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

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Highlights

From January 2015 to March 2024:

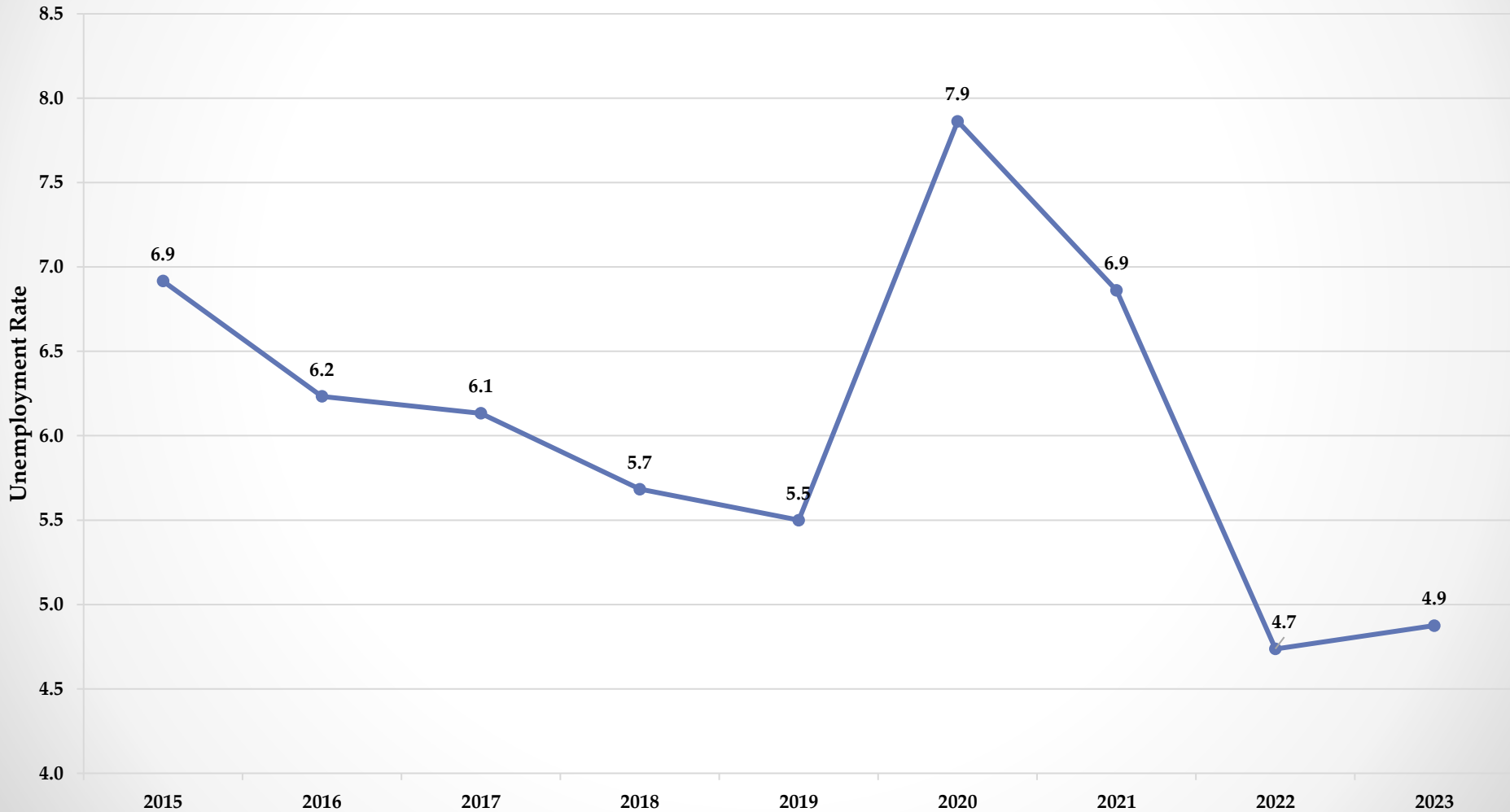
- ❖ The unemployment rate in DC decreased by **2.2** percentage points from **7.4%** to **5.2%**;
- ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by **4.7** percentage points (**12.9%** to **8.2%**) and **6.2** percentage points (**16.1%** to **9.9%**) respectively;
- ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by **28,400**;
- ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by **17,700**;
- ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants decreased by **13.98%**;
- ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by **7,400** people;
- ❖ The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by **18.7** weeks;
- ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by **19,100** jobs (**3.73%** increase);
- ❖ Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase among industries with employment increased by **15,300**;
- ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers with an average monthly opening of **858** 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 **354** jobs.



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DC Annual Average Unemployment Rate (2015-2023)

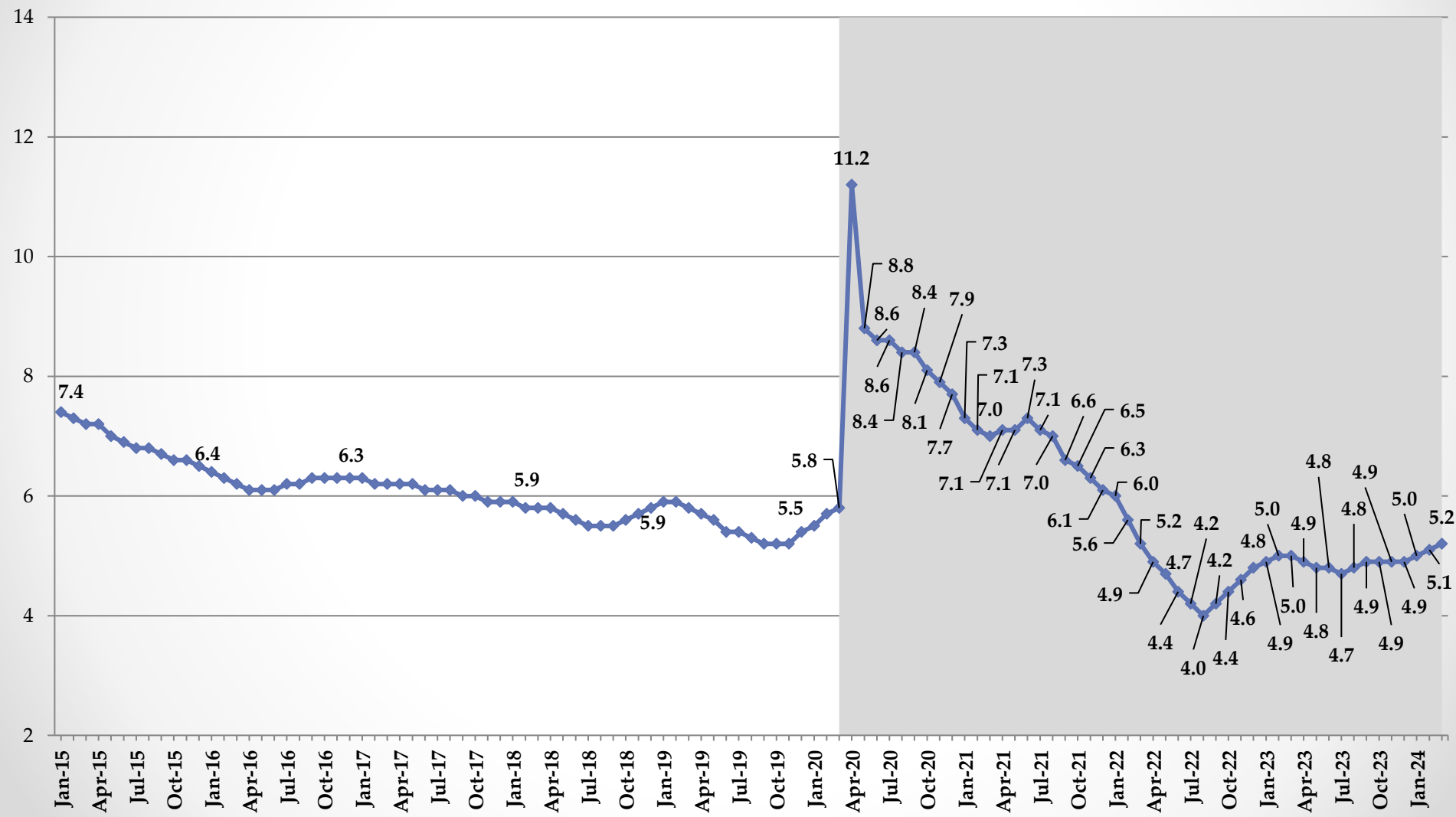




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The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2024

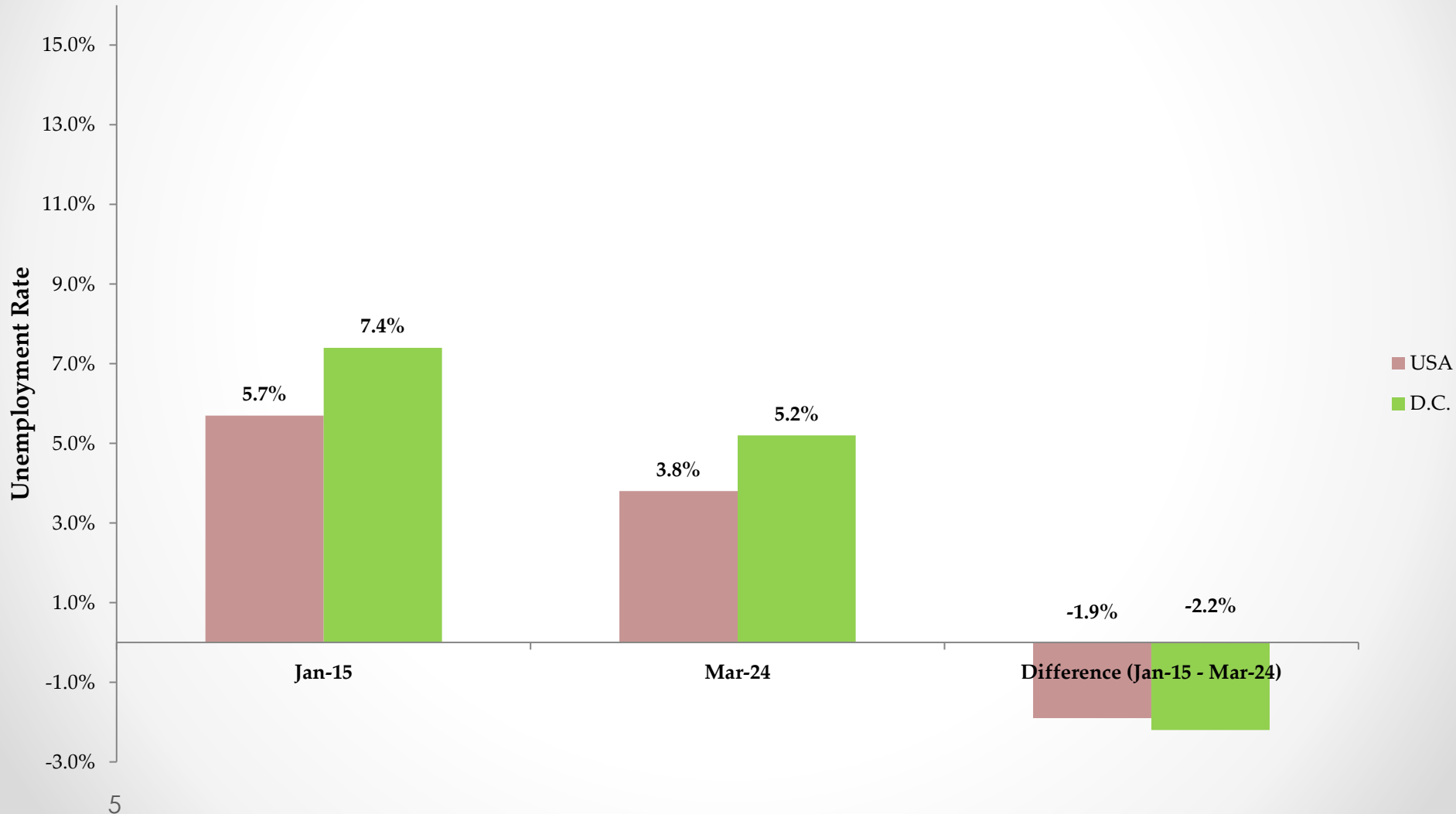




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Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - March 2024)

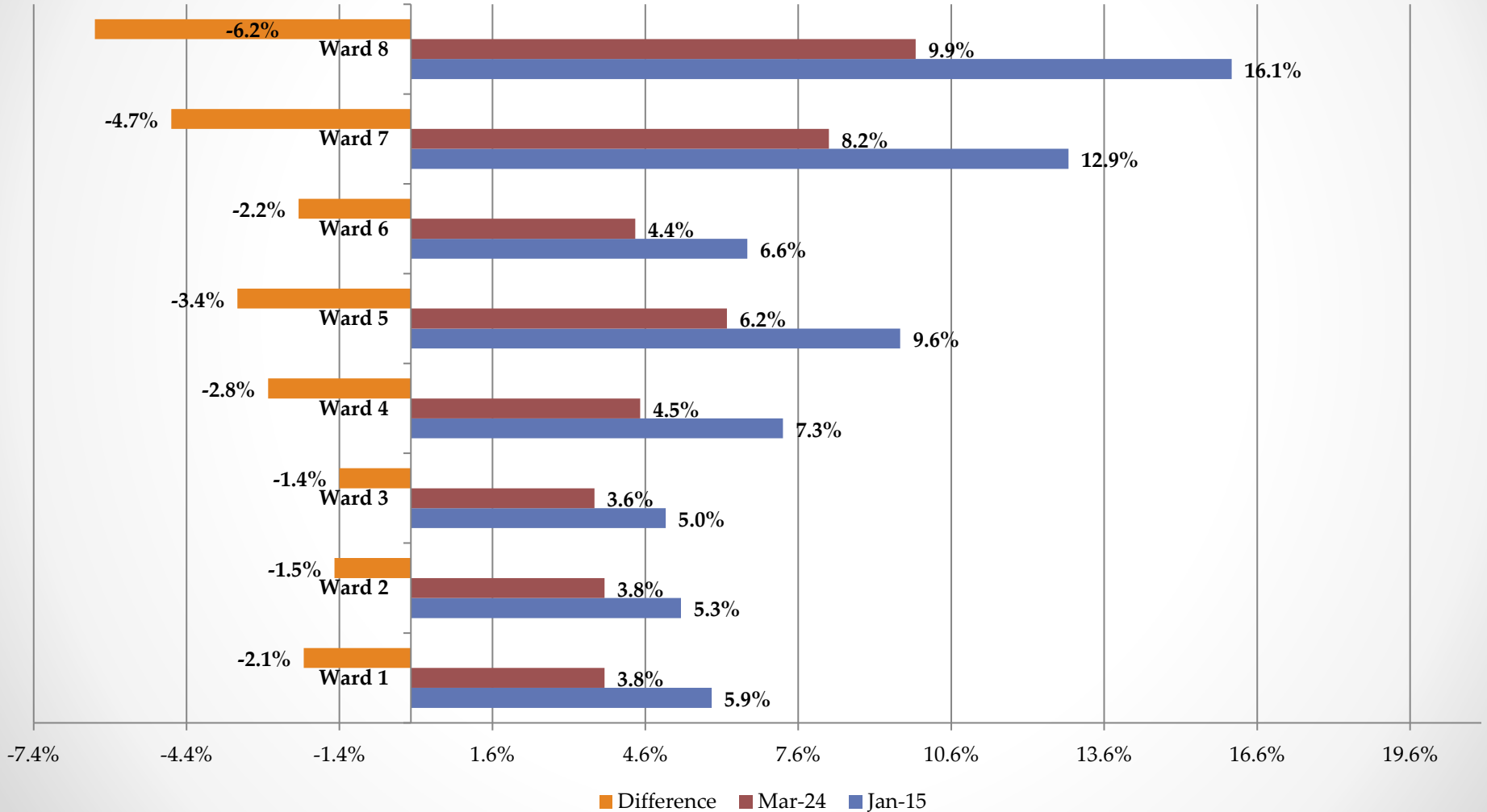




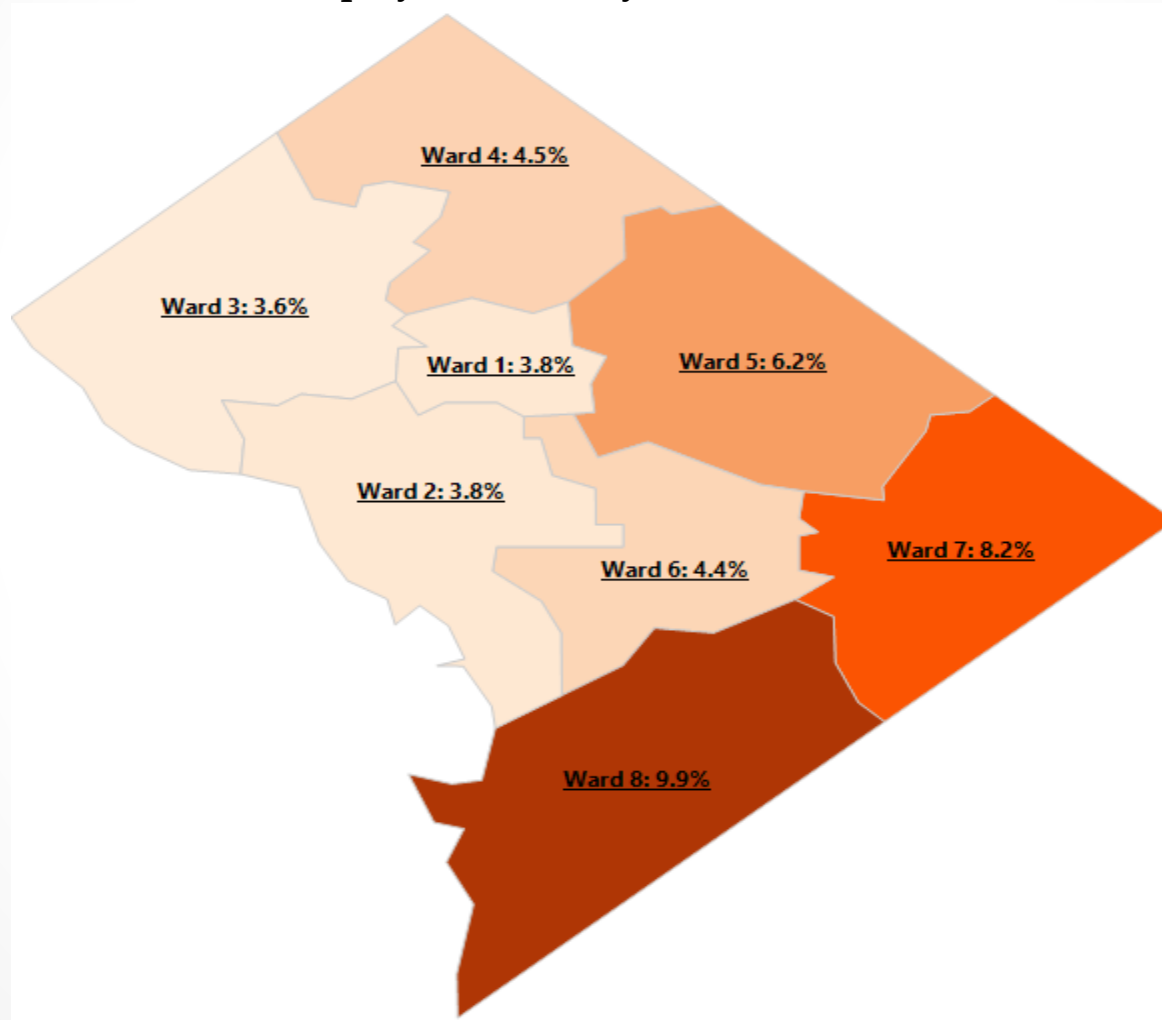
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Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - March 2024)



Unemployment Rate by Ward: March 2024

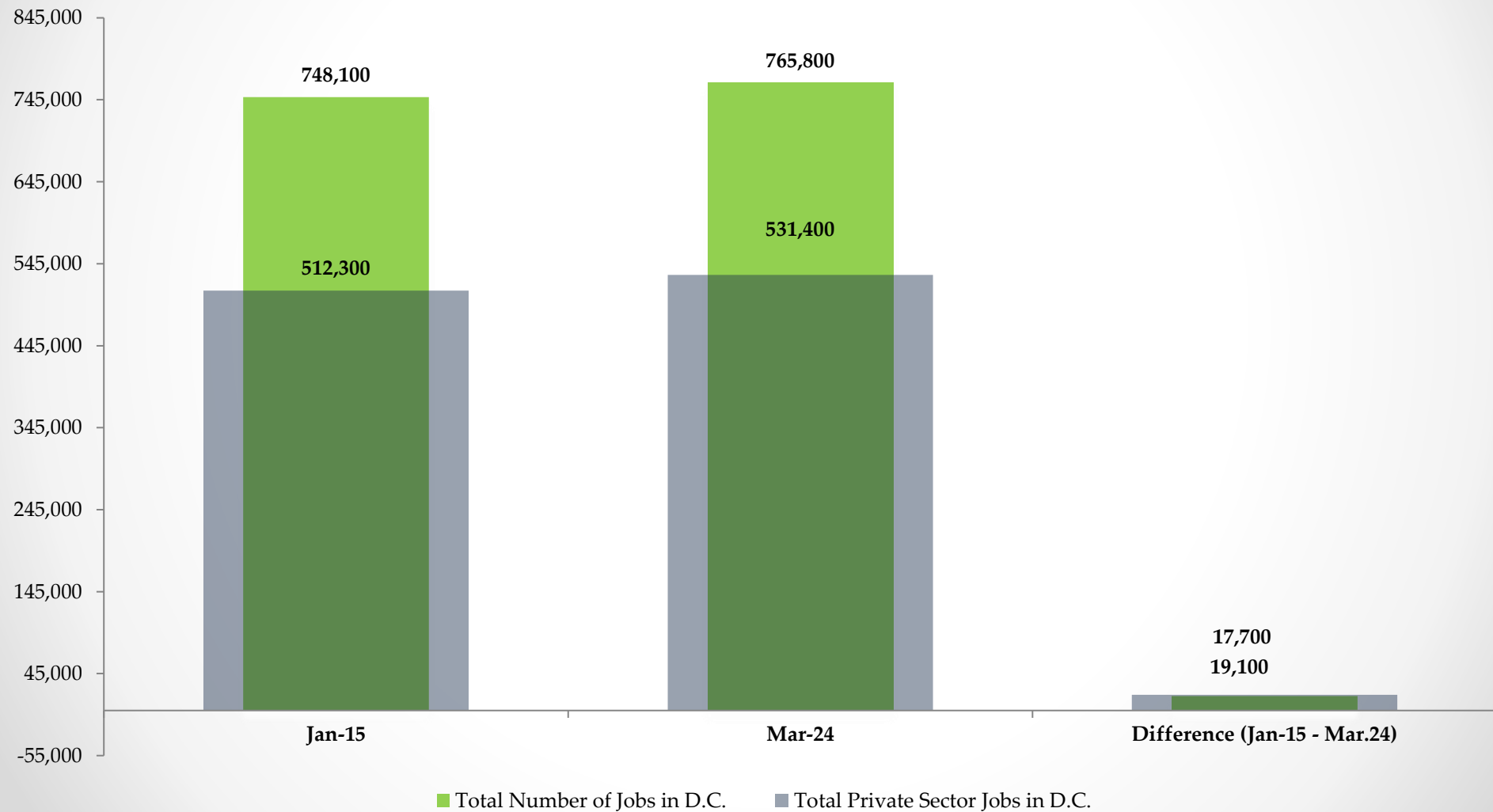




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Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2024)

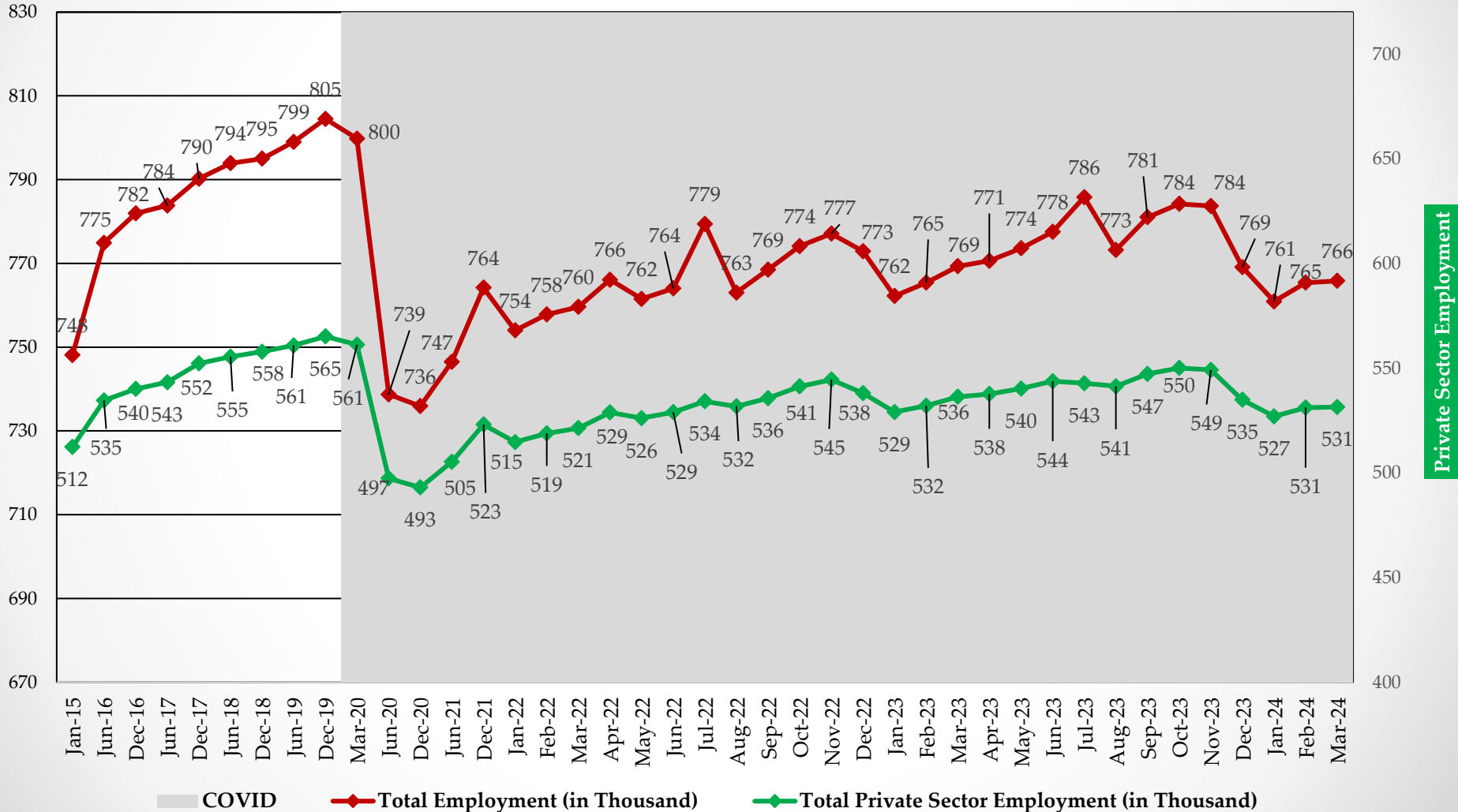




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Total Employment and Private Sector in D.C. (Jan. 2015 - Mar. 24) (In Thousands)

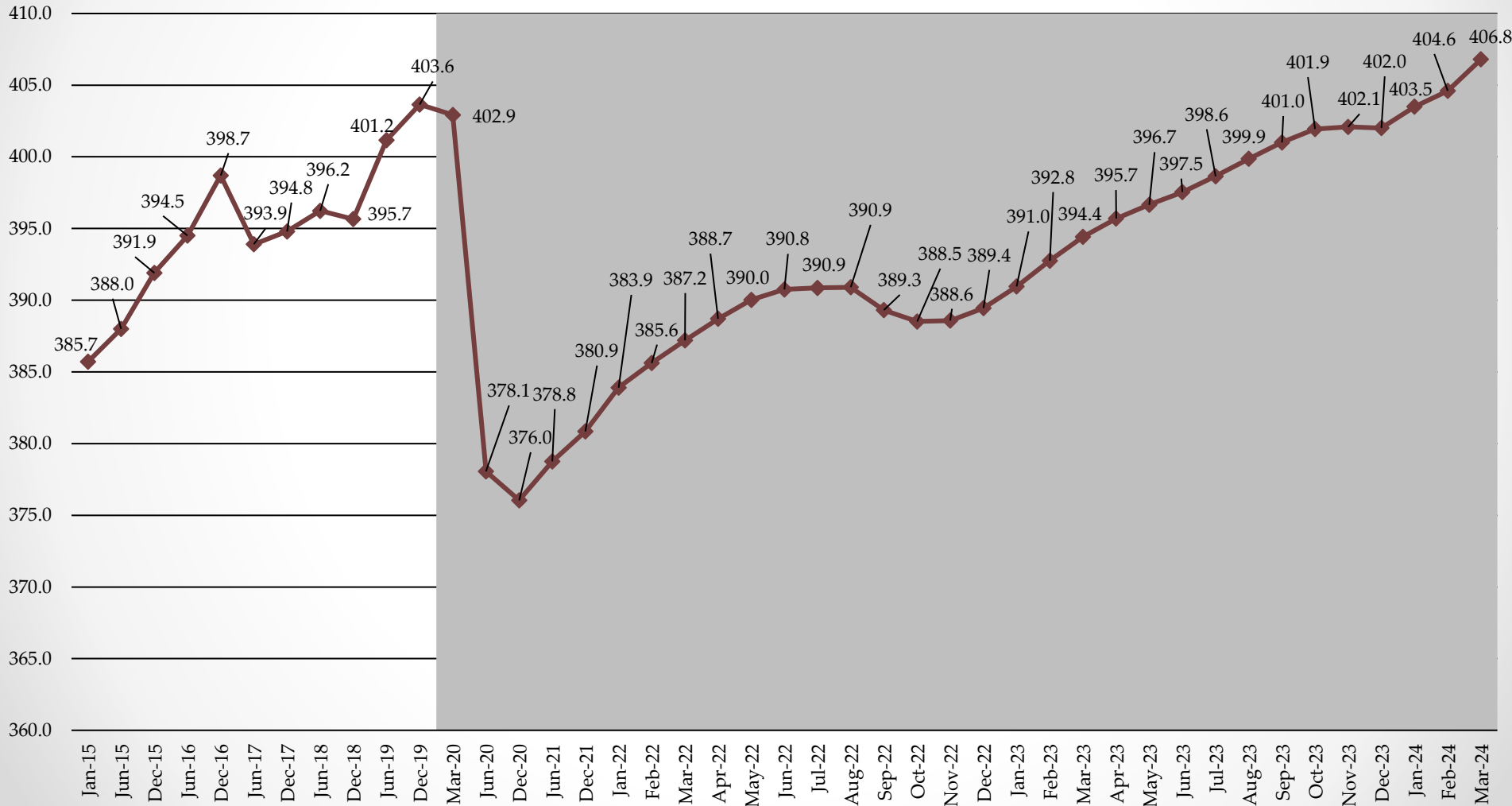




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The District's Labor Force (Jan. 2015- Mar. 24) (In Thousands)

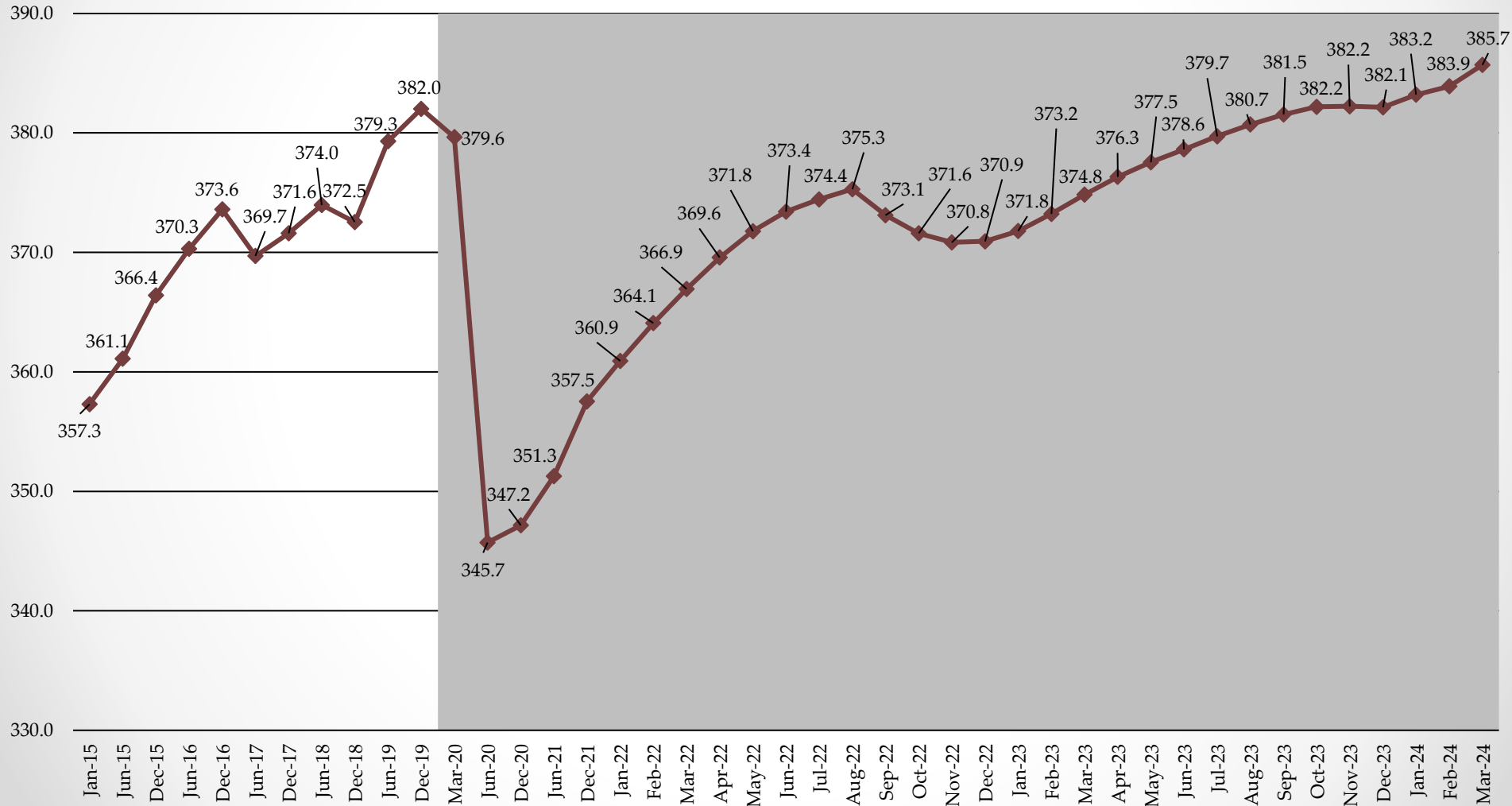




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Employed DC Residents (Jan. 2015- Mar. 24) (In Thousands)

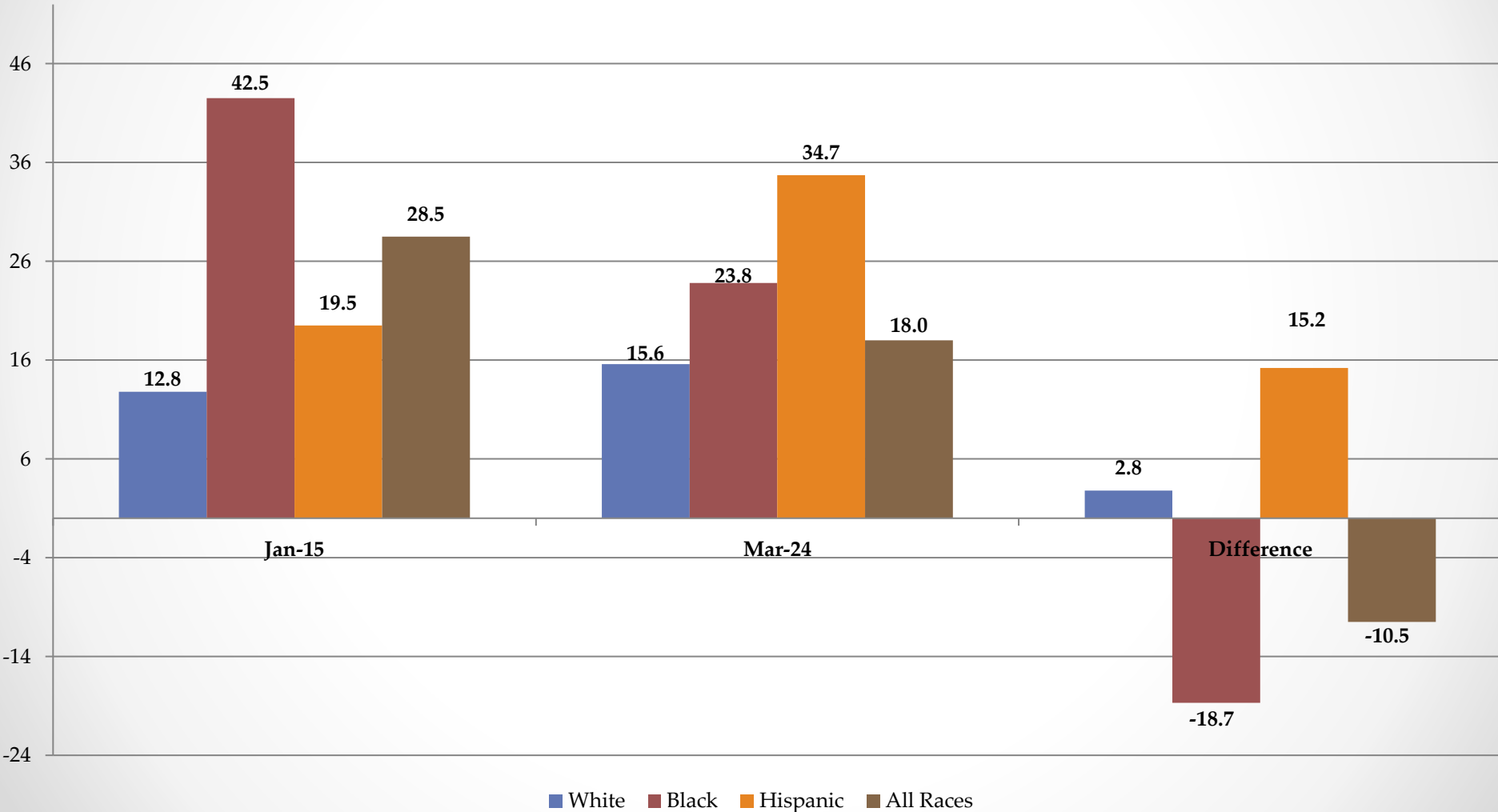




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Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2024)

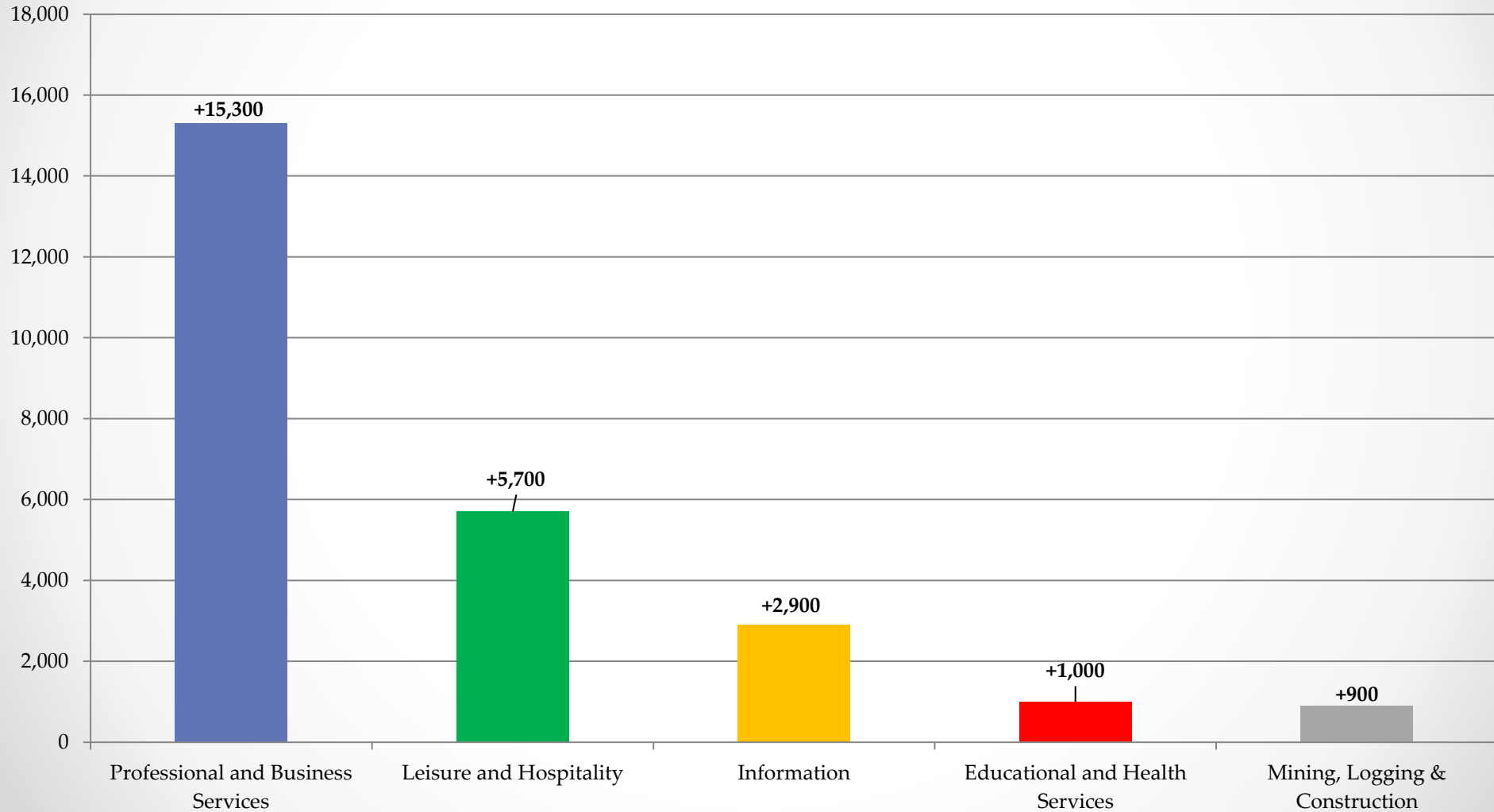




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Top 5 Industries with Highest Employment Increase (Jan.2015 – Mar. 2024)

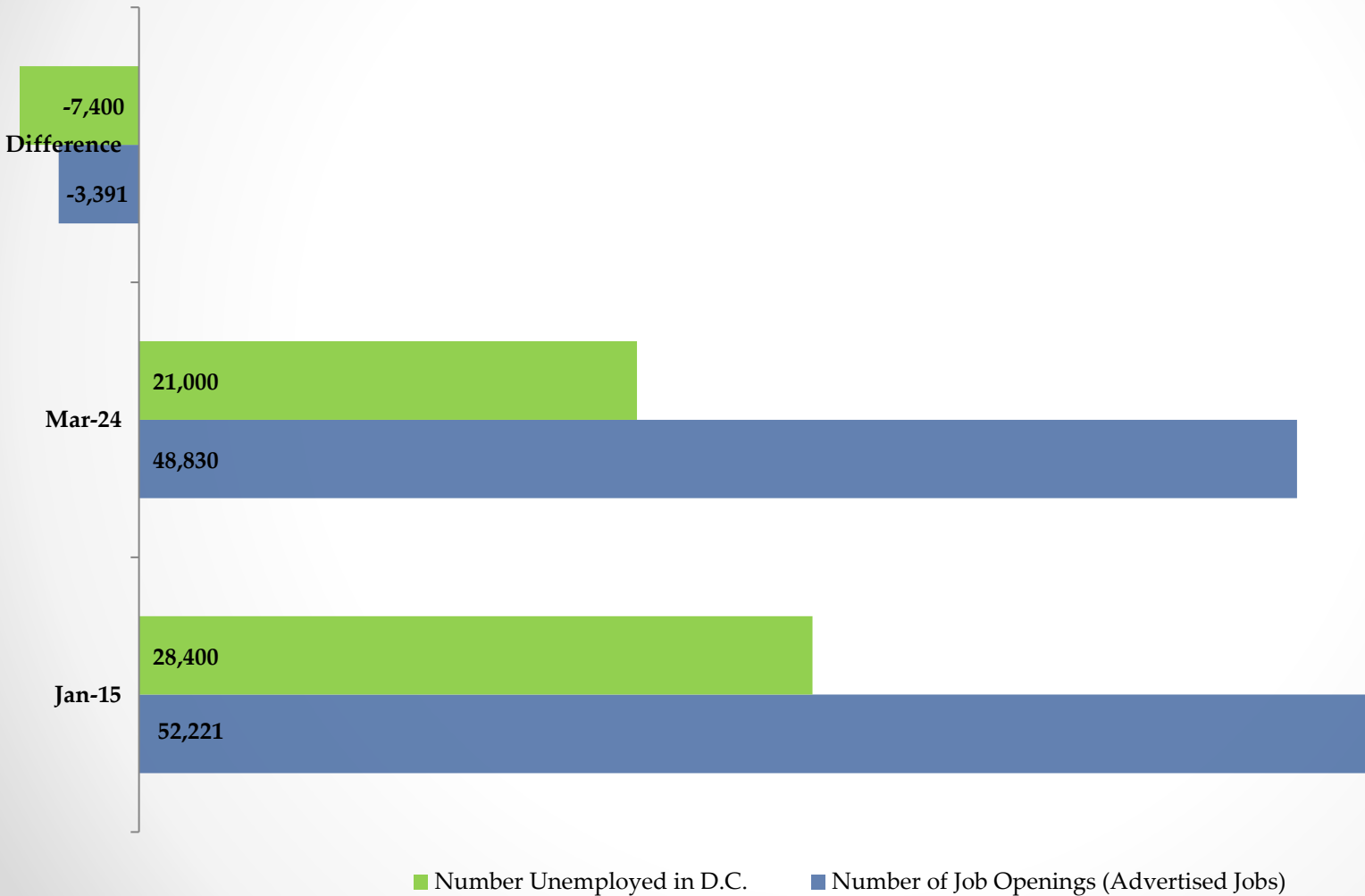




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Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2024)

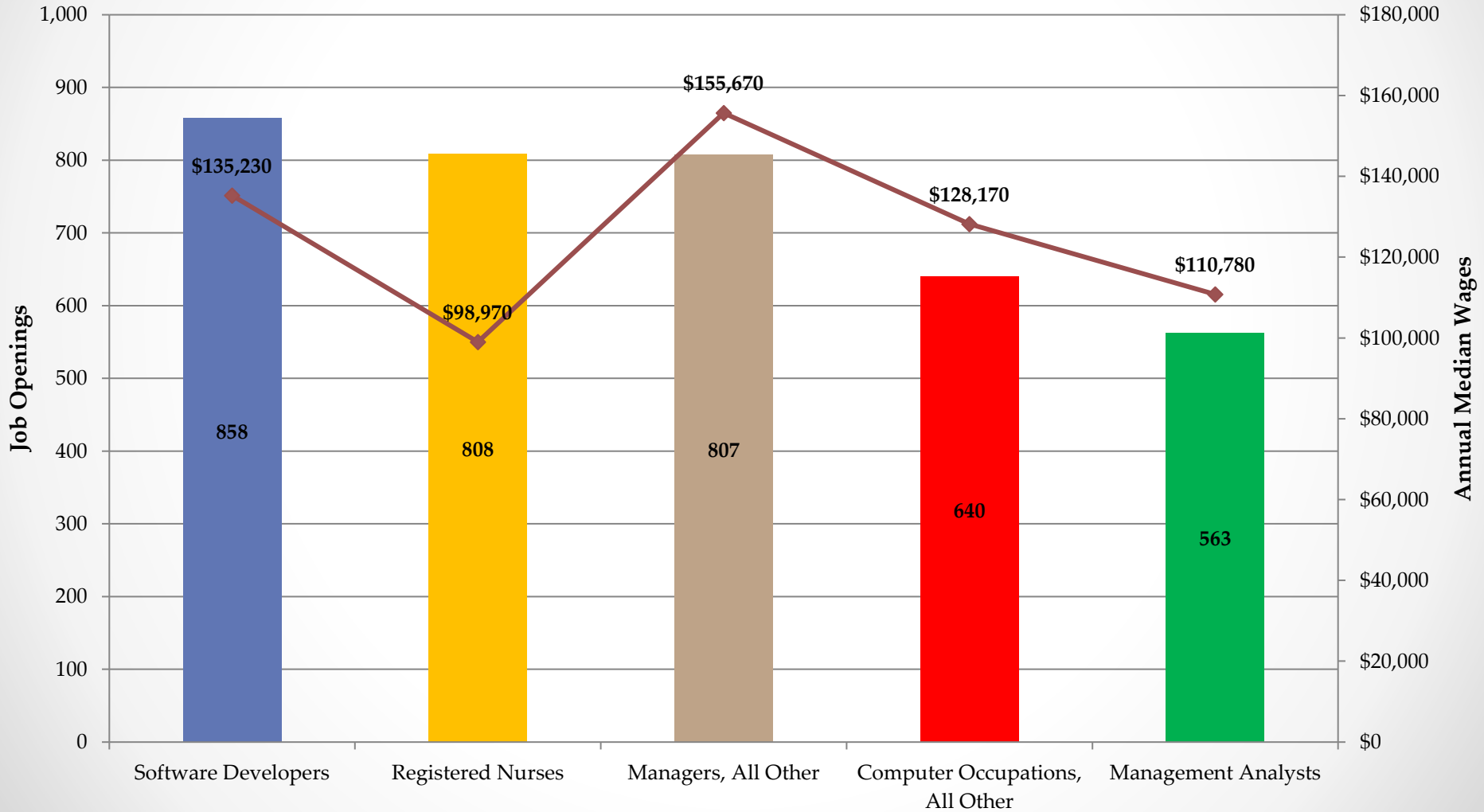




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Top 5 Job Openings: January 2023 - March 2024 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

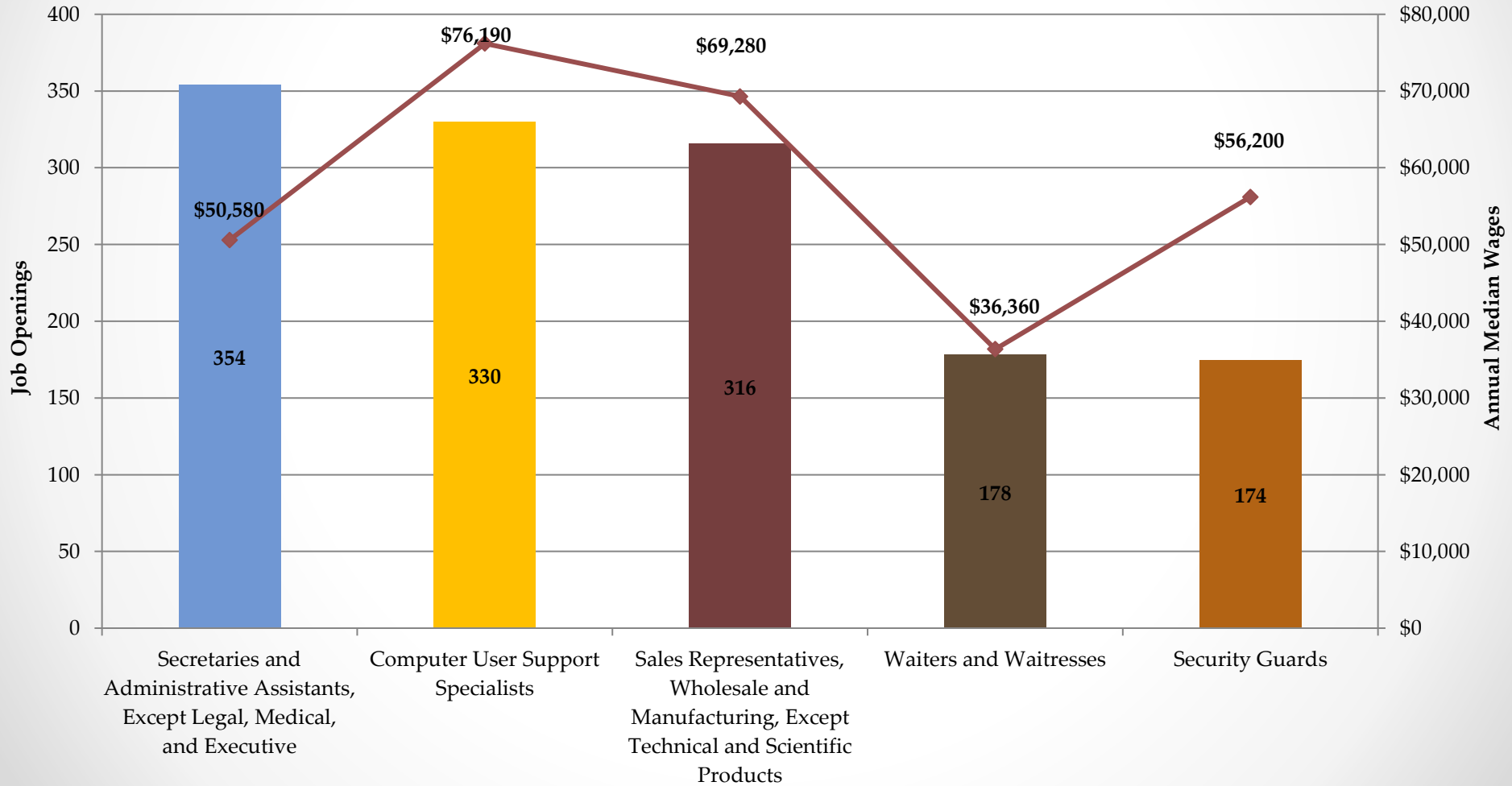




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Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2023 - March 2024 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)





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