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D.C. Labor Market Indicators: January 2015 - March 2020

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Highlights

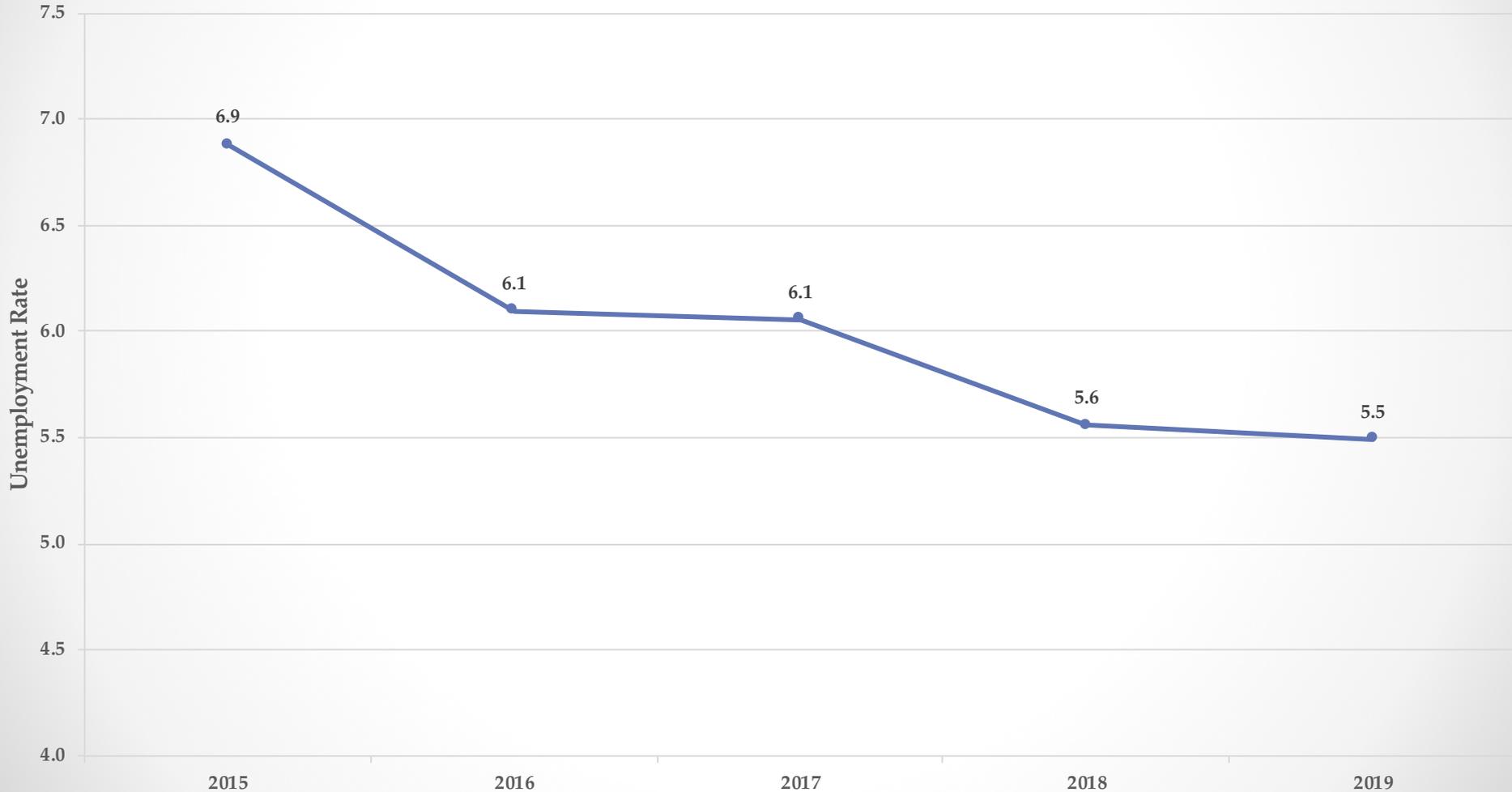
- From January 2015 to March 2020:
 - ❖ The unemployment rate in DC decreased by **1.4** percentage points (or **18.9%** decrease);
 - ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by **3.2** percentage points (**24.8%** decrease) and **3.6** percentage points (**22.4%** decrease) respectively;
 - ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by **37,017**;
 - ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by **52,500**;
 - ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants increased by **1,998%**;
 - ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by **3,300** people;
 - ❖ In DC there are **1.8** jobs available (advertised) for **1** unemployed DC resident;
 - ❖ The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by **16.7** weeks;
 - ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by **49,700** new jobs or **9.70%** increase from January 2015;
 - ❖ Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase by industry with **15,100 since January 2015**;
 - ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers, Applications with an average monthly opening of **4,600**;
 - ❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor's degree is Computer User Support Specialists with an average monthly opening of **2,137**.



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DC Annual Average Unemployment Rate (2015-2019)

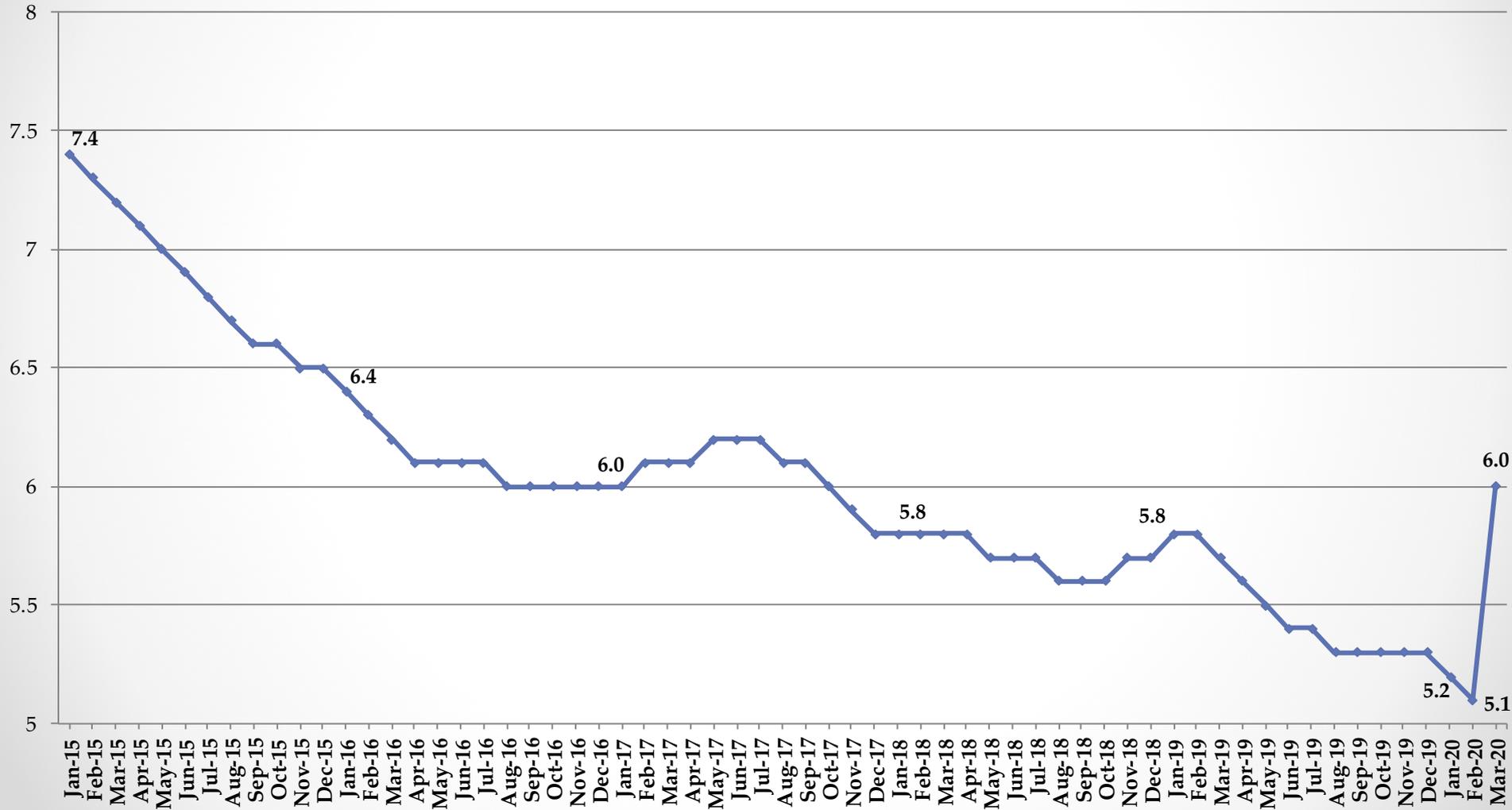




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The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2020

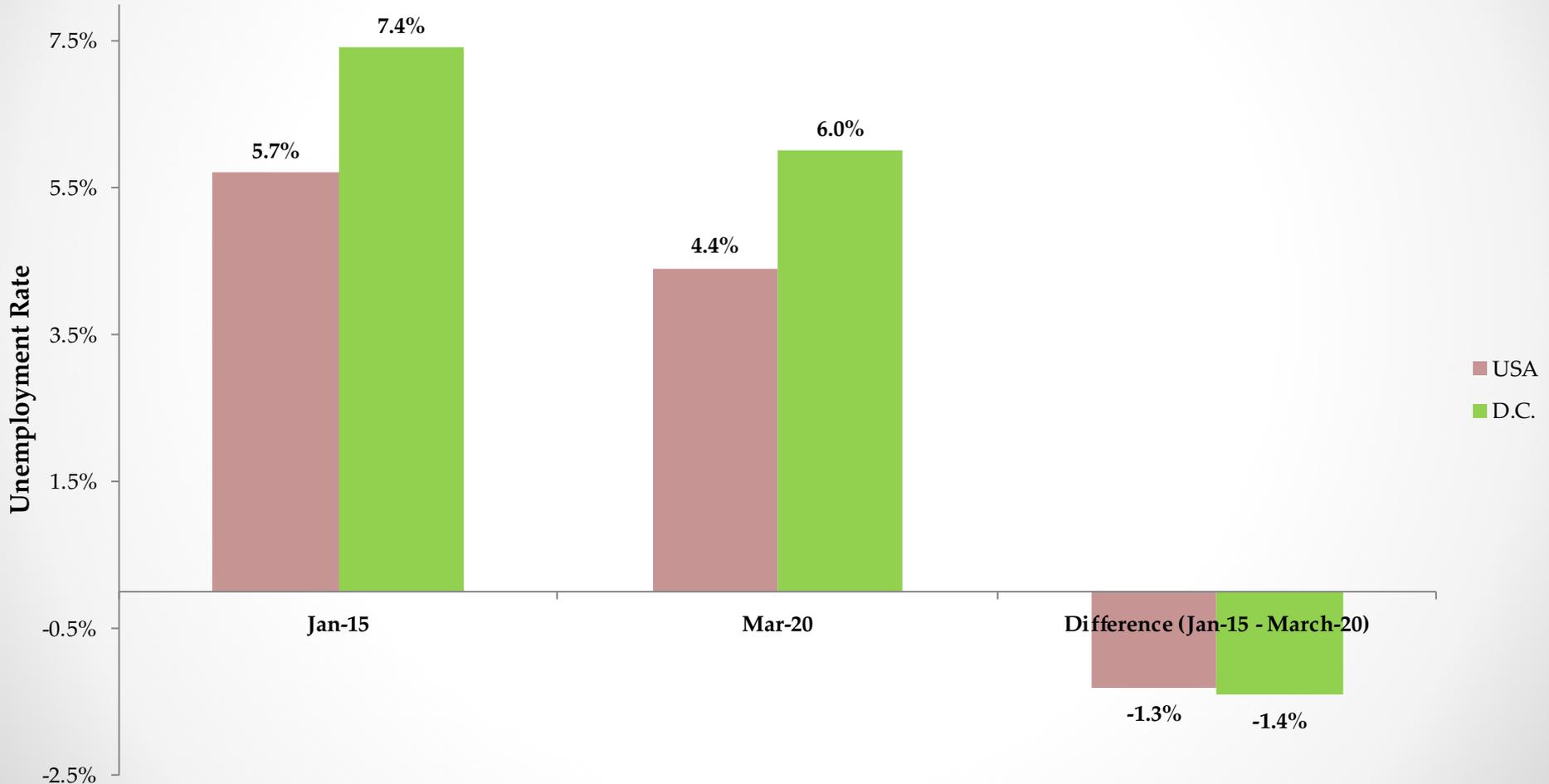




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Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - March 2020)

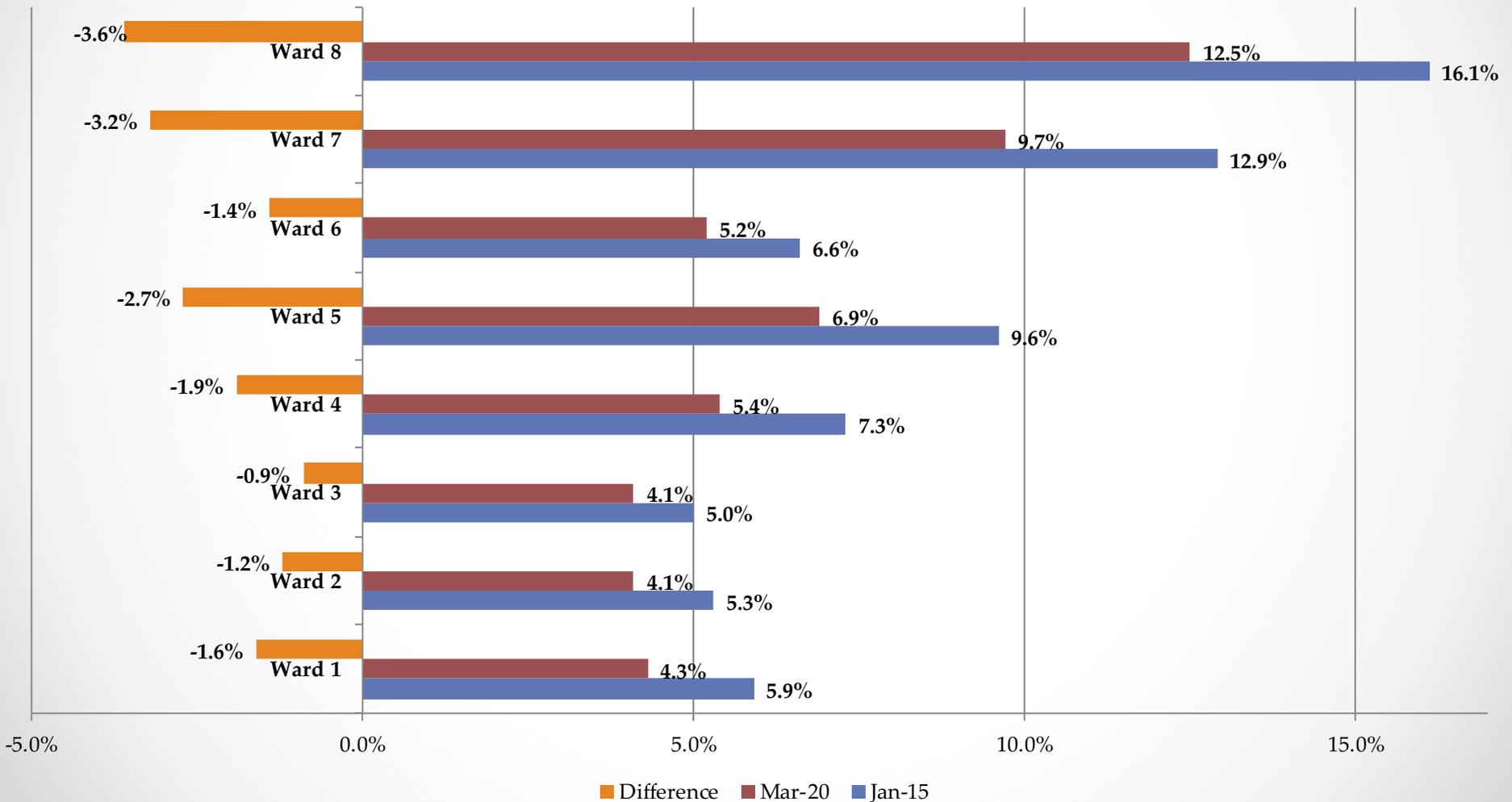




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Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - March 2020)

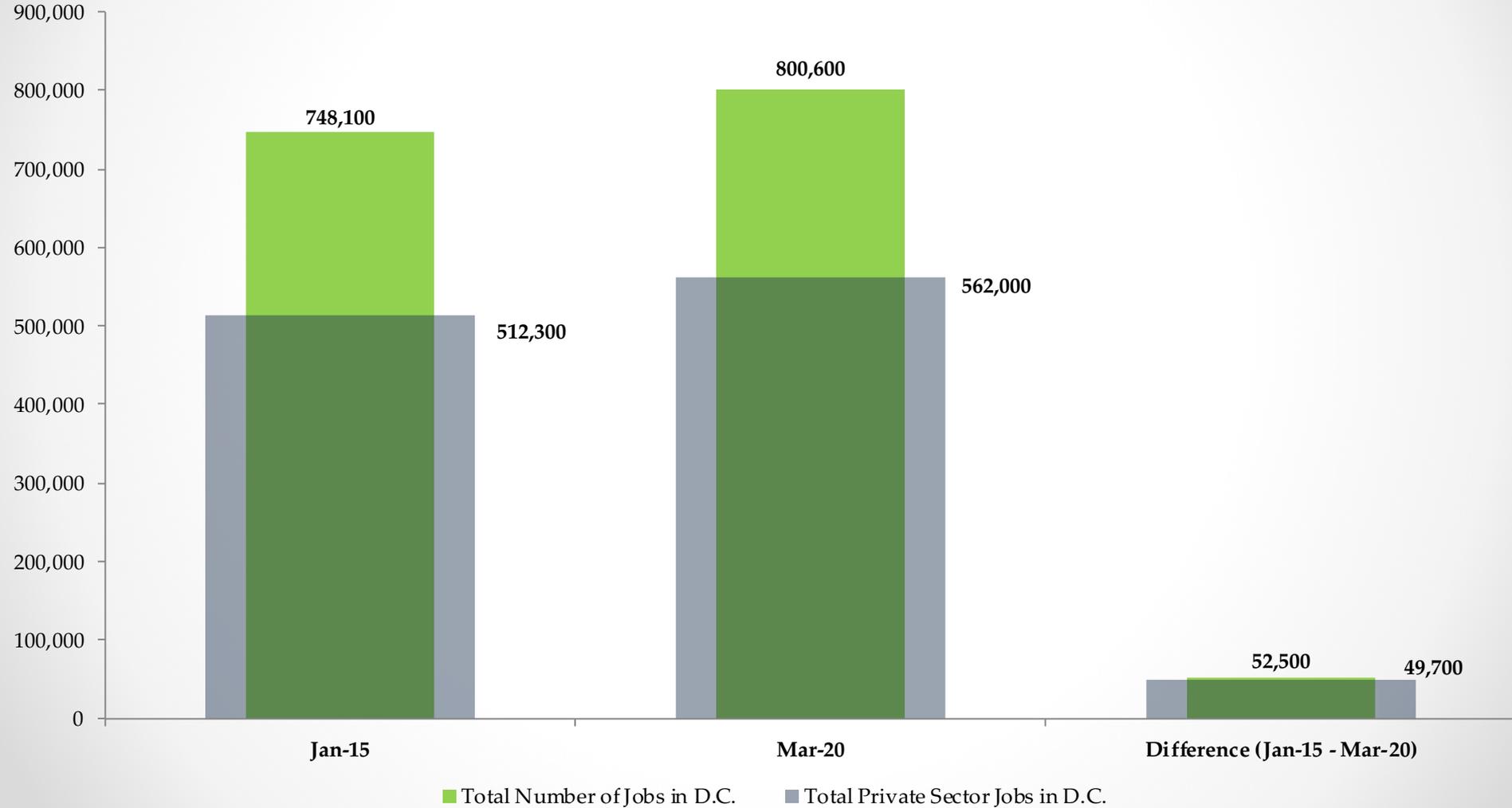




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Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2020)

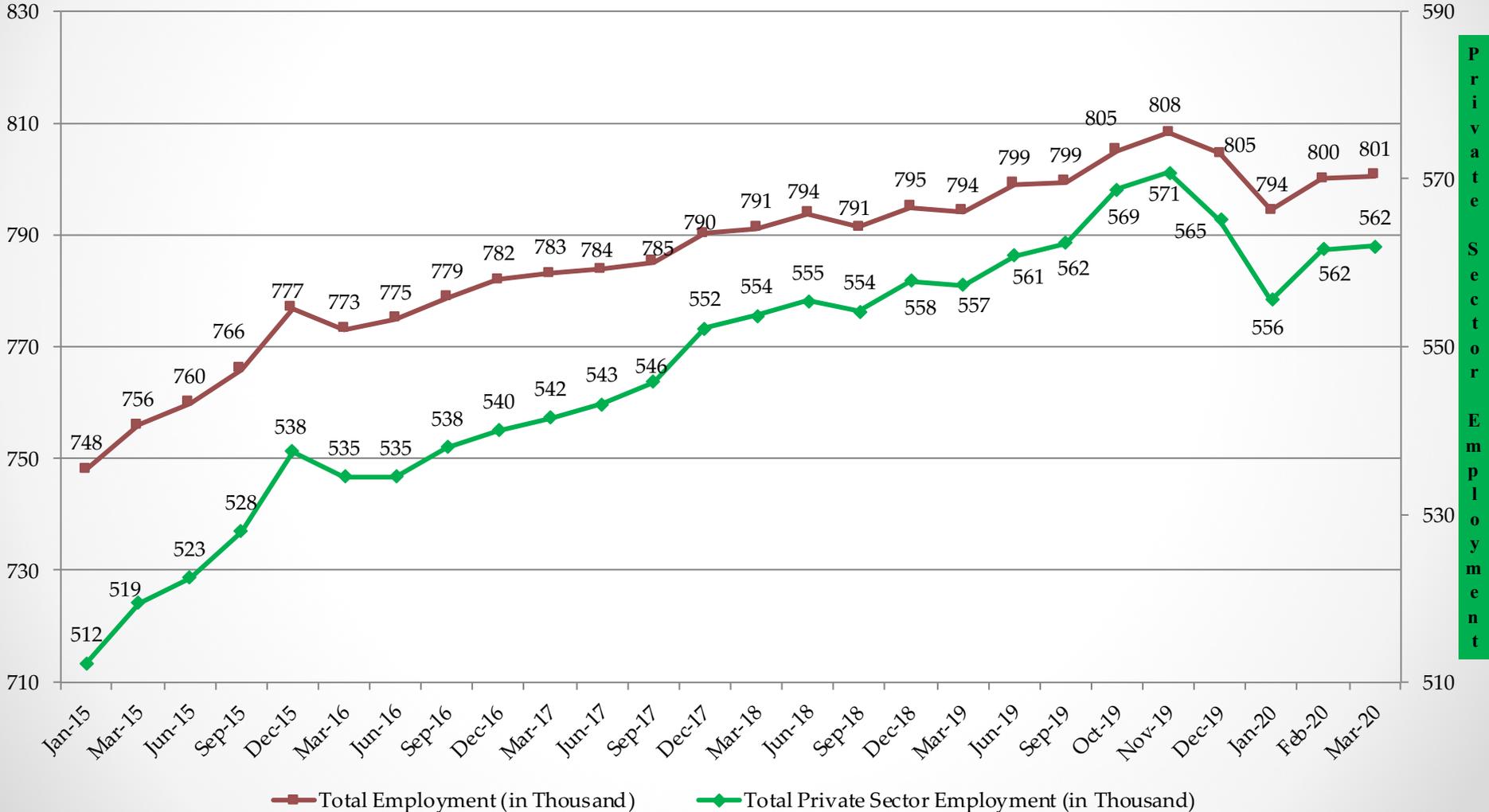




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Total Employment and Private Sector Employment in D.C. (Jan.2015 - Mar. 2020 (In Thousands))

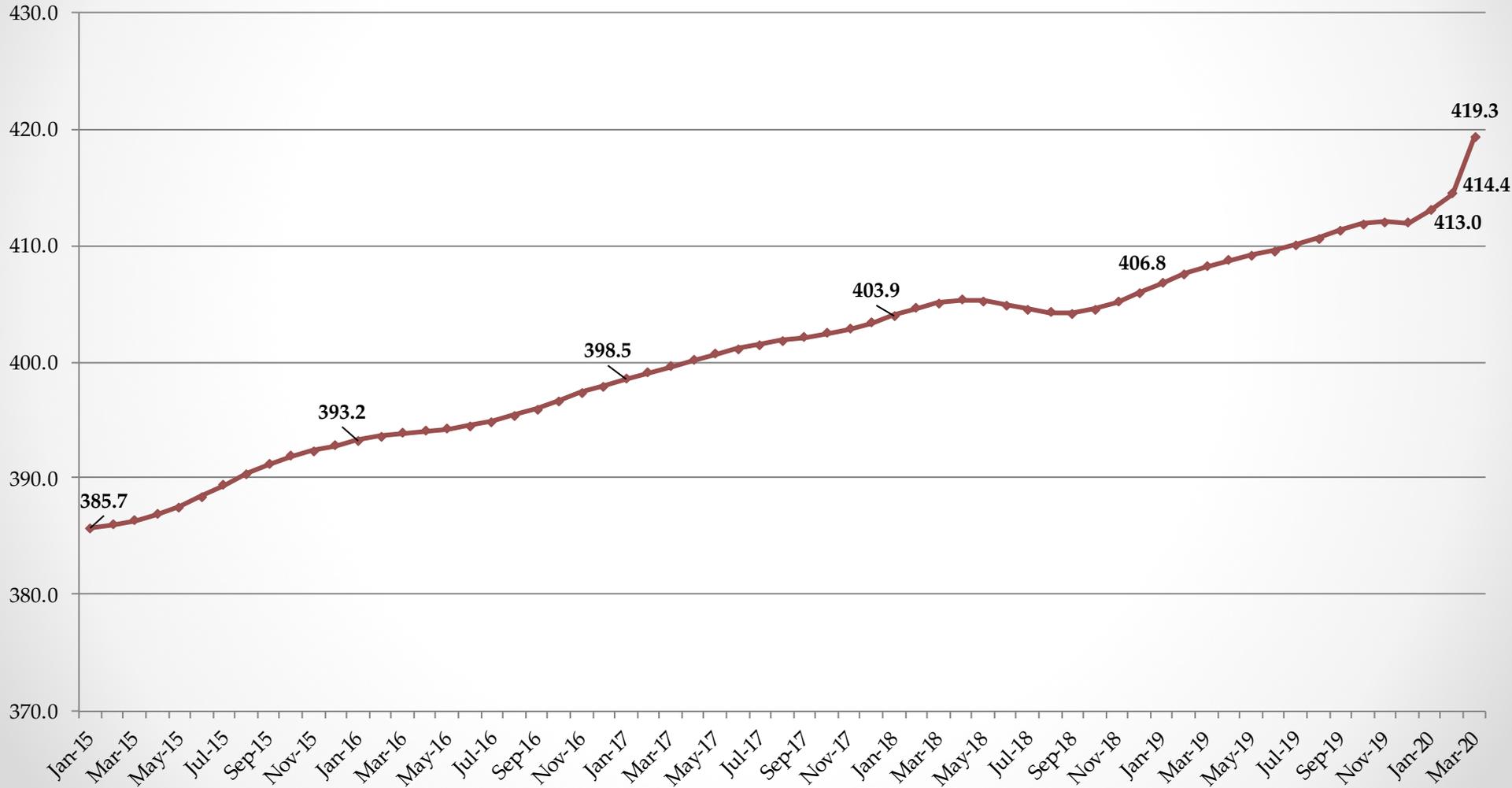




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The District's Labor Force (Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2020) (In Thousands)

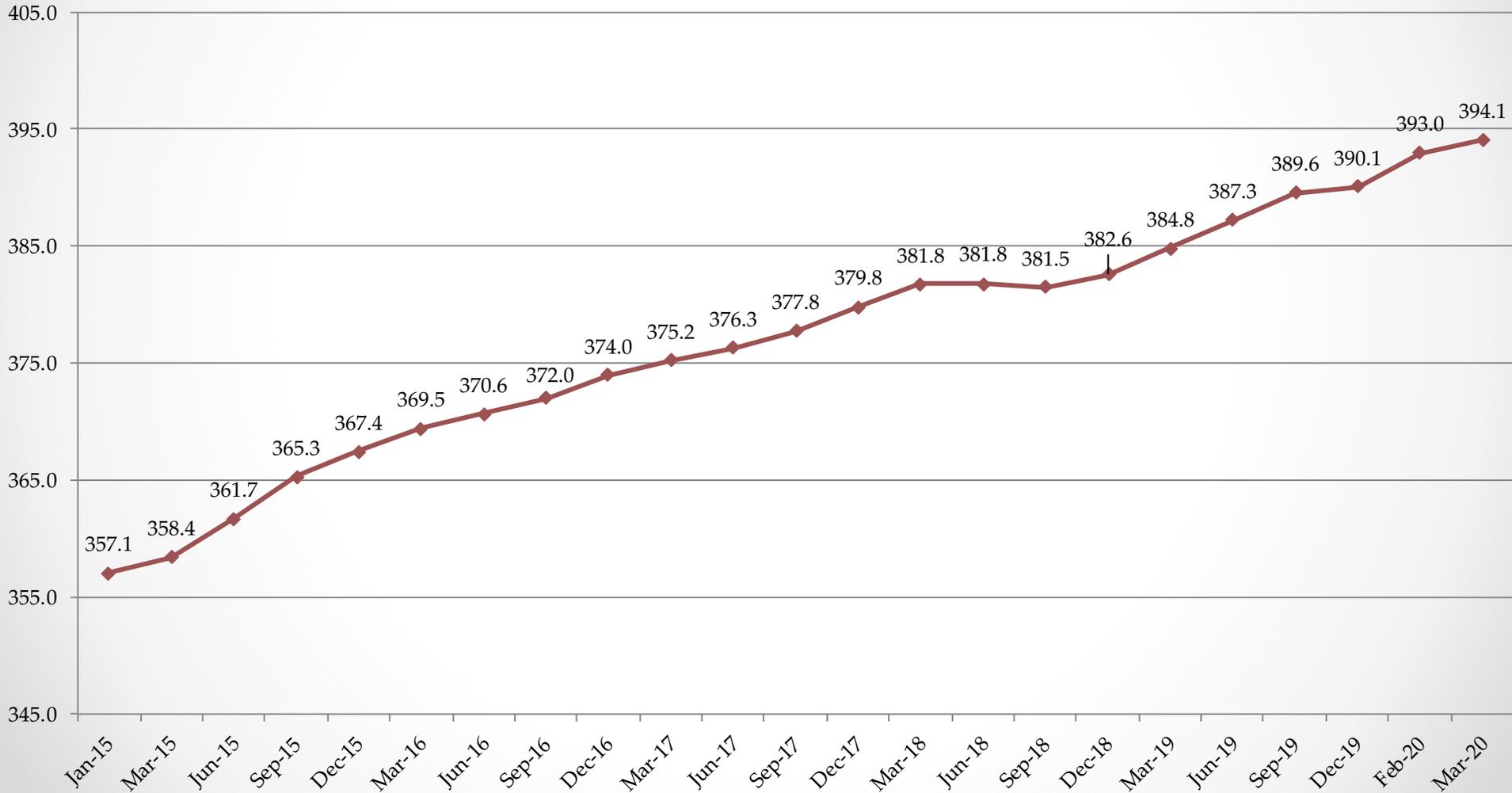




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Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2020) (In Thousands)

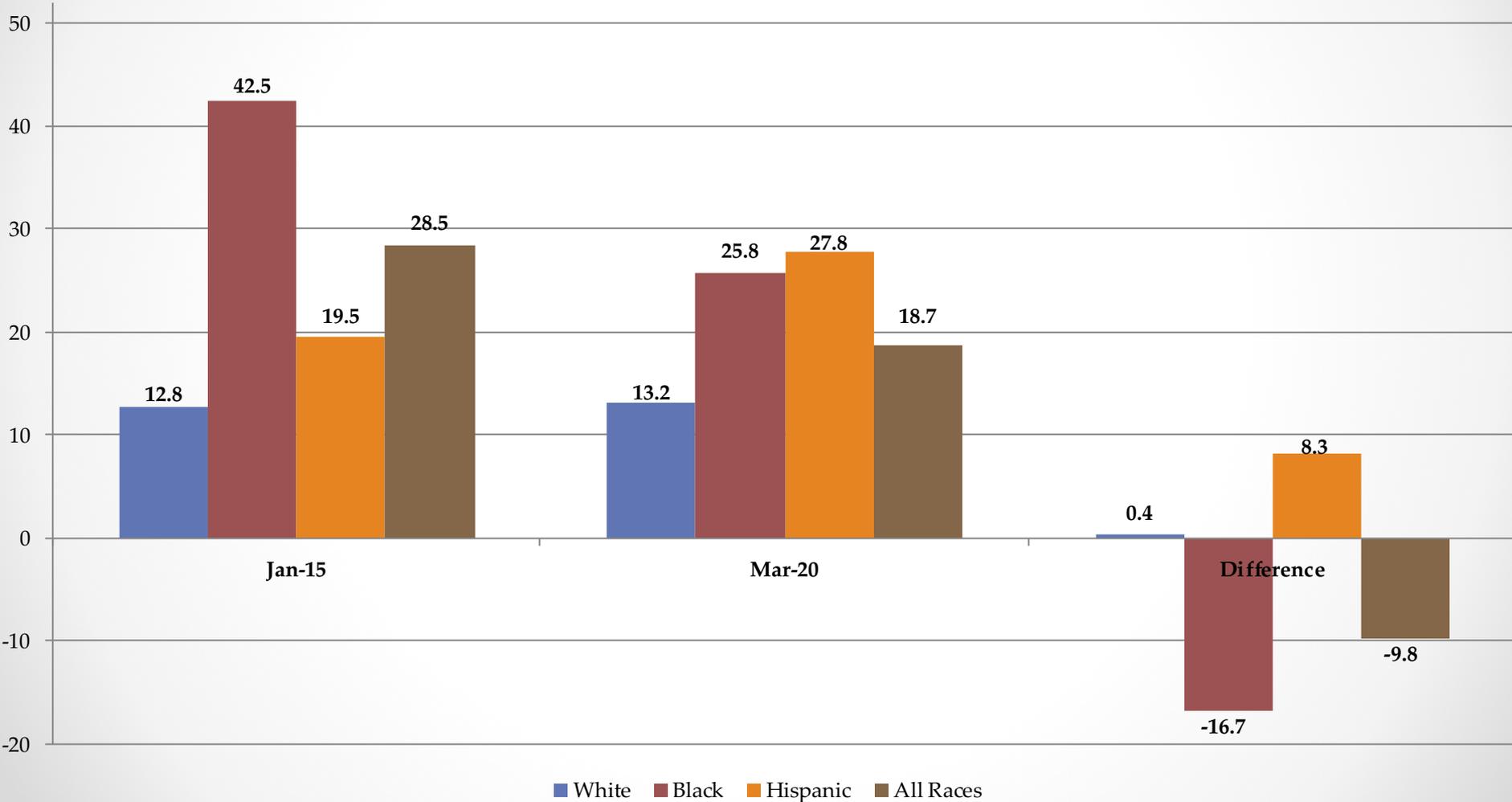




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Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2020)

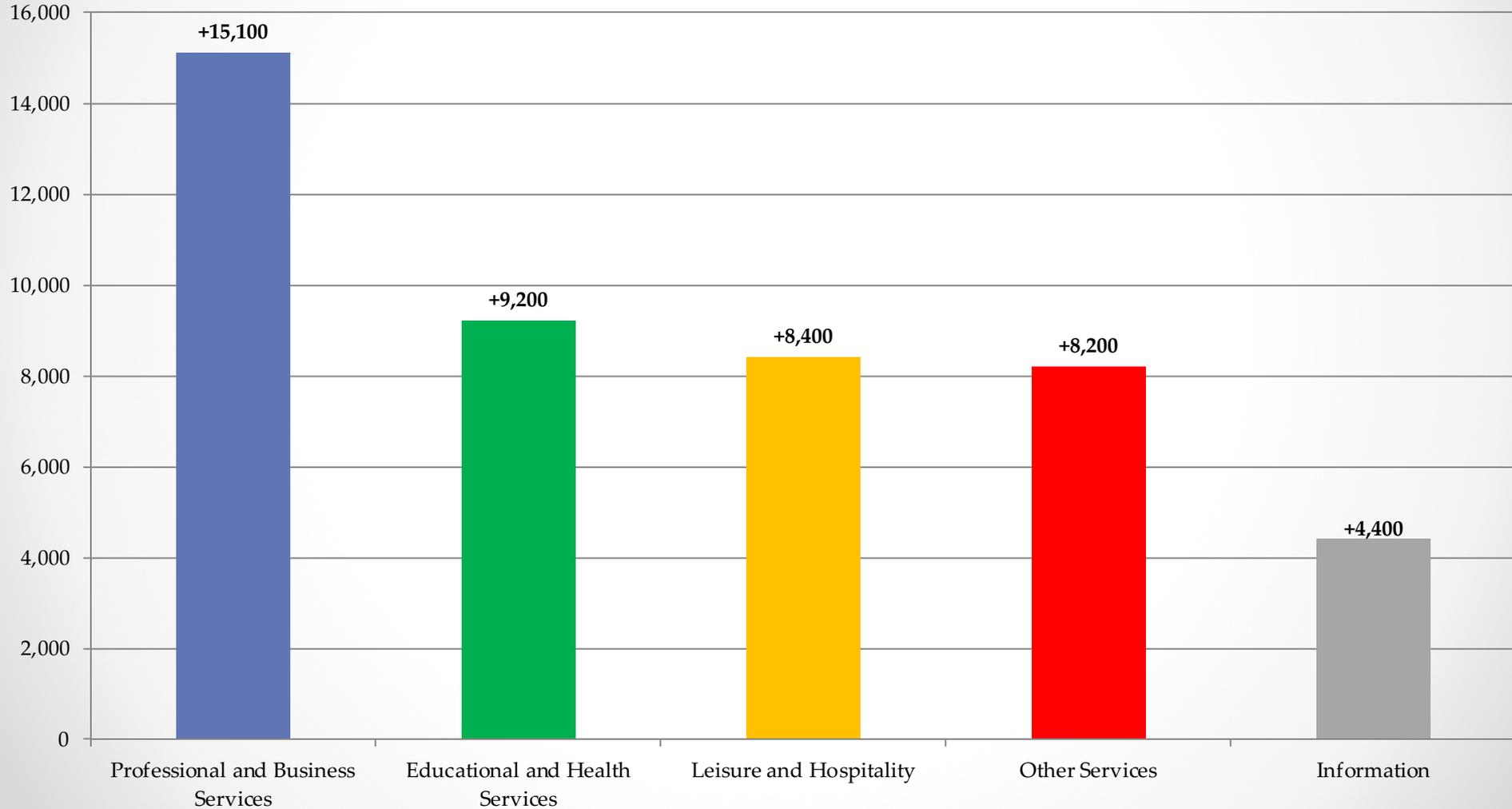




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Top 5 Industry with Highest Employment Increase (Jan.2015 – Mar. 2020)

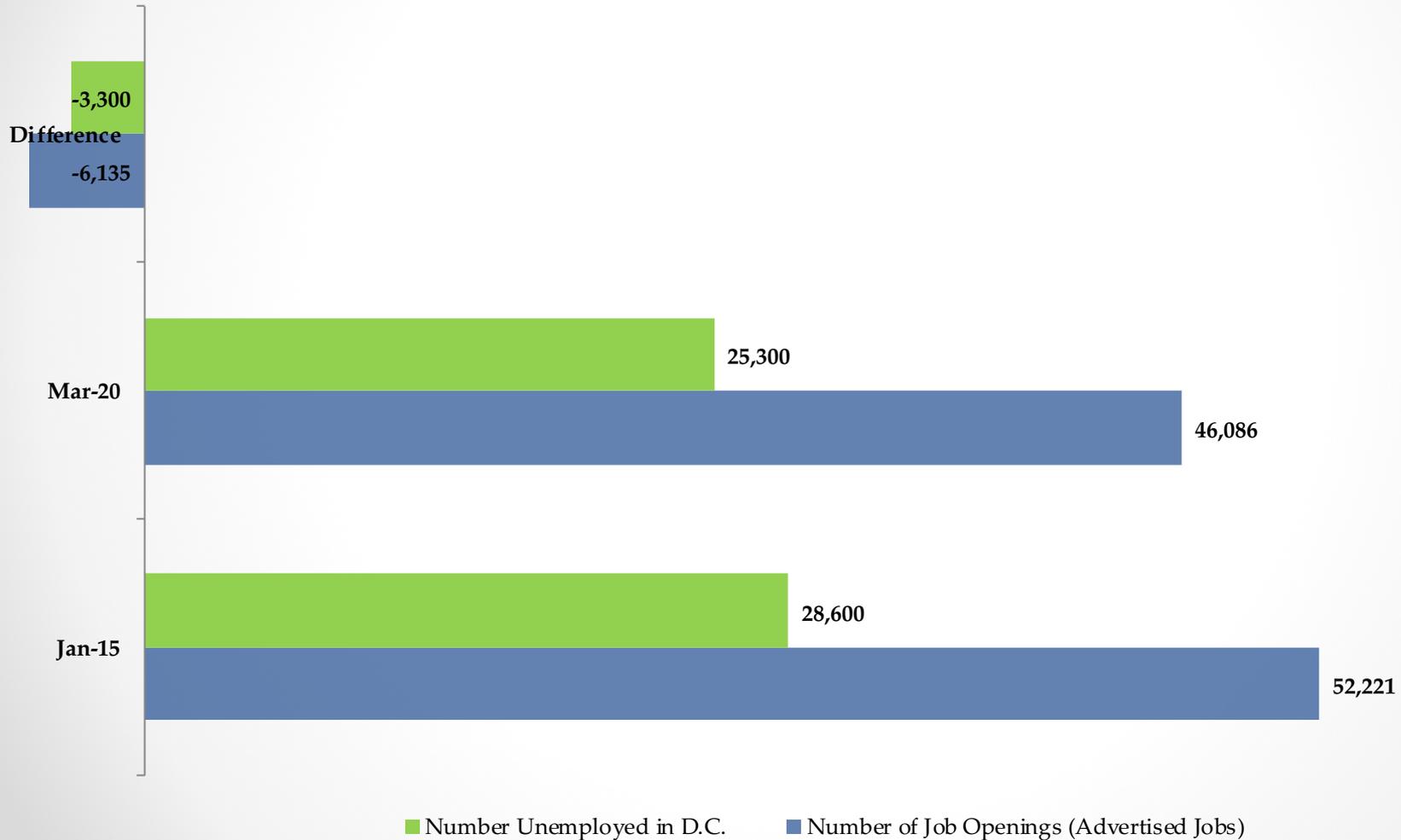




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Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - Mar. 2020)

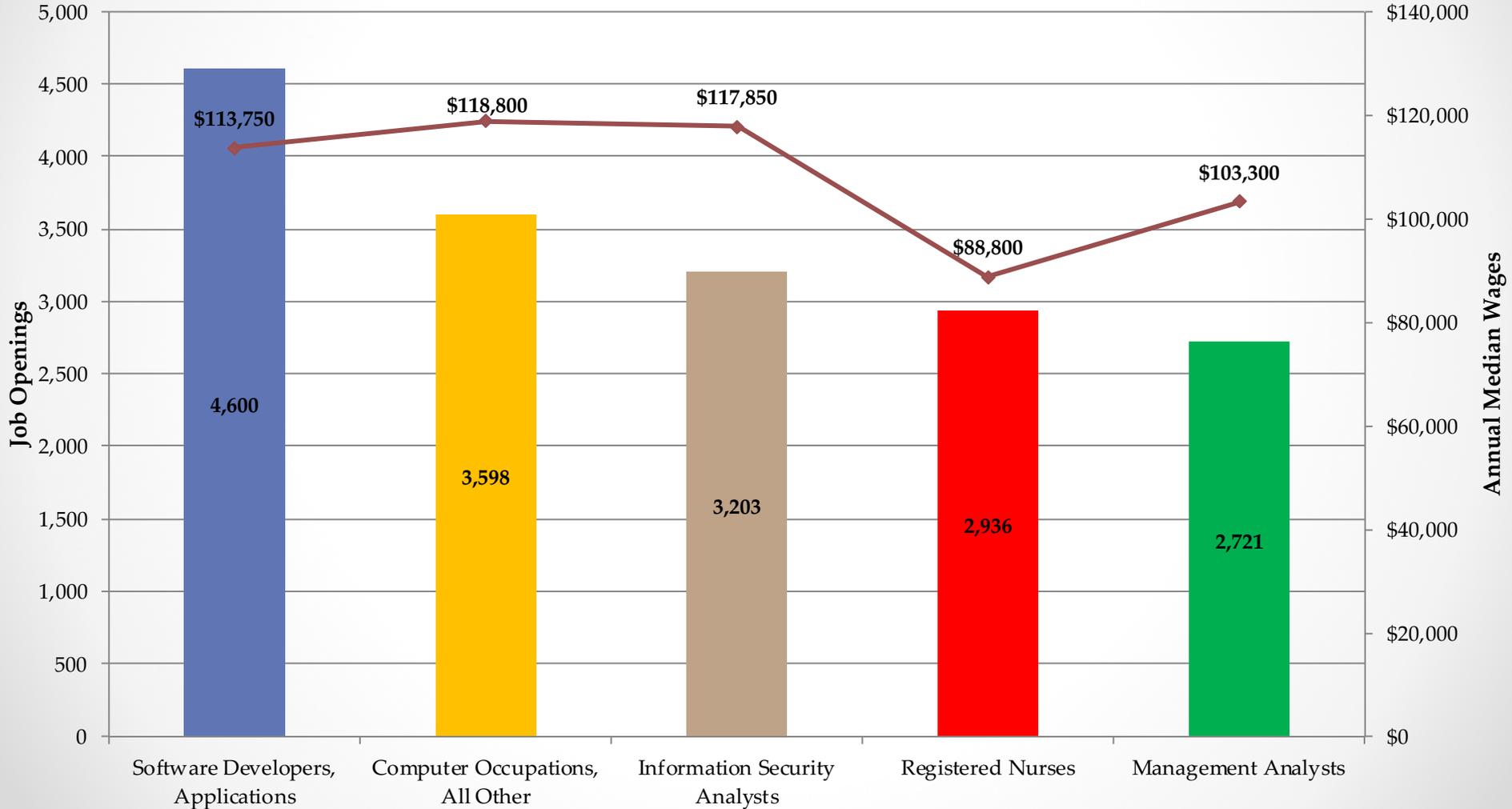




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Top 5 Job Openings: January 2017 - March 2020 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

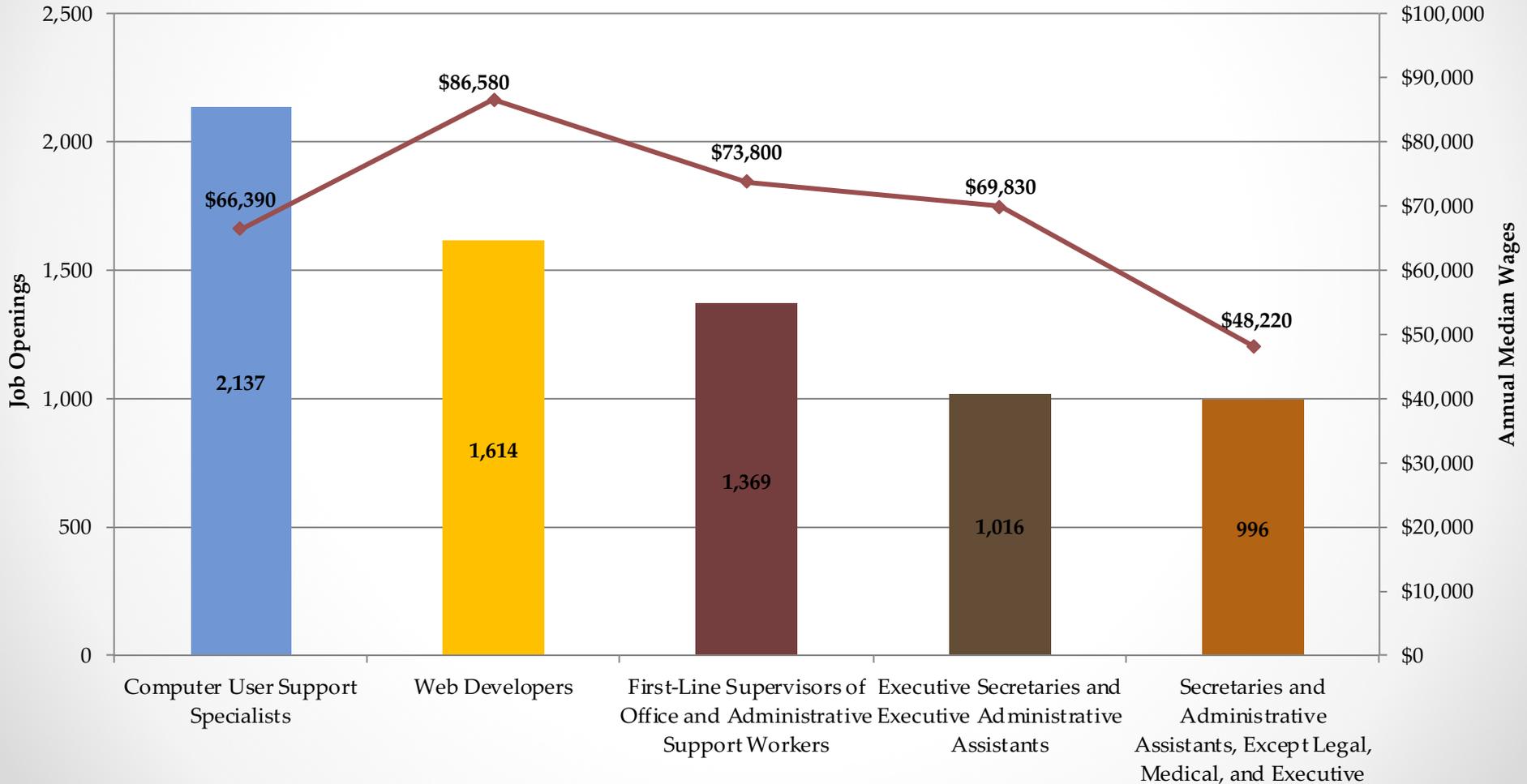




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Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2017 - March 2020 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)





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