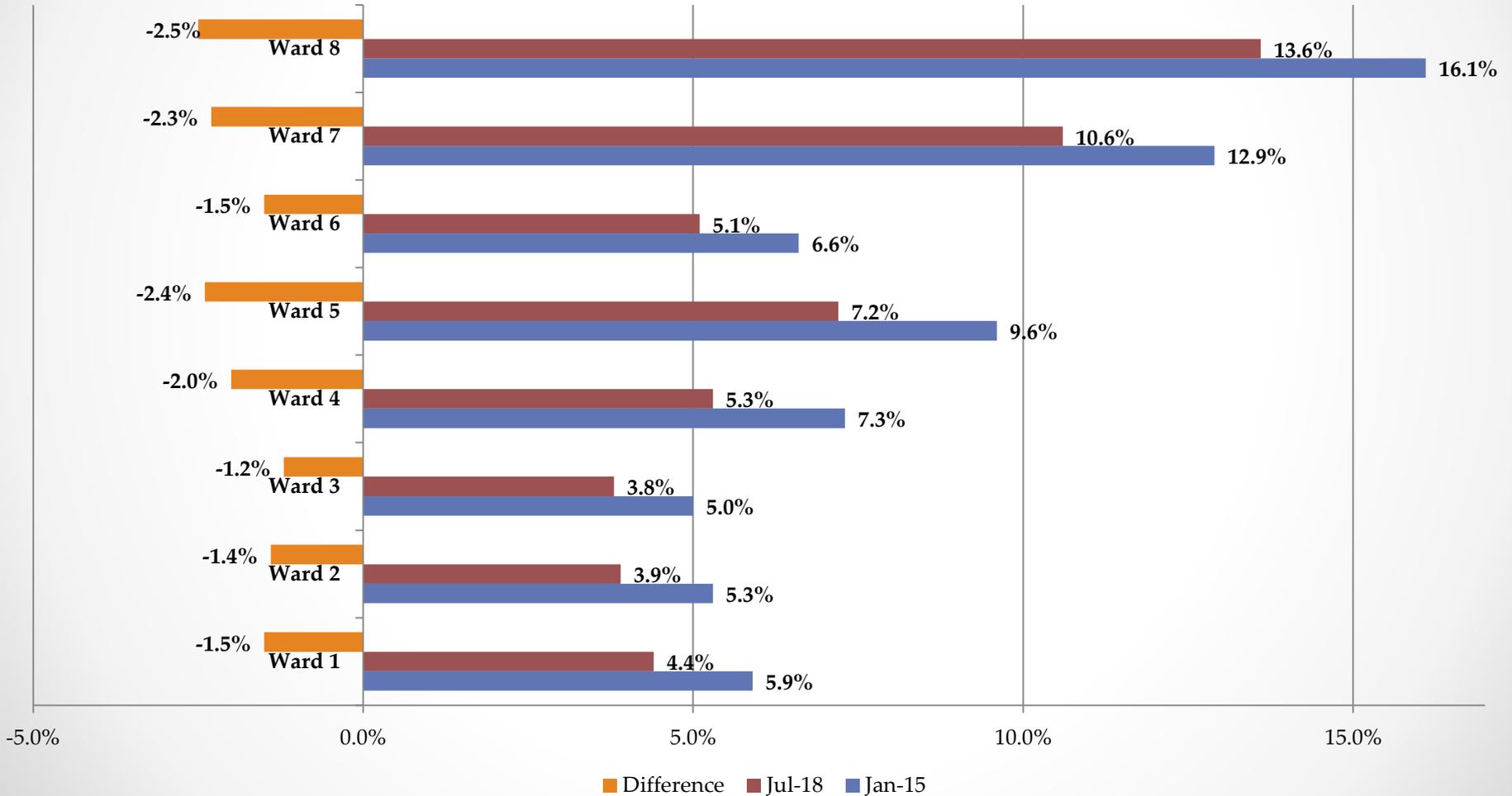




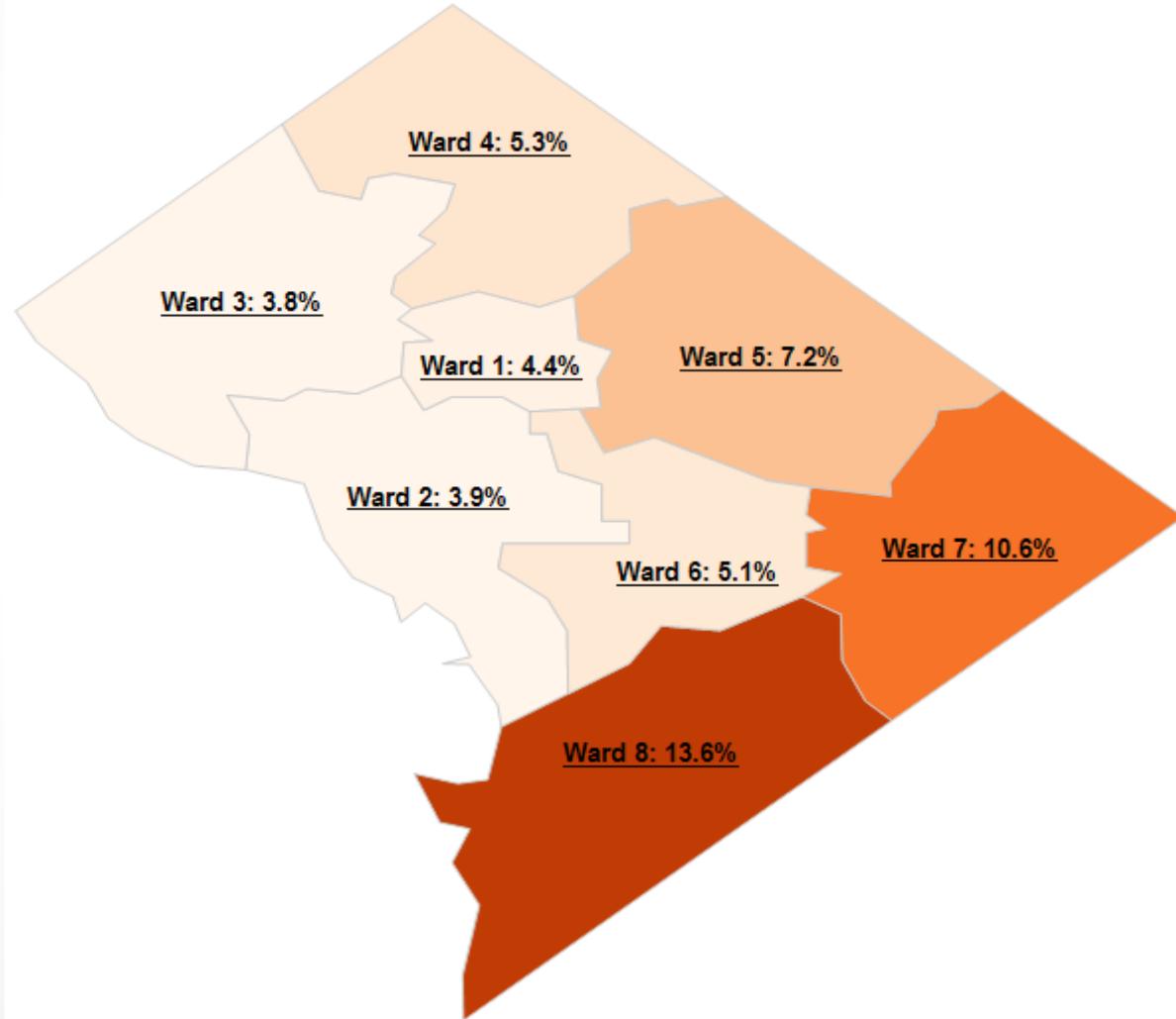
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Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - July 2018)



Unemployment Rate by Ward: July 2018





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Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - July 2018)

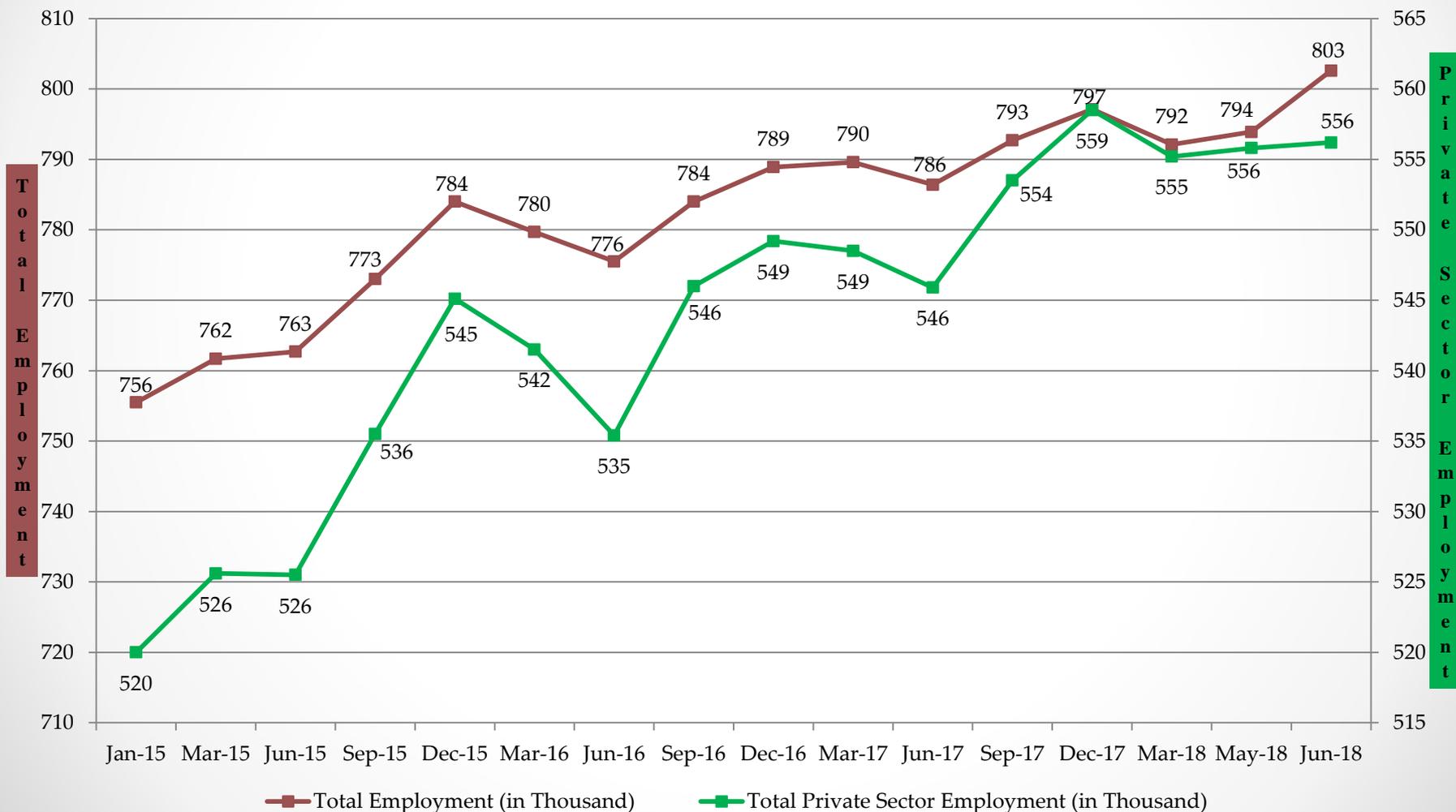




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Total Employment and Private Sector Employment in D.C. (Jan.2015 - July 2018) (In Thousands)

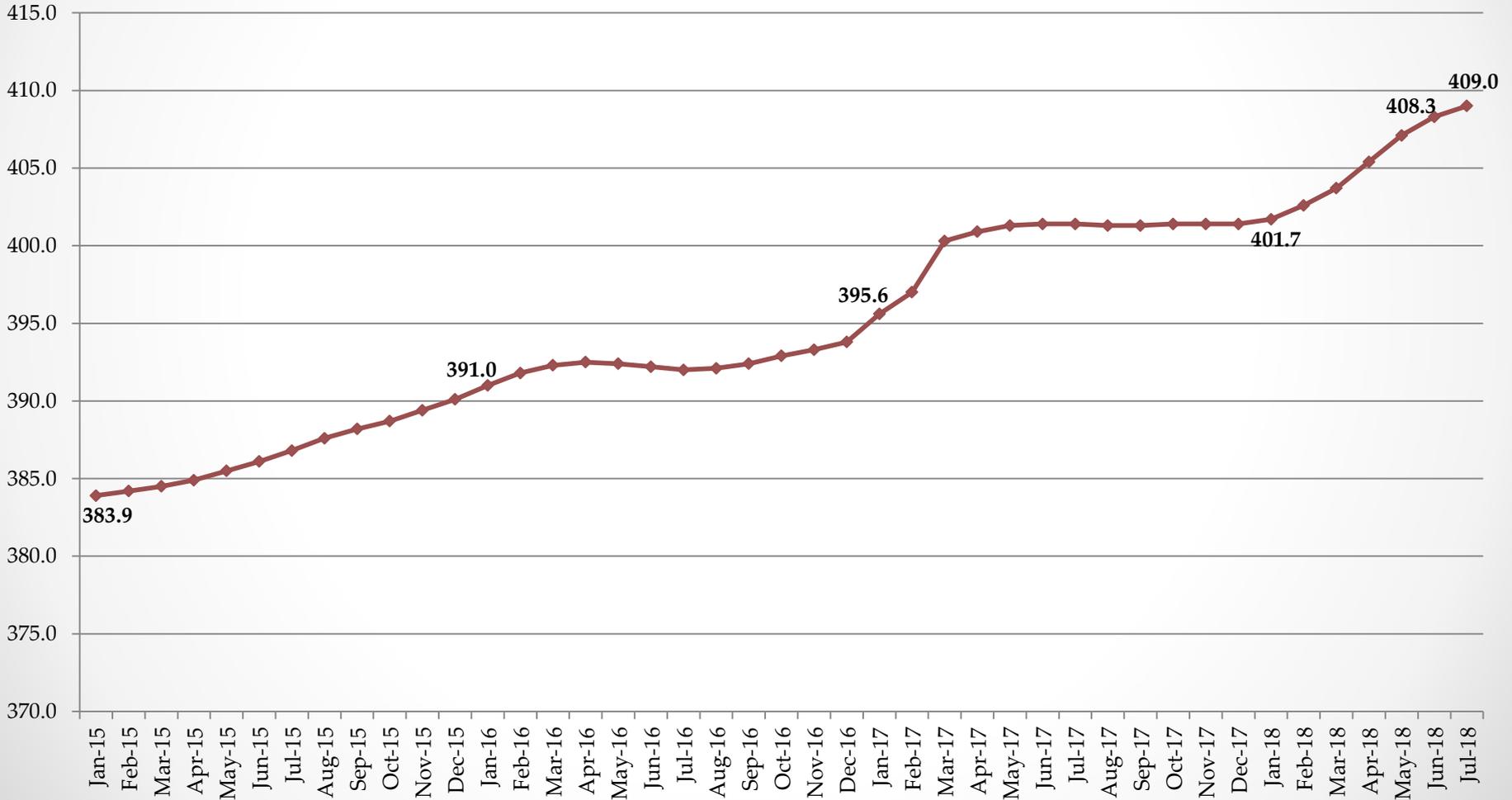




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The District's Labor Force (Jan. 2015 - July 2018) (In Thousands)

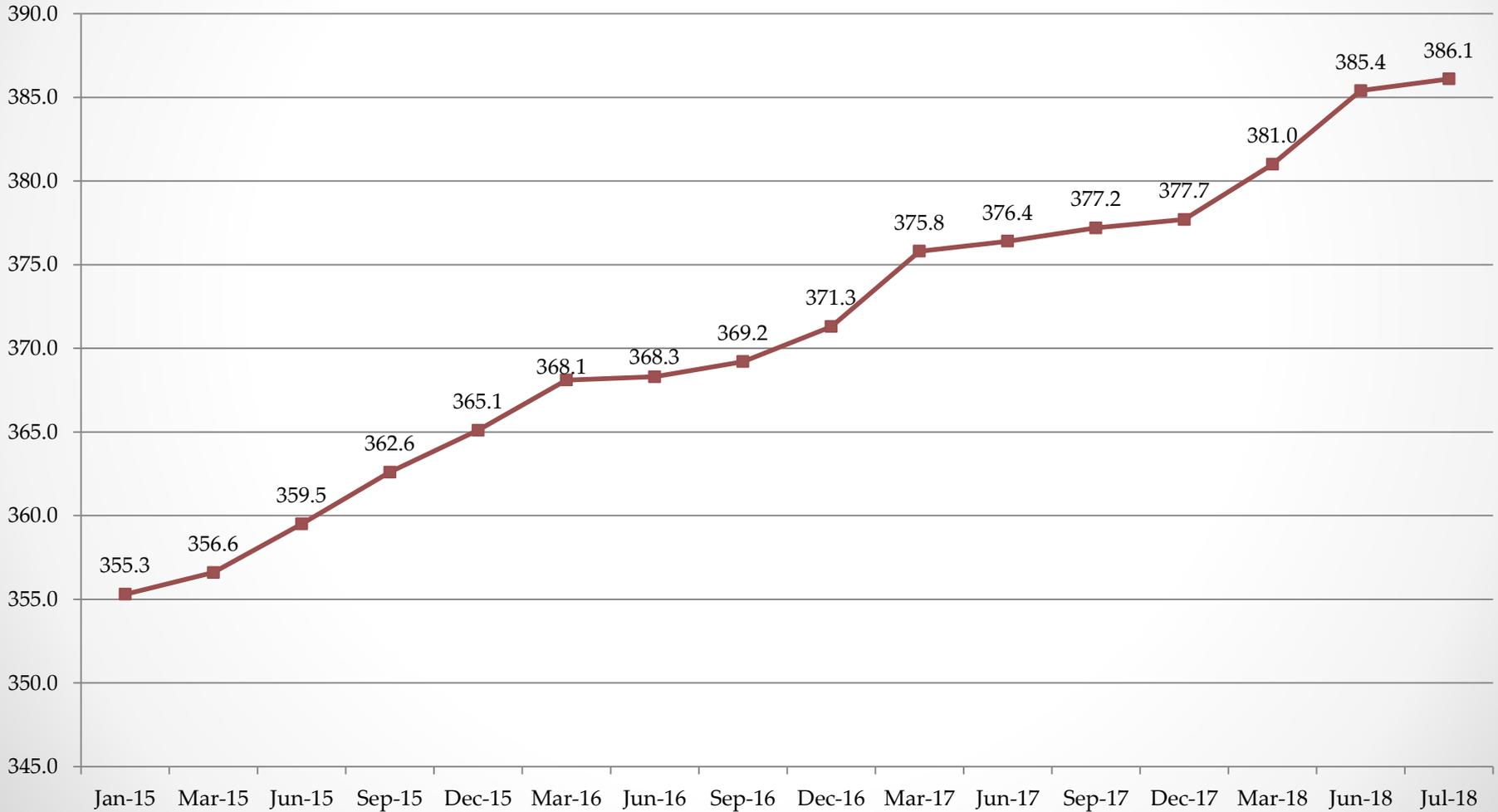




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Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 - July 2018) (In Thousands)

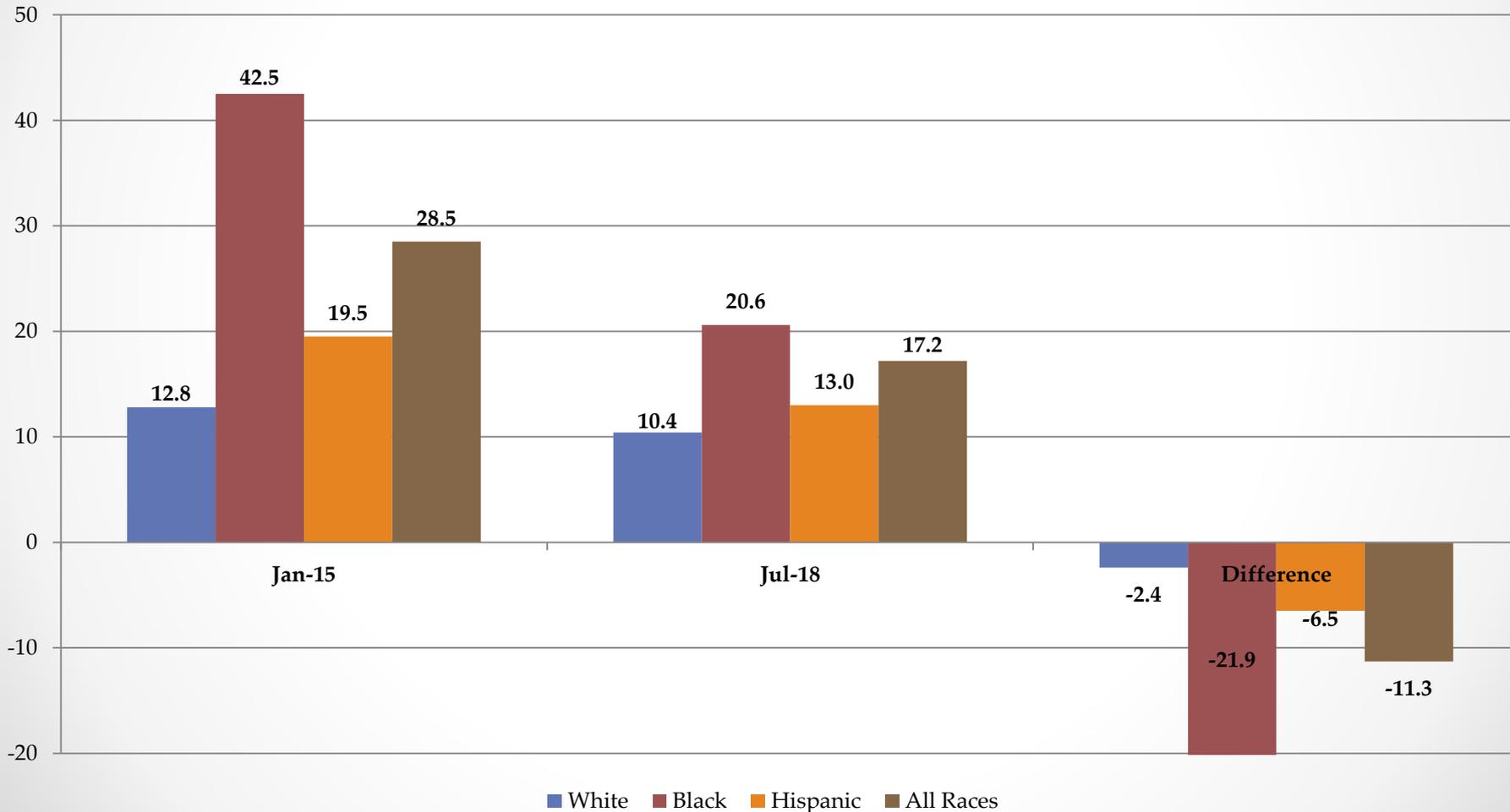




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Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - July 2018)

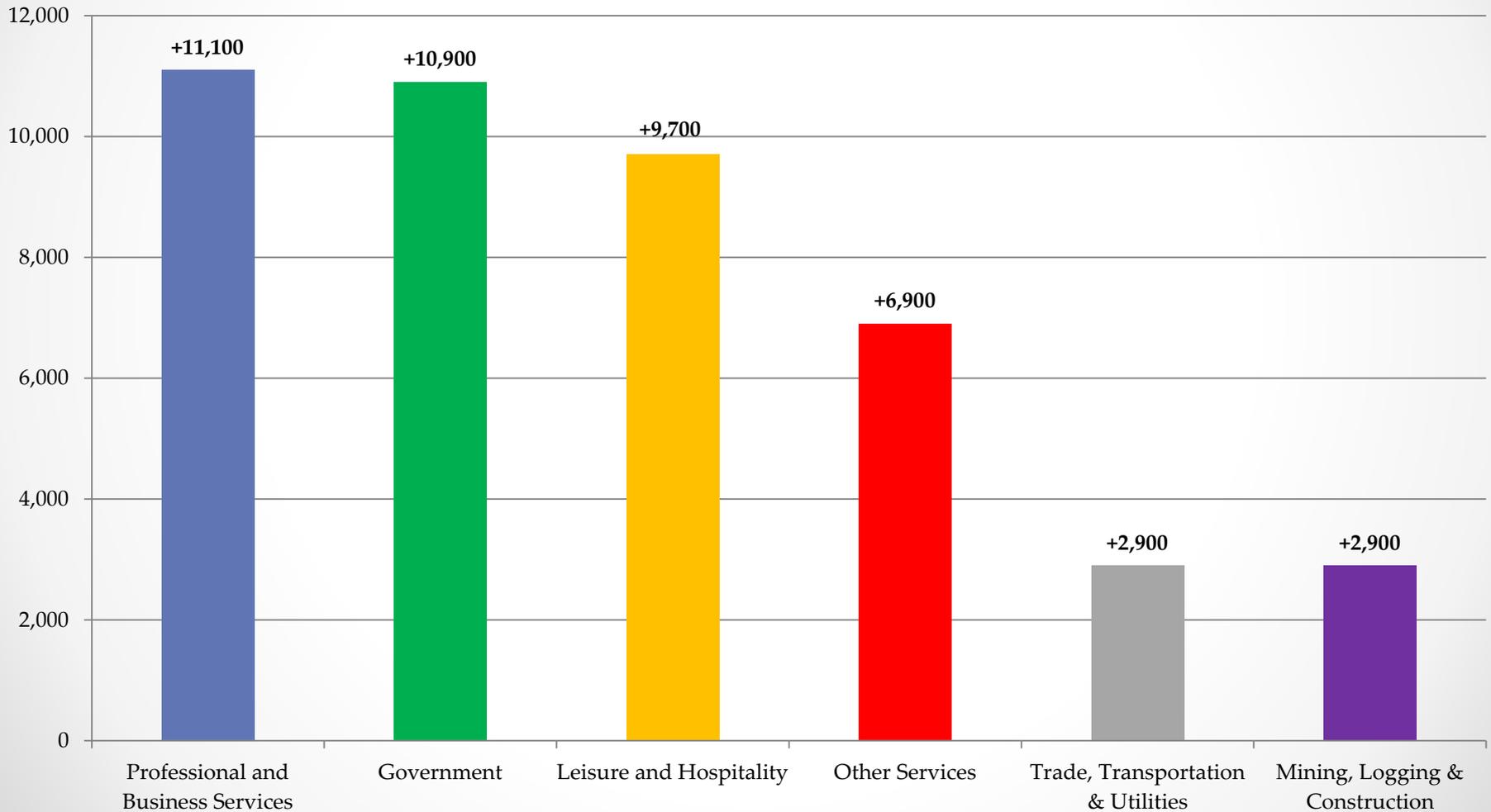




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Top 5 Industry with Highest Employment Increase (Jan.2015 – July 2018)

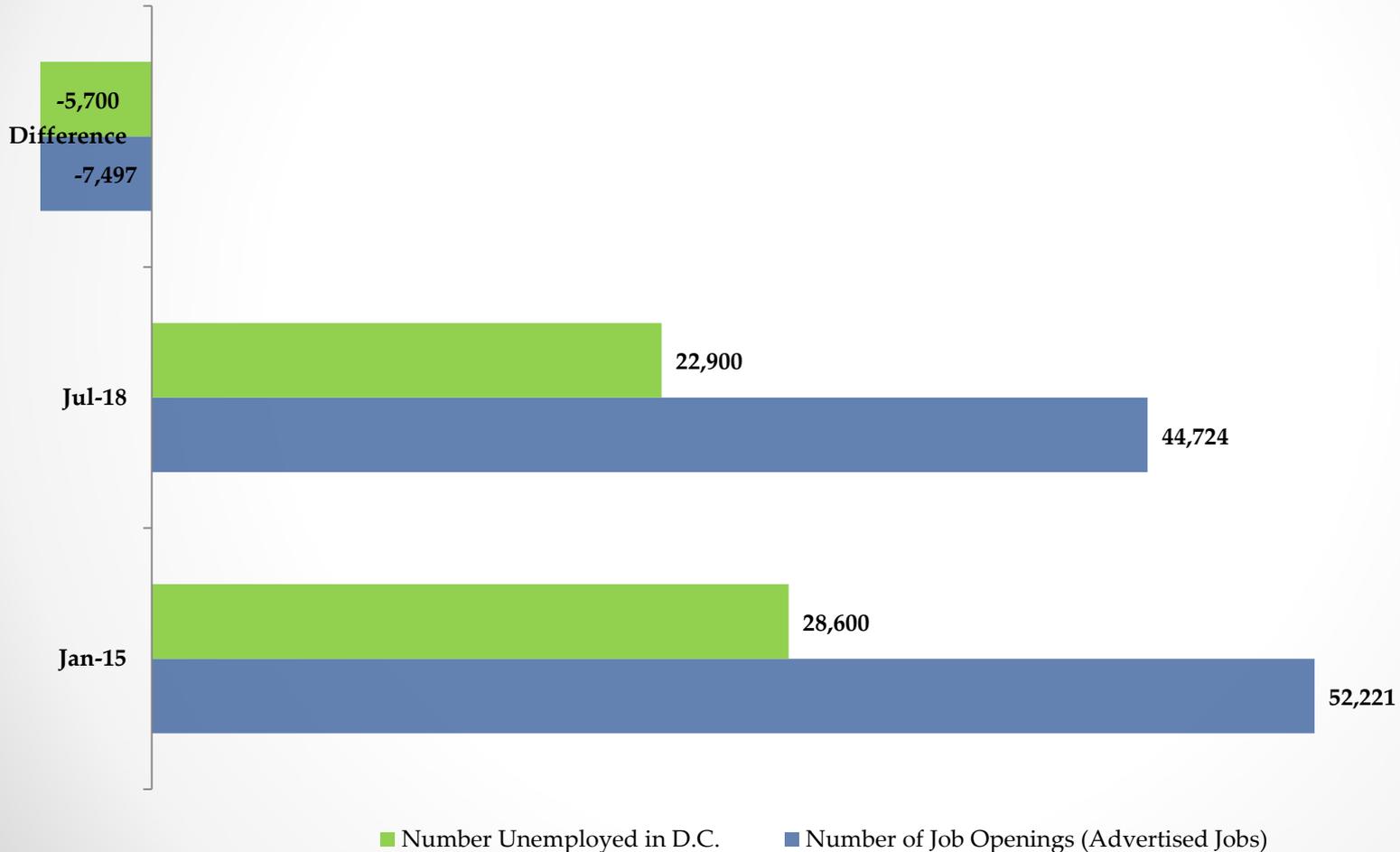




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Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 -July 2018)

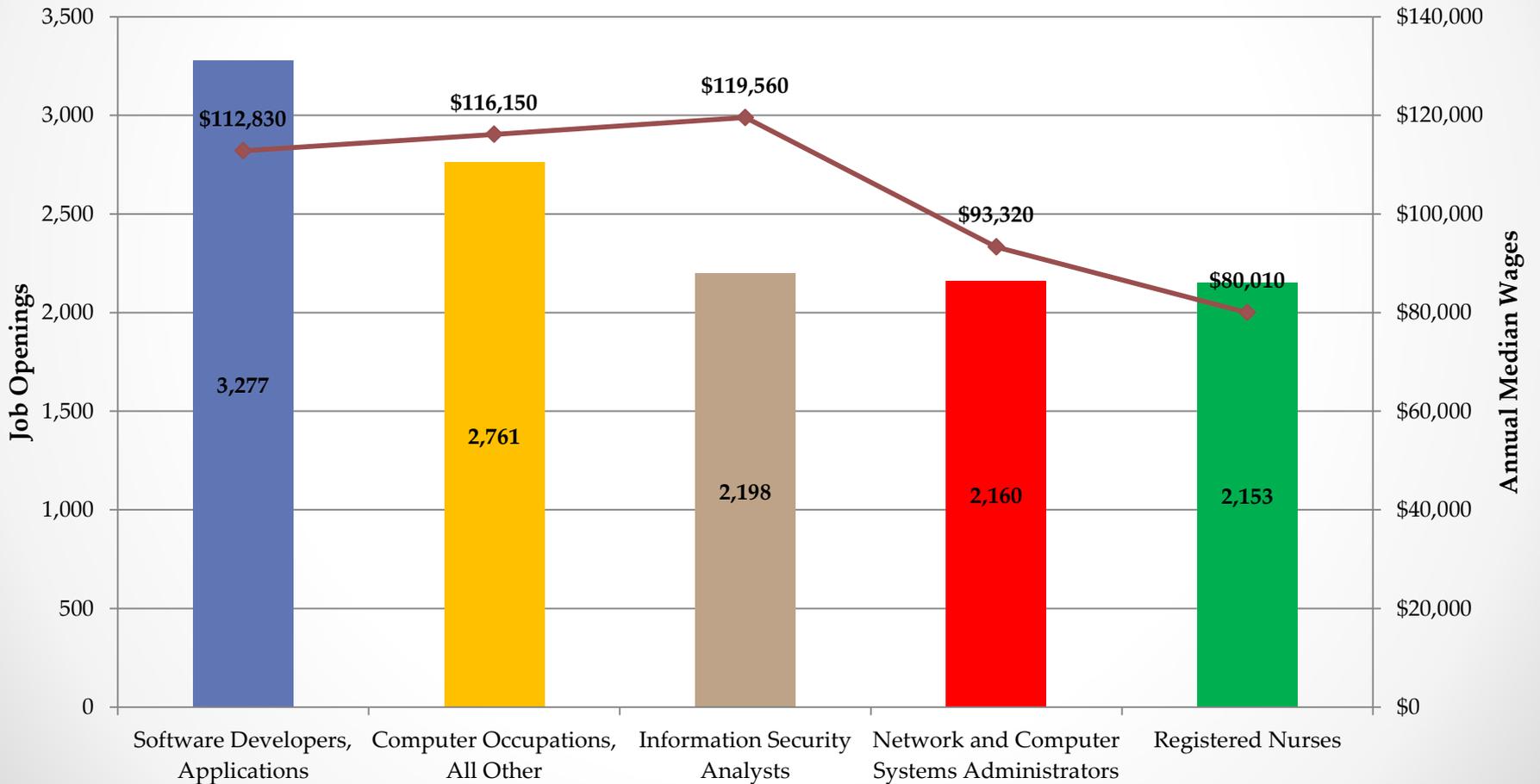




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Top 5 Job Openings: January 2017 - July 2018 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

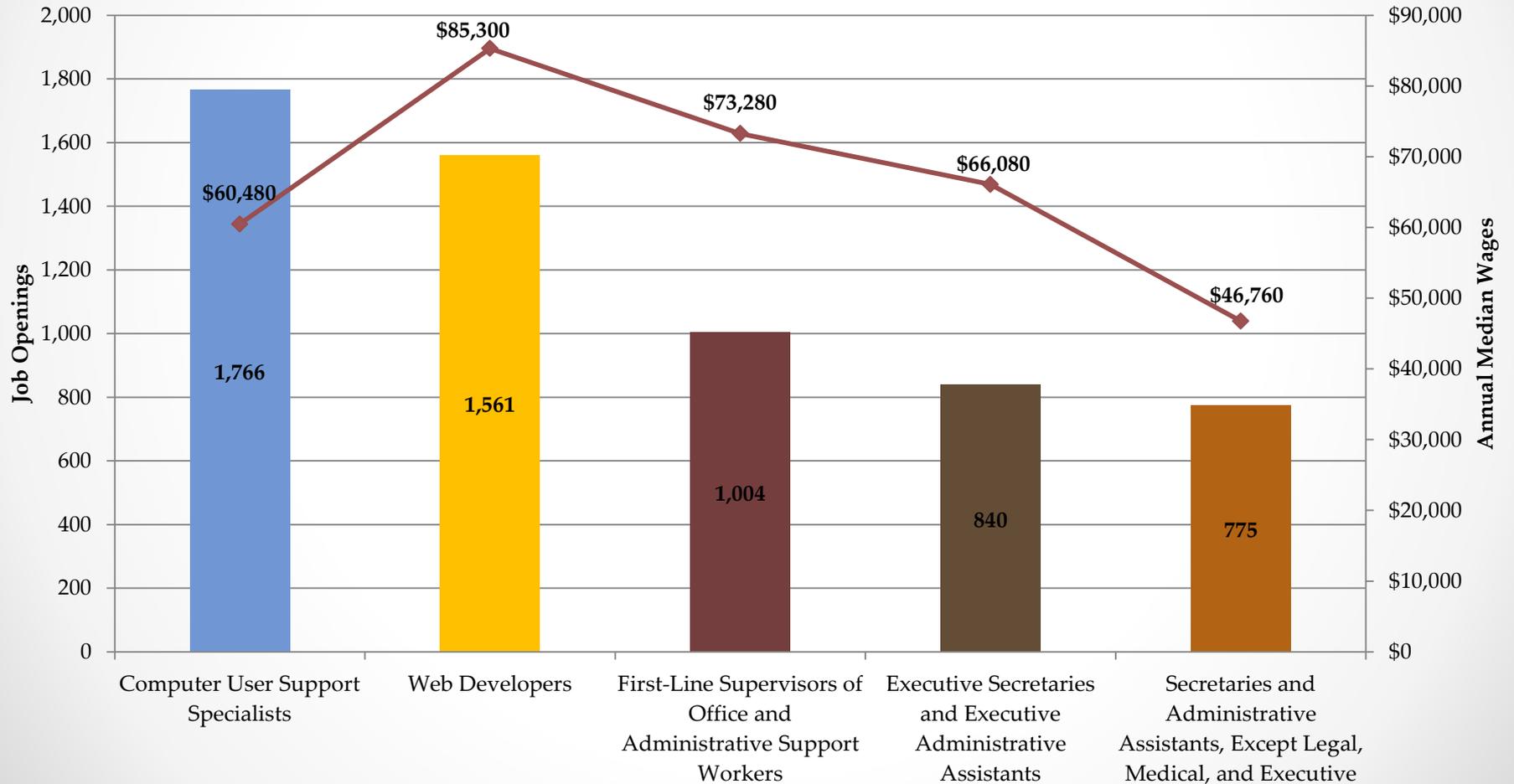




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Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2017 - July 2018 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)





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