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D.C. Labor Market Indicators: January 2015 - July 2024

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Highlights

From January 2015 to July 2024:

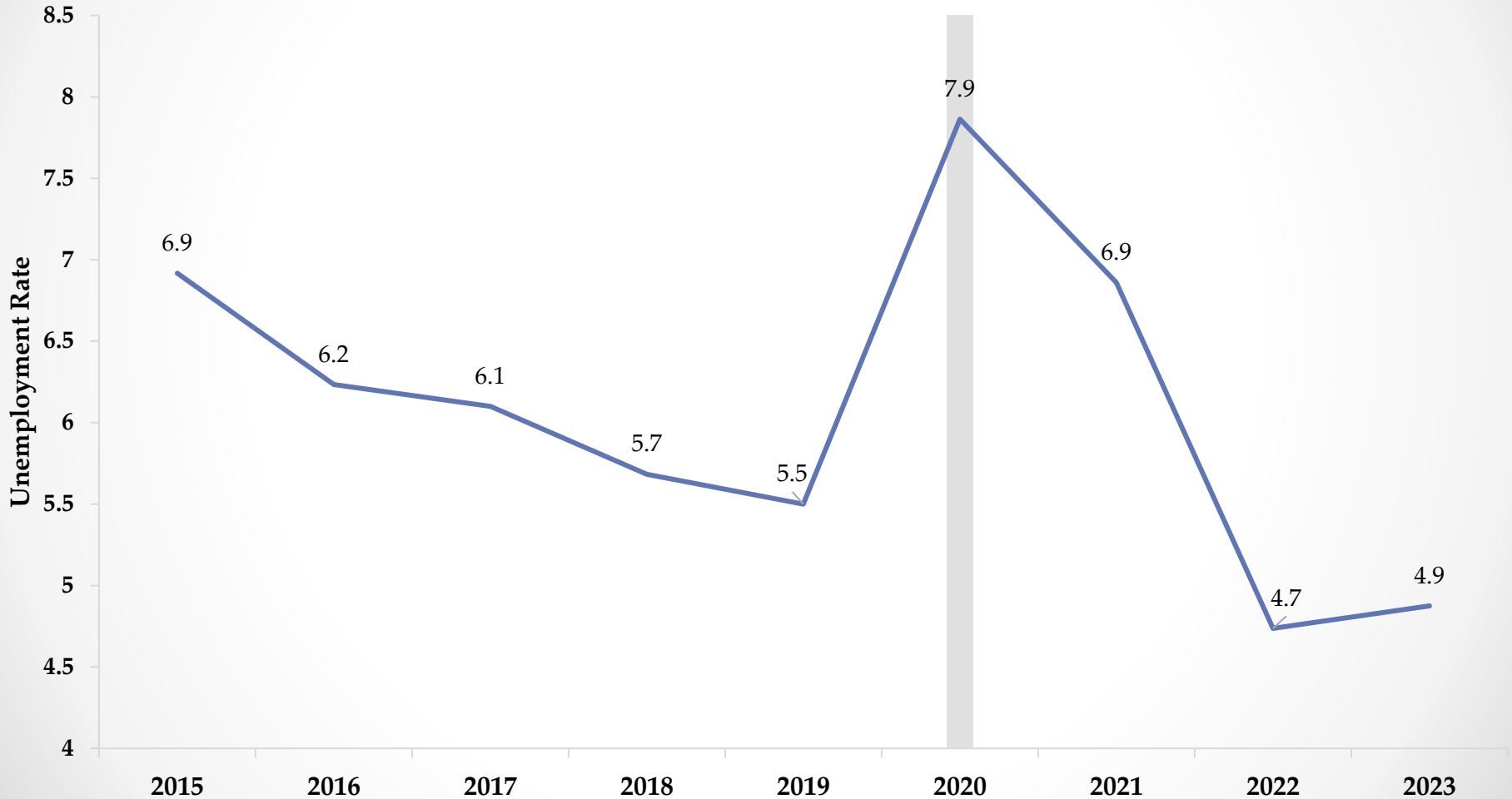
- ❖ The unemployment rate in DC decreased by **1.9** percentage points from **7.4%** to **5.5%**;
- ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by **2.0** percentage points (**12.9%** to **10.9%**) and **2.9** percentage points (**16.1%** to **13.2%**) respectively;
- ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by **28,300**;
- ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by **33,700**;
- ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants increased by **19.71%**;
- ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by **6,000** people;
- ❖ The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by **22.4** weeks;
- ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by **23,500** jobs (**4.59%** increase);
- ❖ Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase among industries with employment increased by **19,900**
- ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Computer Occupations, All Other with an average monthly opening of **848** 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 **402** jobs.



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D.C.'s Annual Average Unemployment Rate (2015-2023)



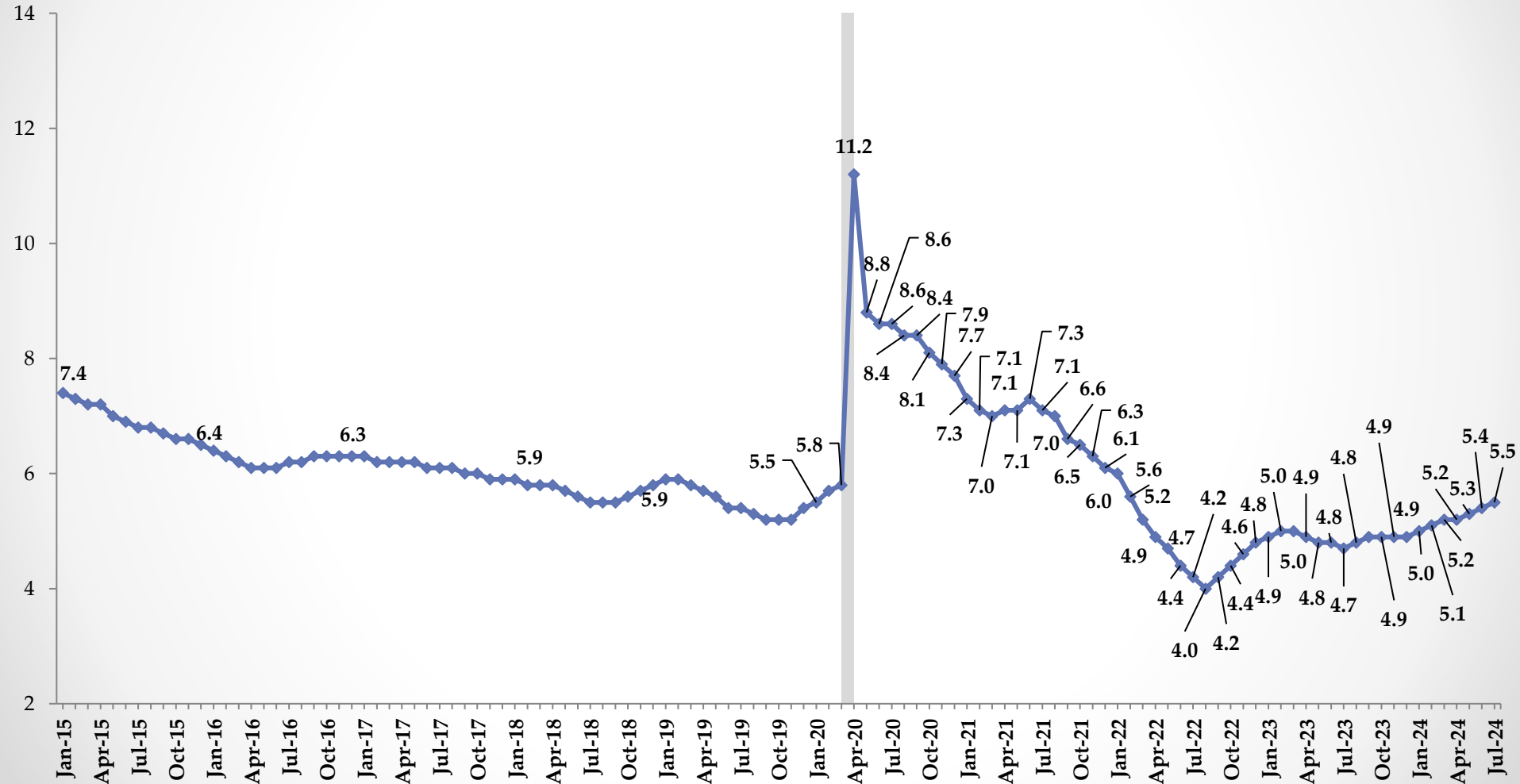
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D.C. Monthly Unemployment Rate: January 2015 - July 2024



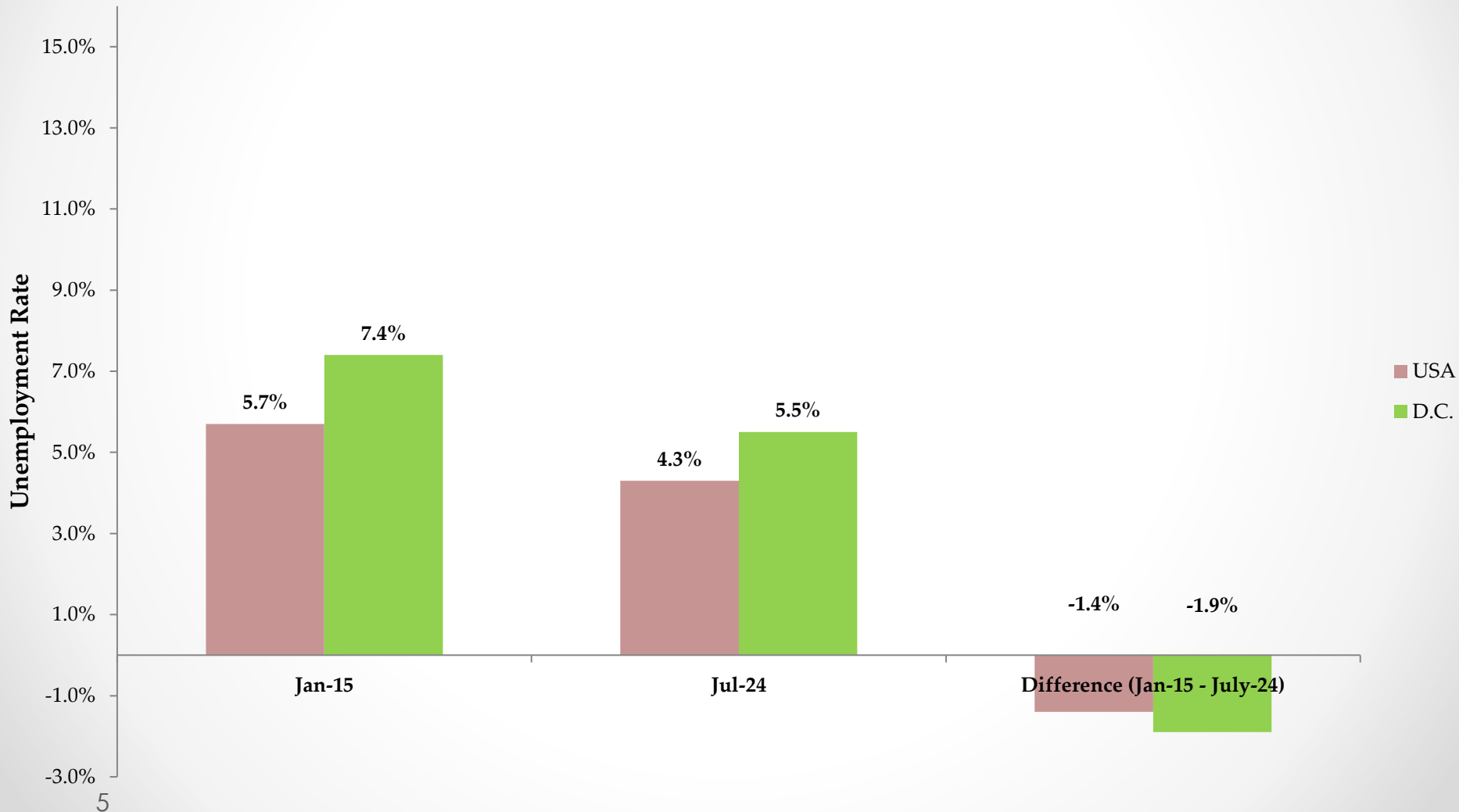
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Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - July 2024)

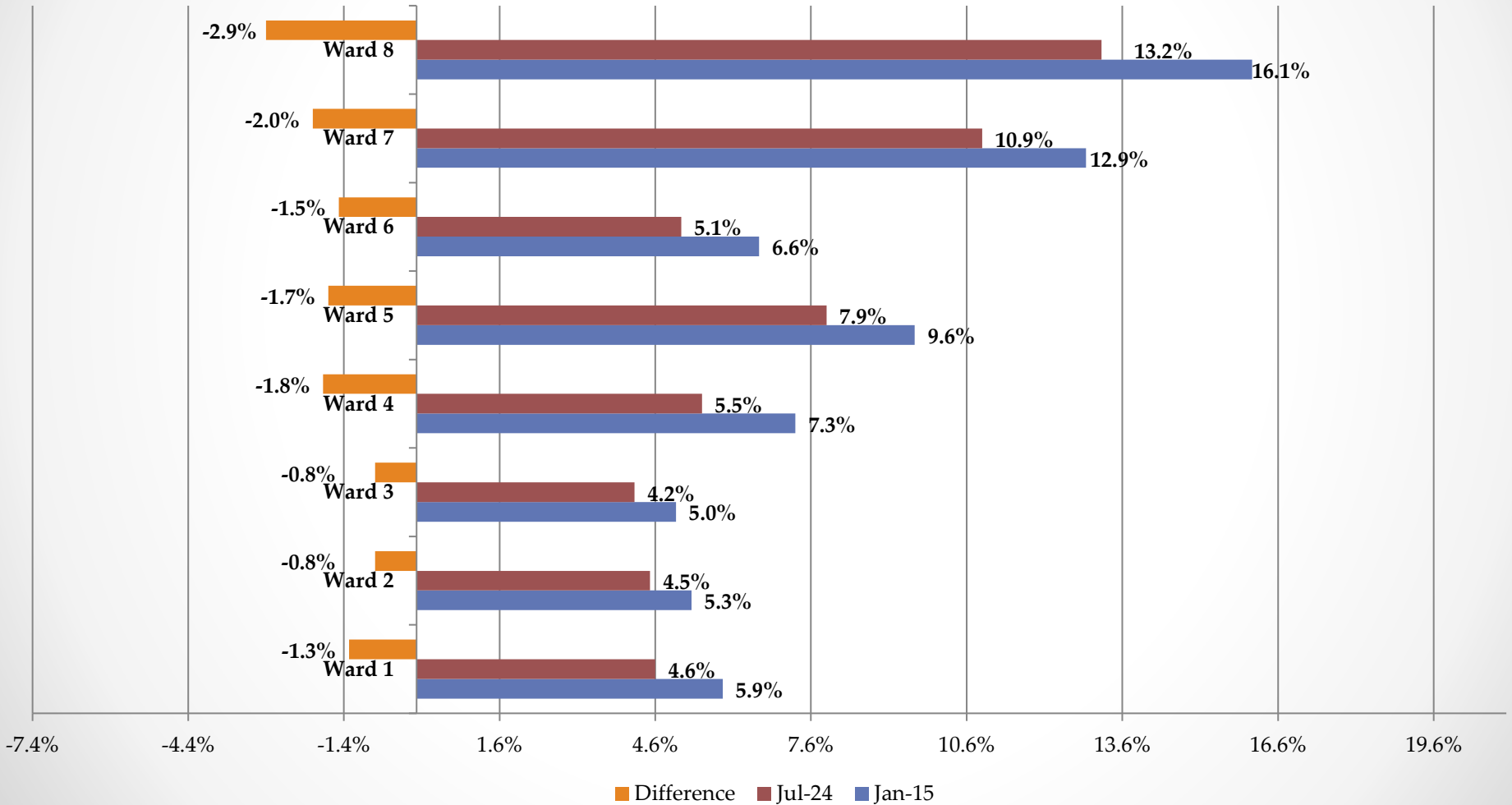




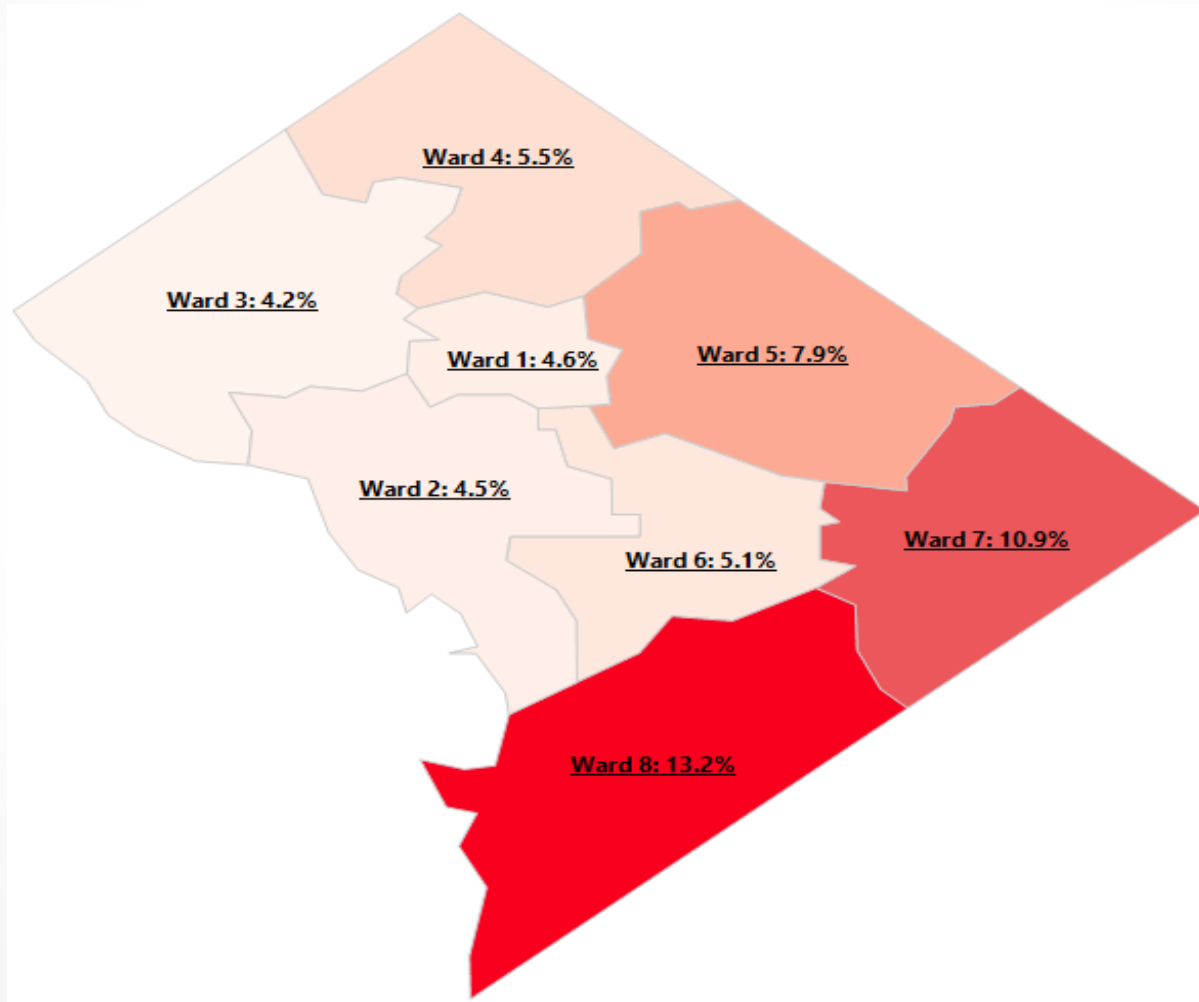
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Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - July 2024)



D.C.'s Unemployment Rate by Ward: July 2024

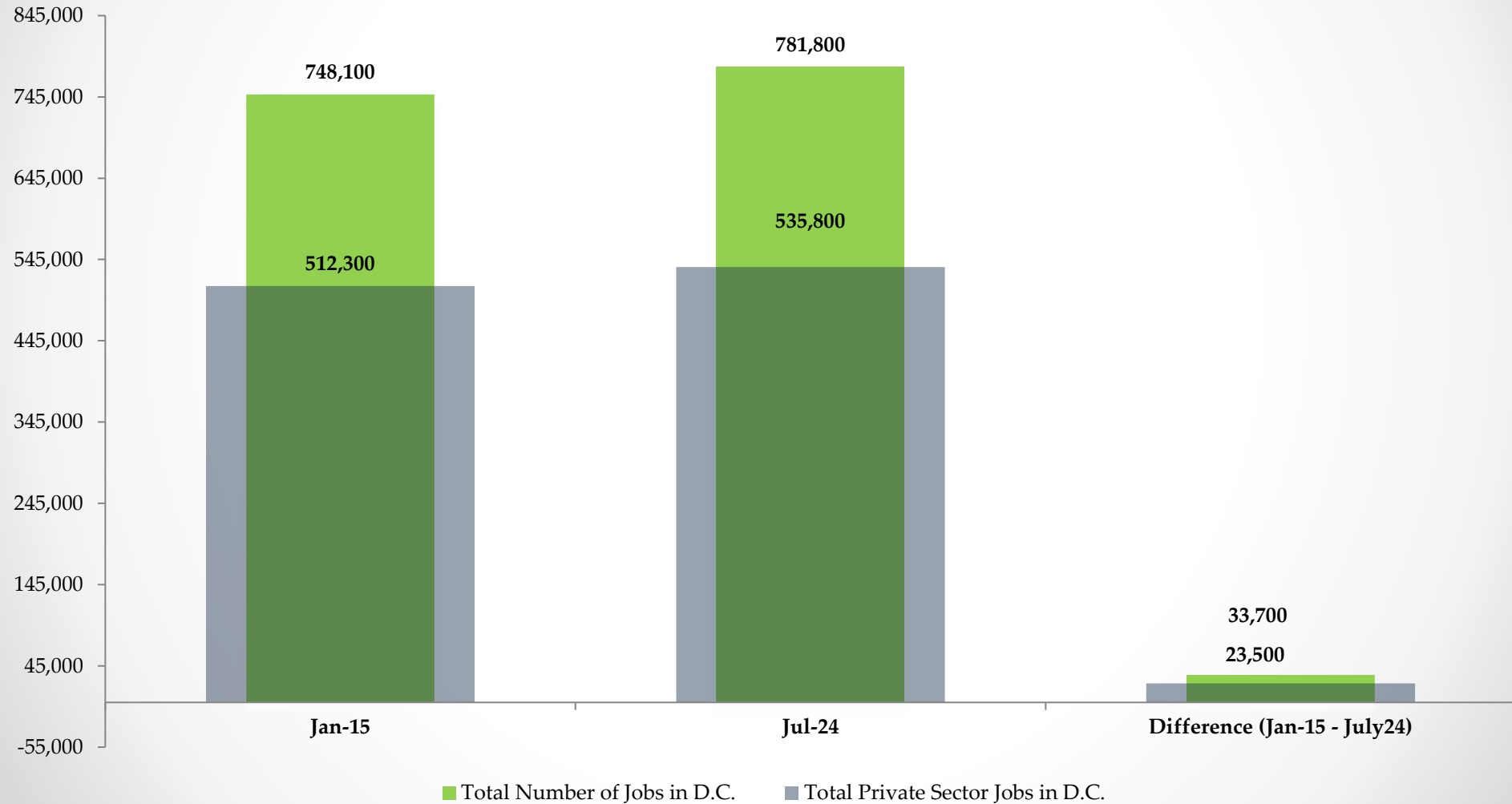




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Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - July 2024)

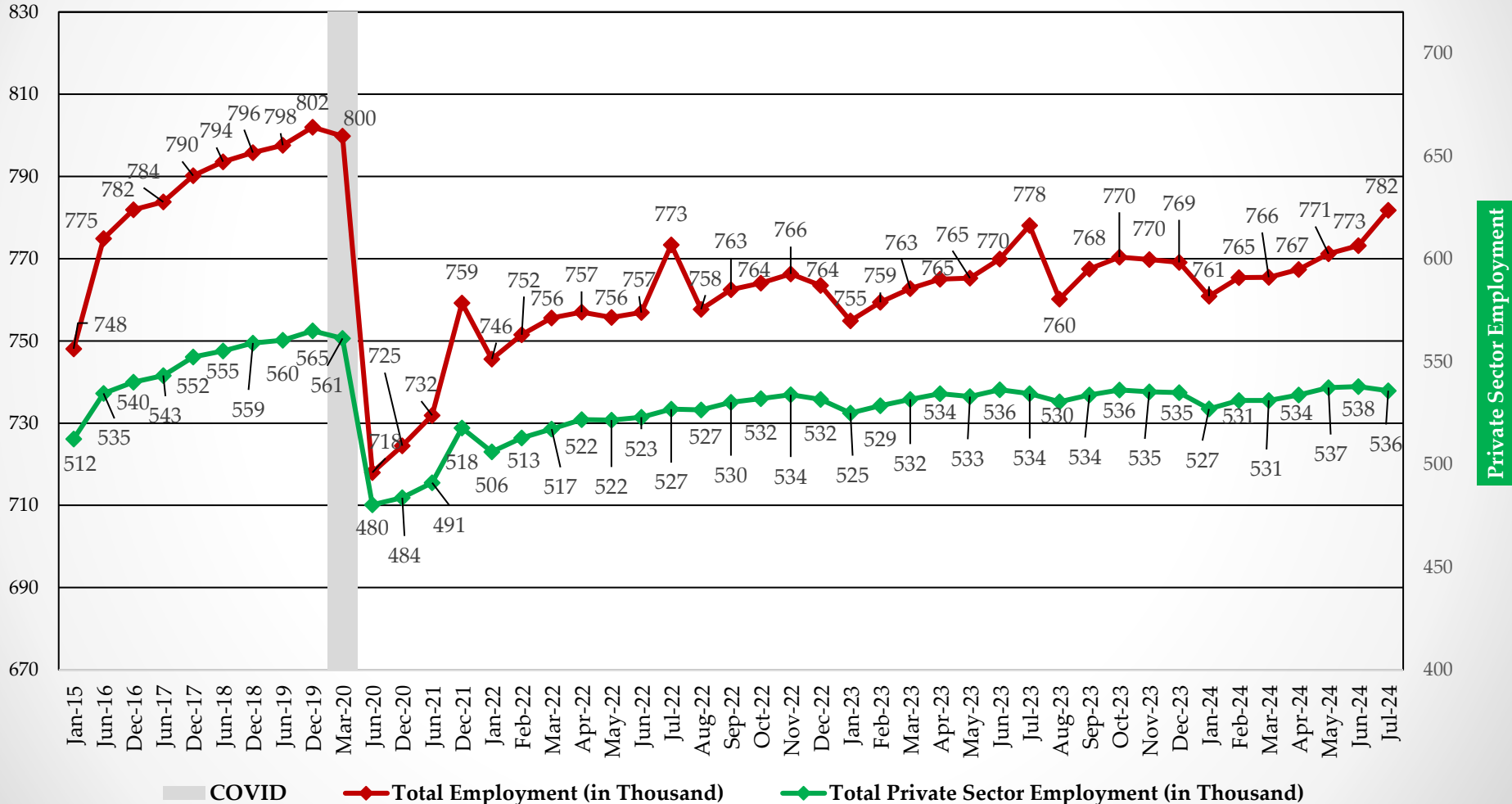




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Total Employment and Private Sector in D.C. (Jan. 2015 - Jul. 24) (In Thousands)



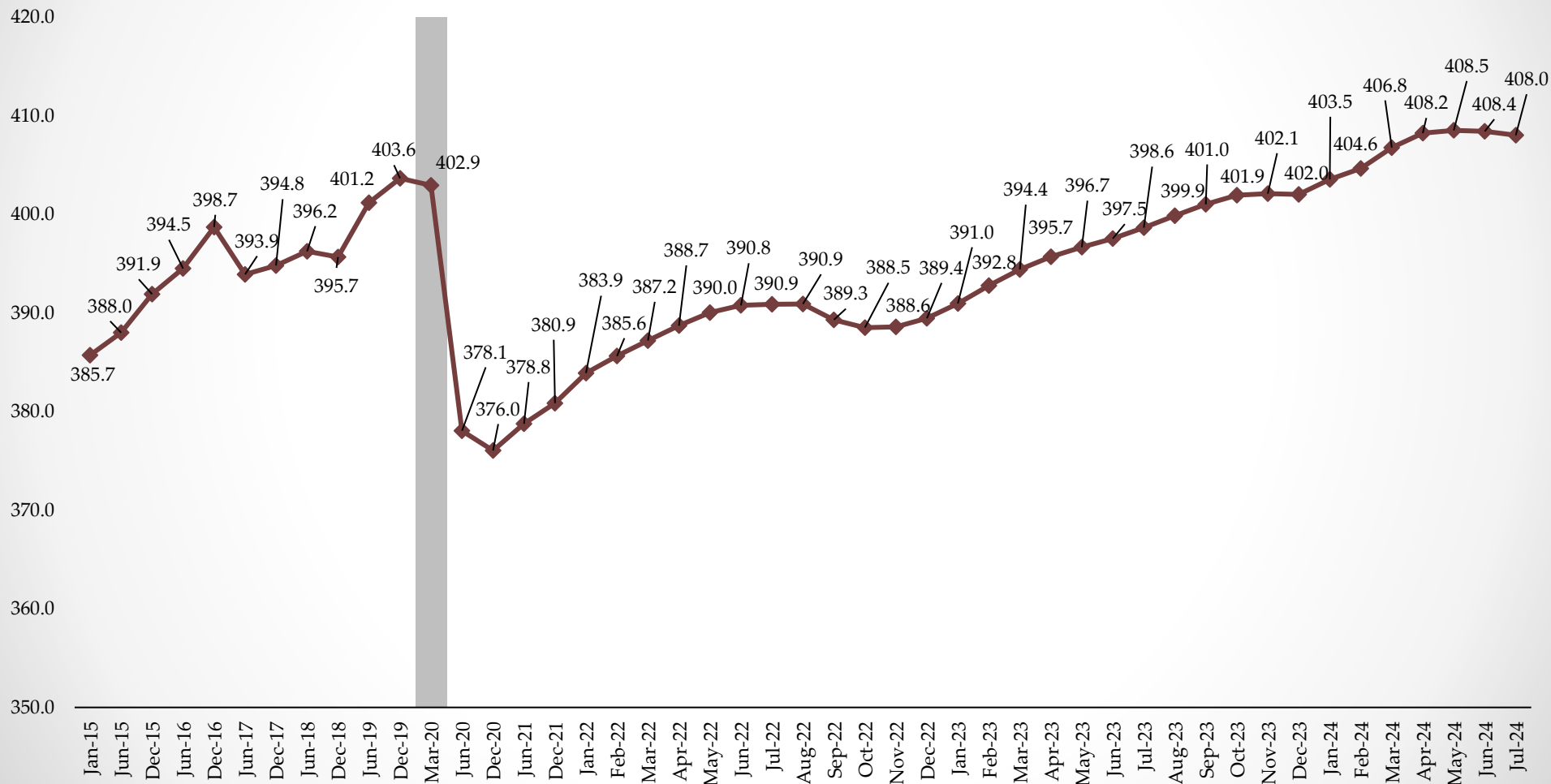
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D.C.'s Labor Force (Jan. 2015- July 24) (In Thousands)



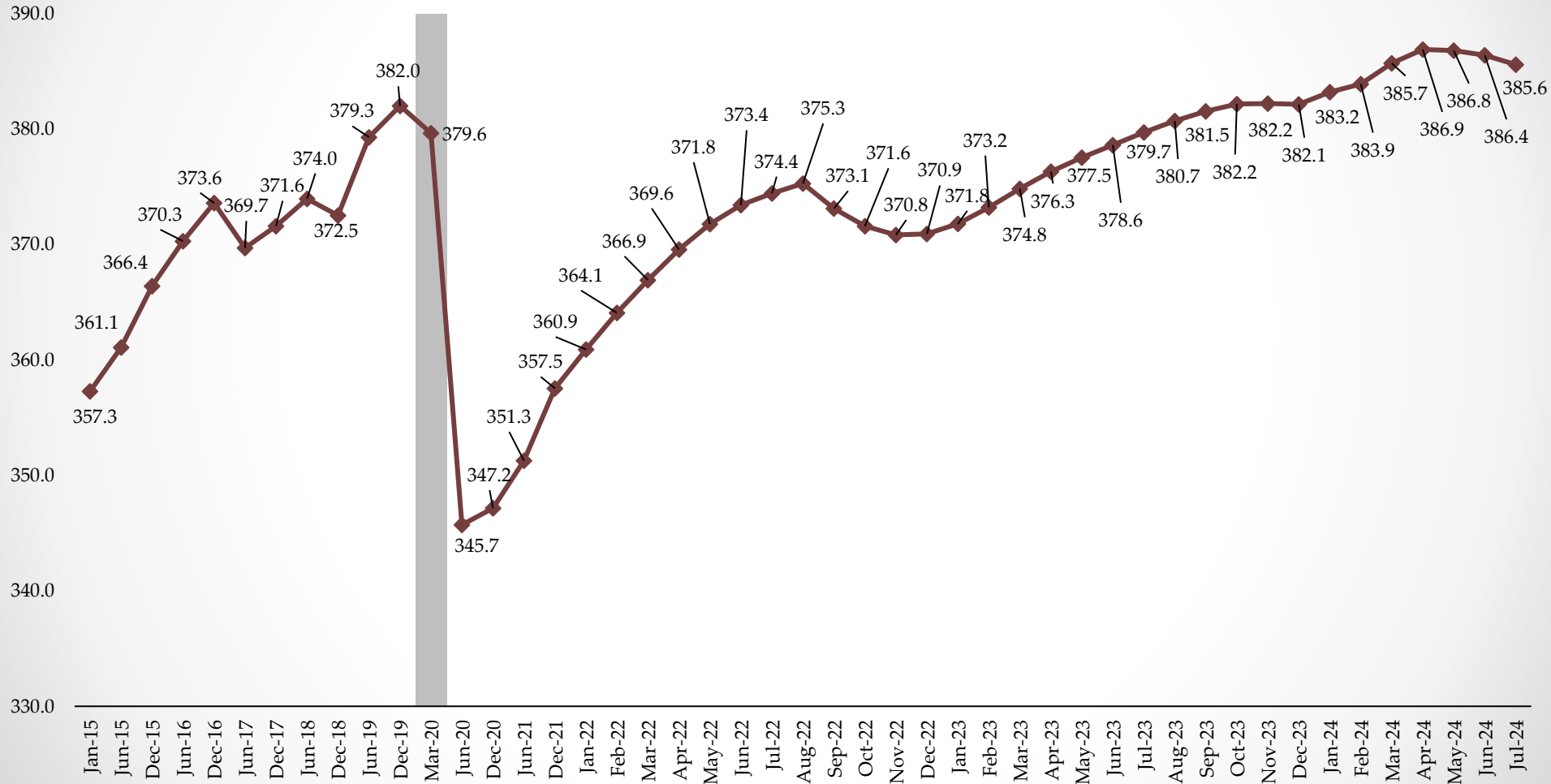
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D.C.'s Employed DC Residents (Jan. 2015- July 24) (In Thousands)



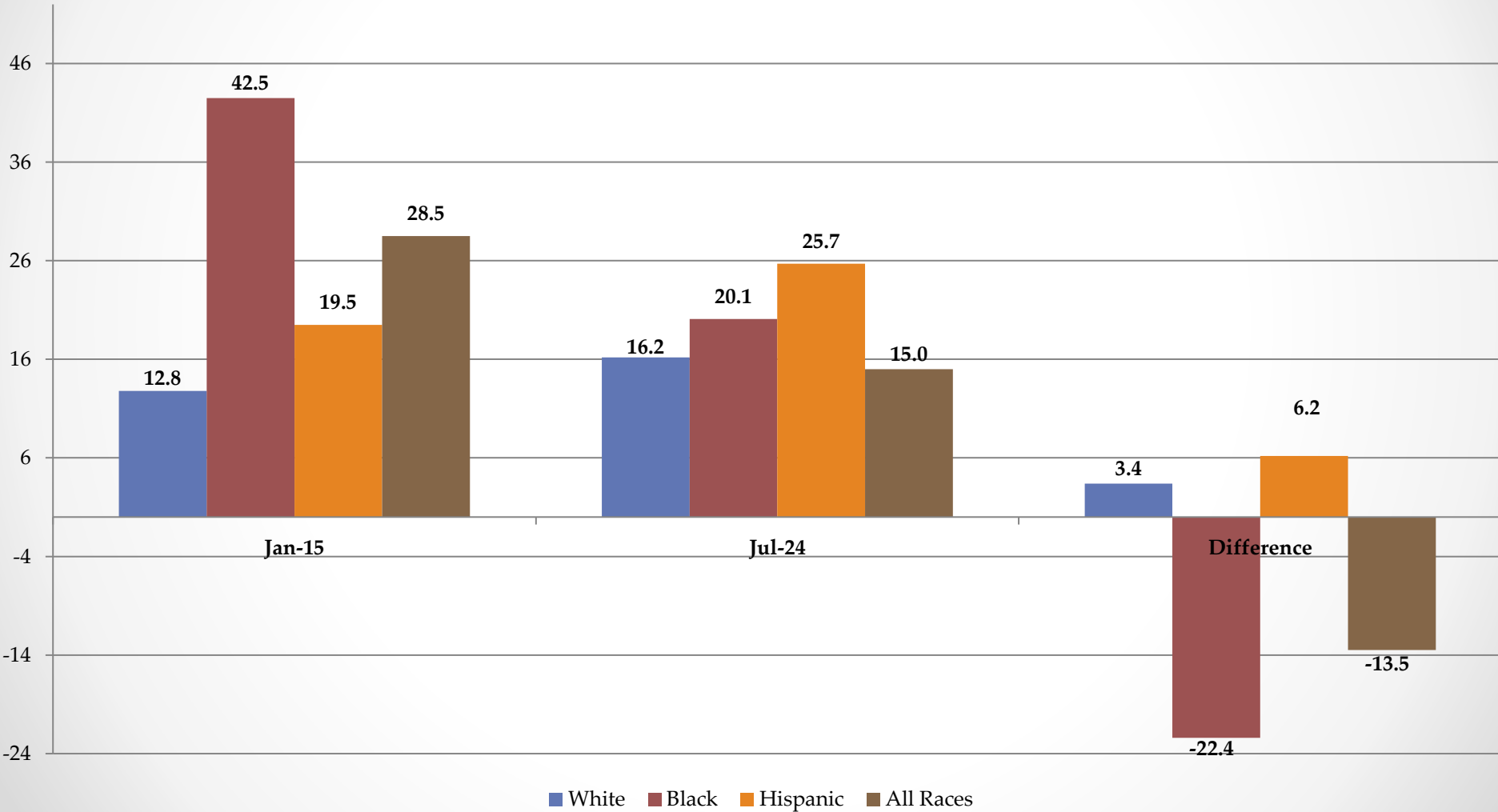
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D.C.'s Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - July 2024)

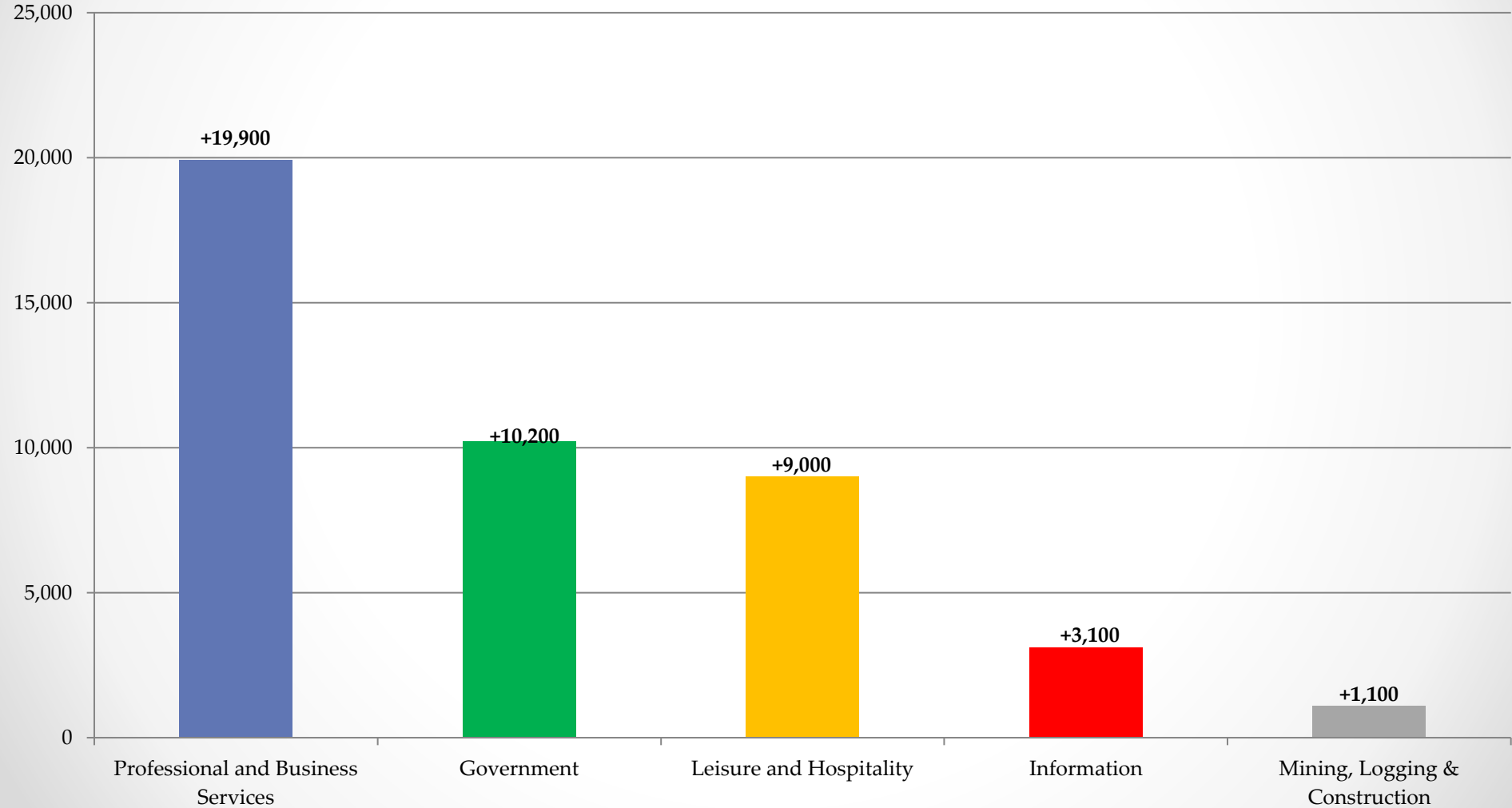




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D.C.'s Top 5 Industries with Highest Employment Increase (Jan.2015 – July 2024)

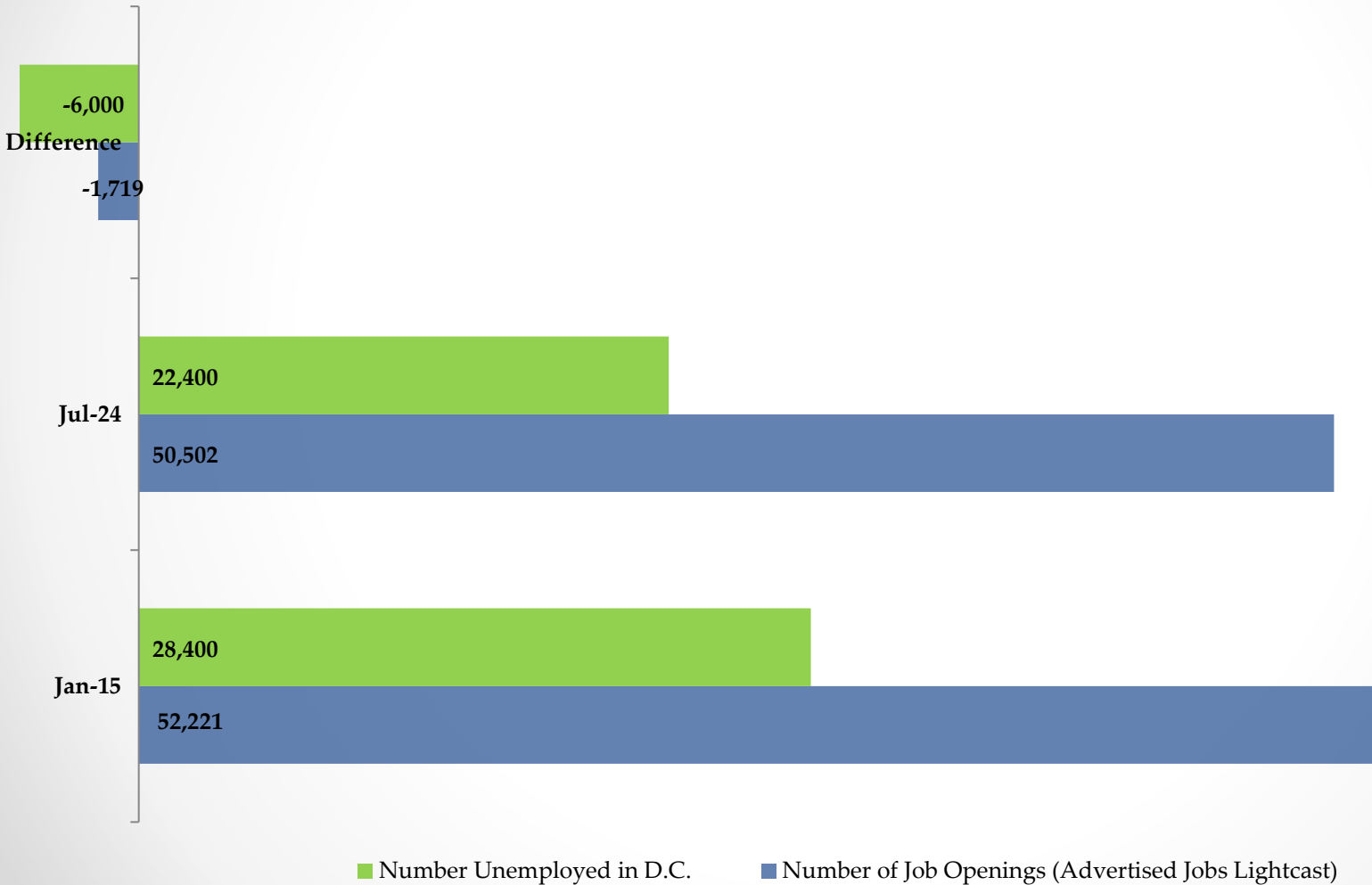




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D.C.'s Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - July 2024)

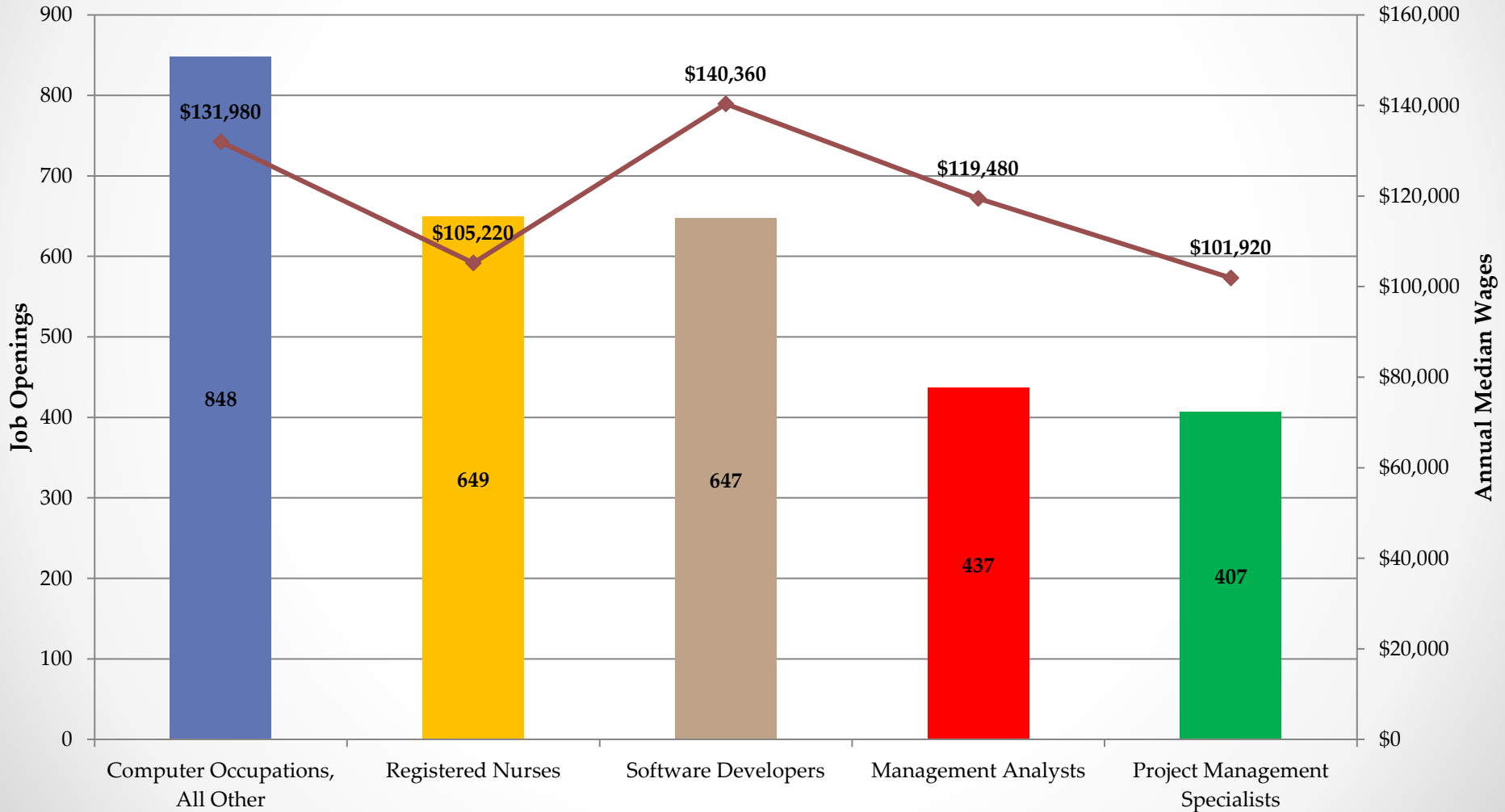




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D.C.'s Top 5 Job Postings: July 2024 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

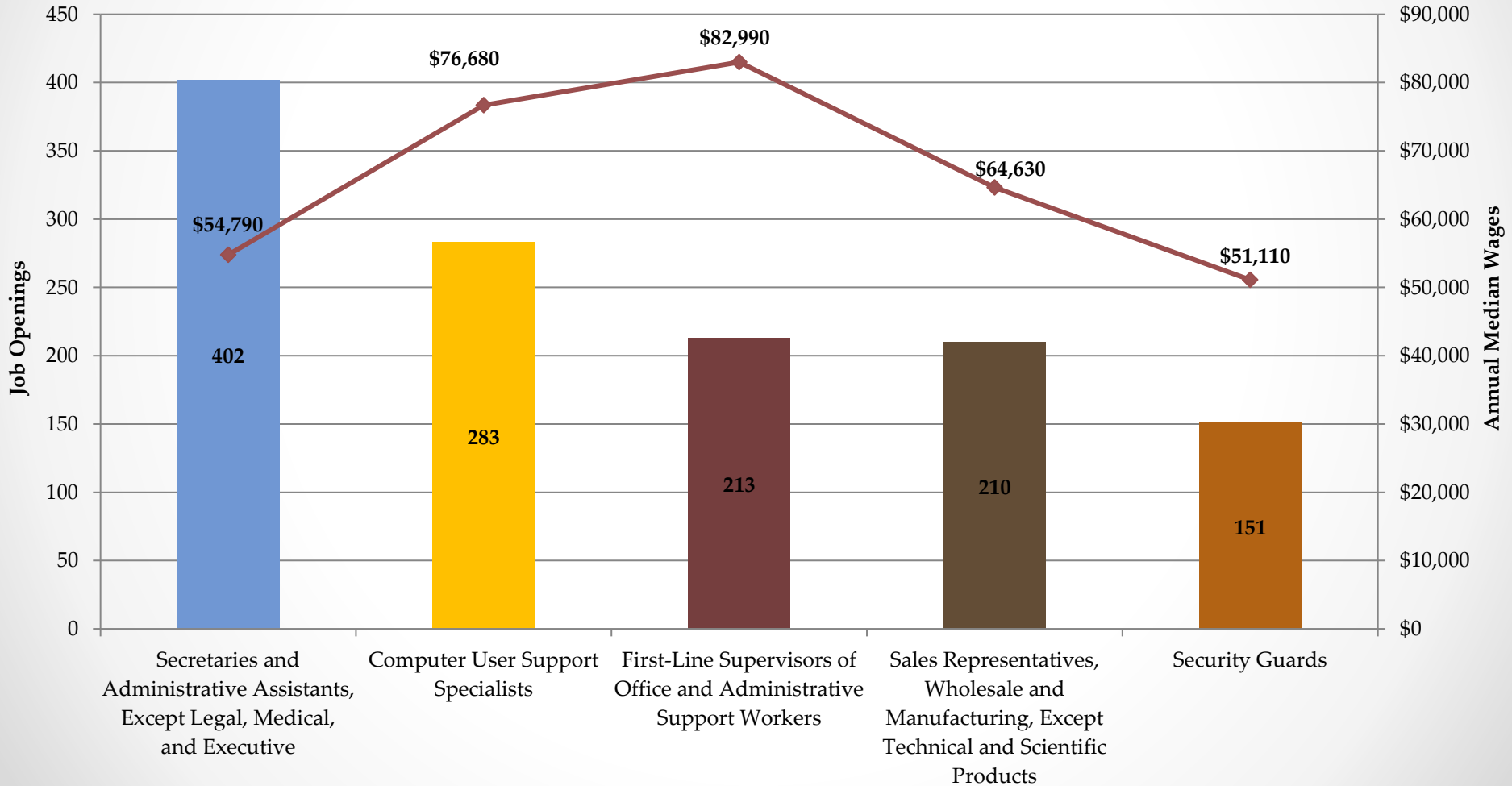




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D.C.'s Top 5 Job Postings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: July 2024 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)





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