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# D.C. Labor Market Indicators: May 2018

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## Highlights

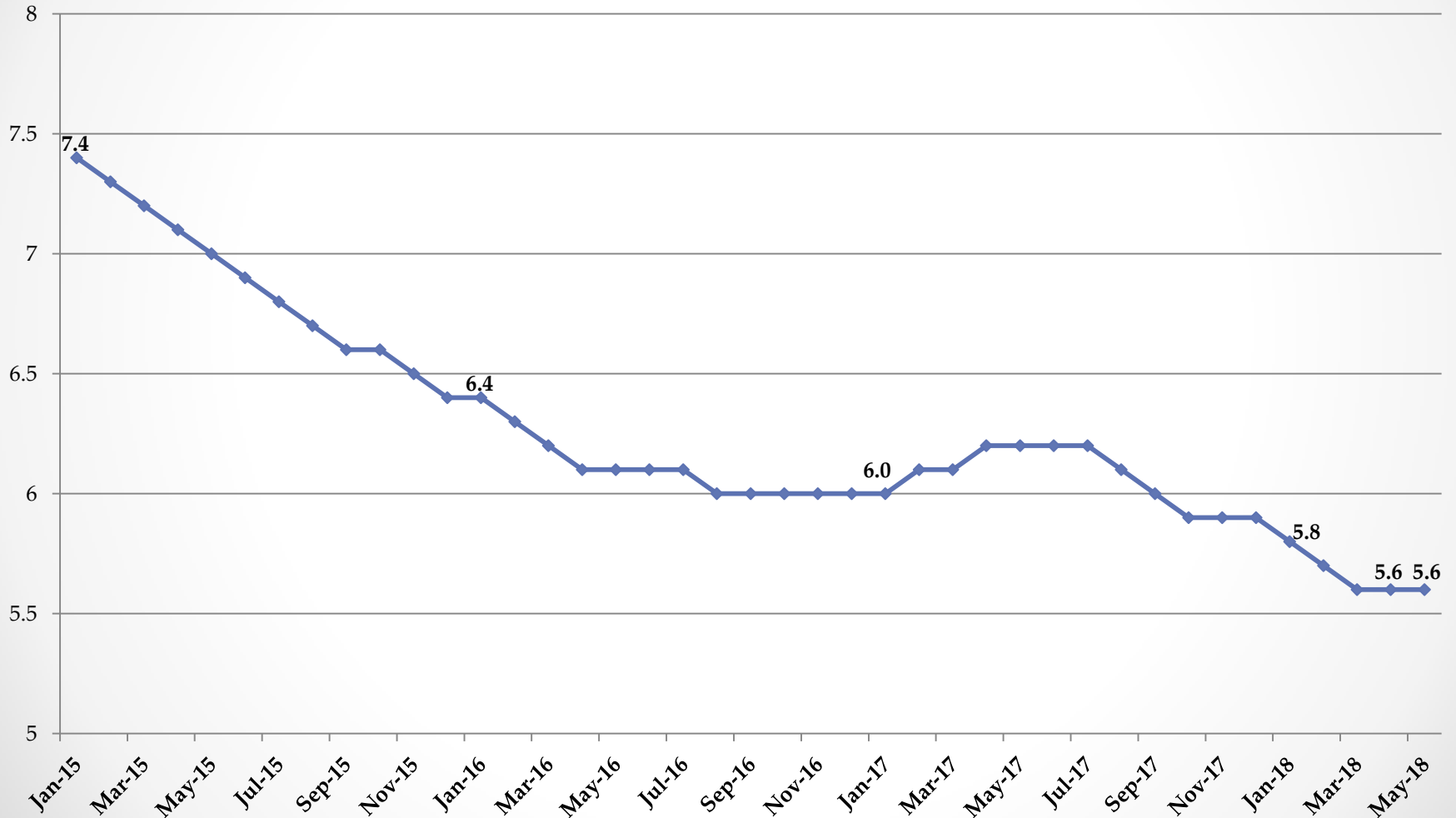
- From January 2015 to May 2018:
  - ❖ The unemployment rate in DC decreased by **1.8** percentage points (or **24.3%** decrease);
  - ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by **3.8** percentage points (**29.5%** decrease) and **4.5** percentage points (**28.0%** decrease) respectively;
  - ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by **28,000**;
  - ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by **42,300**;
  - ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants decreased by **23.89%**;
  - ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by **5,800** 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 **21.5** weeks;
  - ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by **41,000** new jobs or **7.88%** increase from January 2015;
  - ❖ Leisure and Hospitality has the highest employment increase by industry with **10,000** **since January 2015**;
  - ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers, Applications with an average monthly opening of **3,213**;
  - ❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor's degree is Computer User Support Specialists with an average monthly opening of **1,745**.



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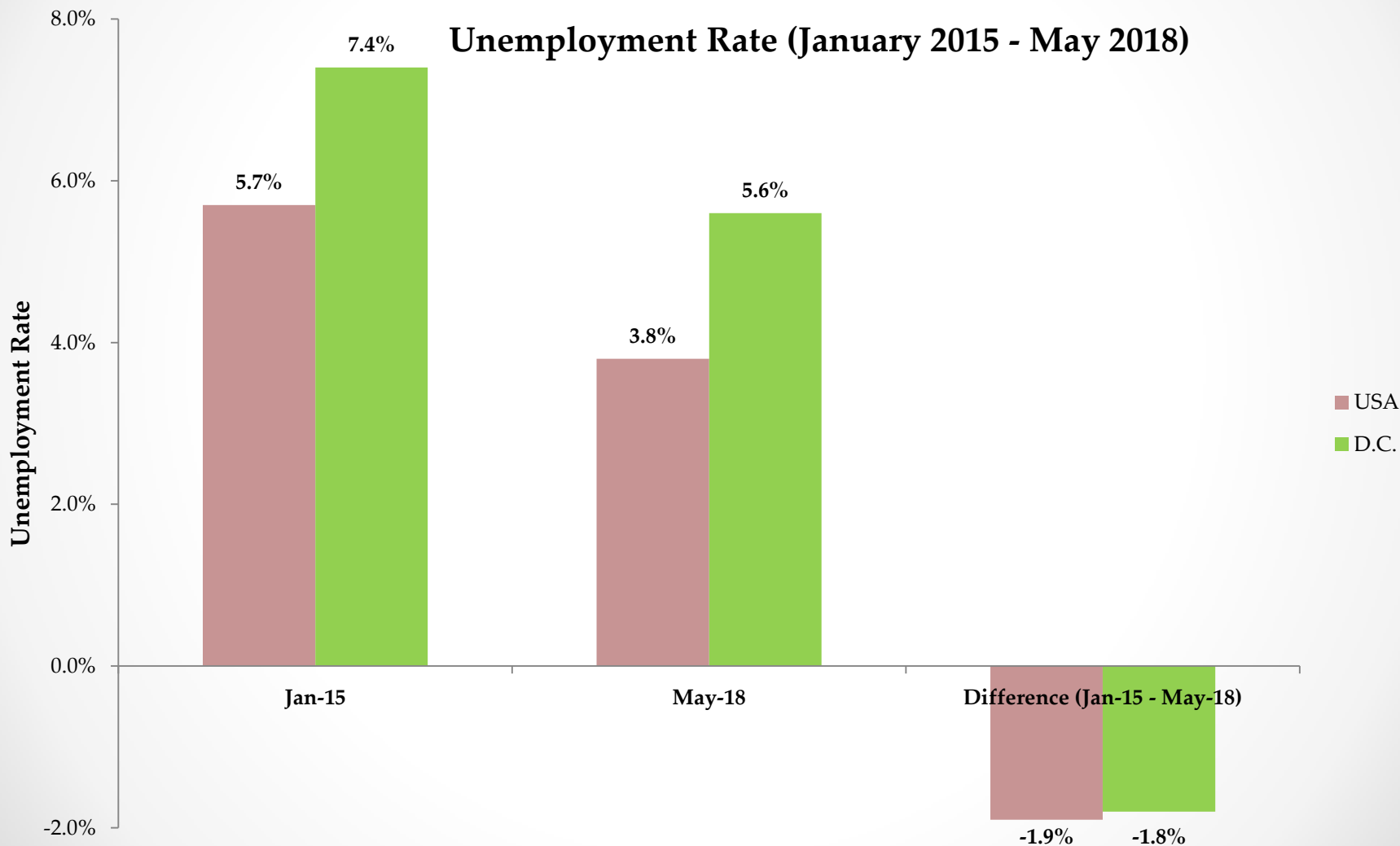
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - May 2018



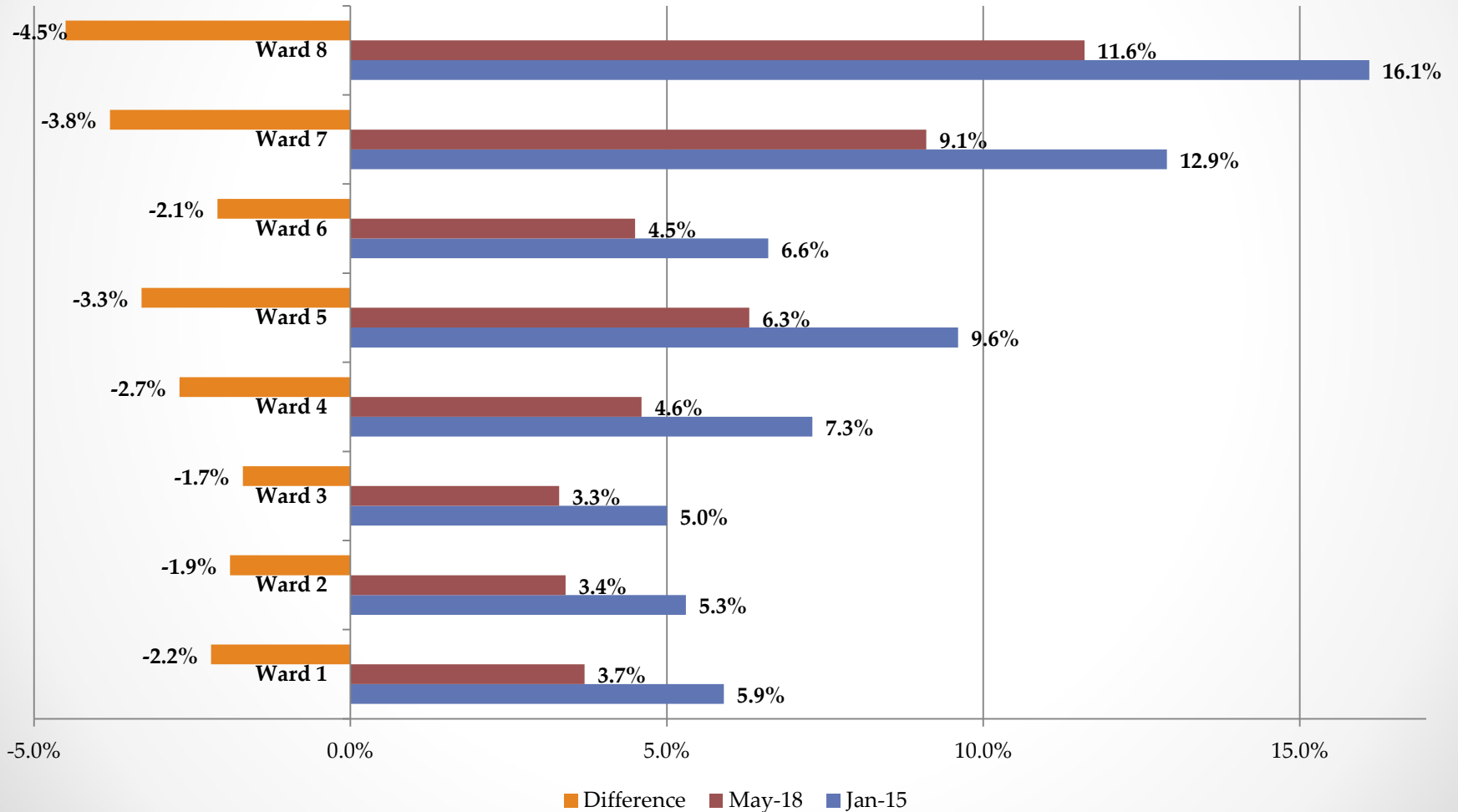


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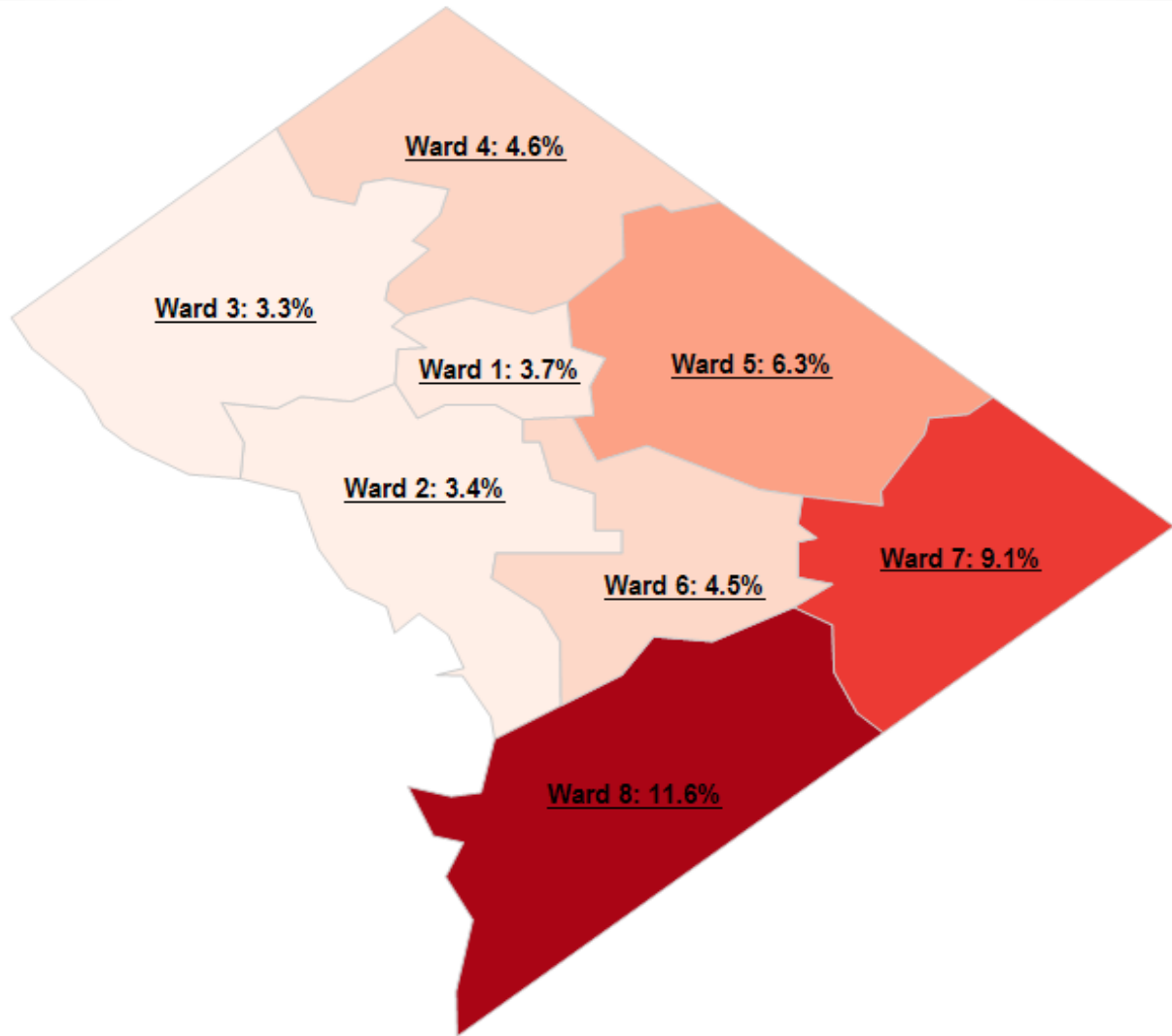
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## Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - May 2018)



## Unemployment Rate by Ward: May 2018

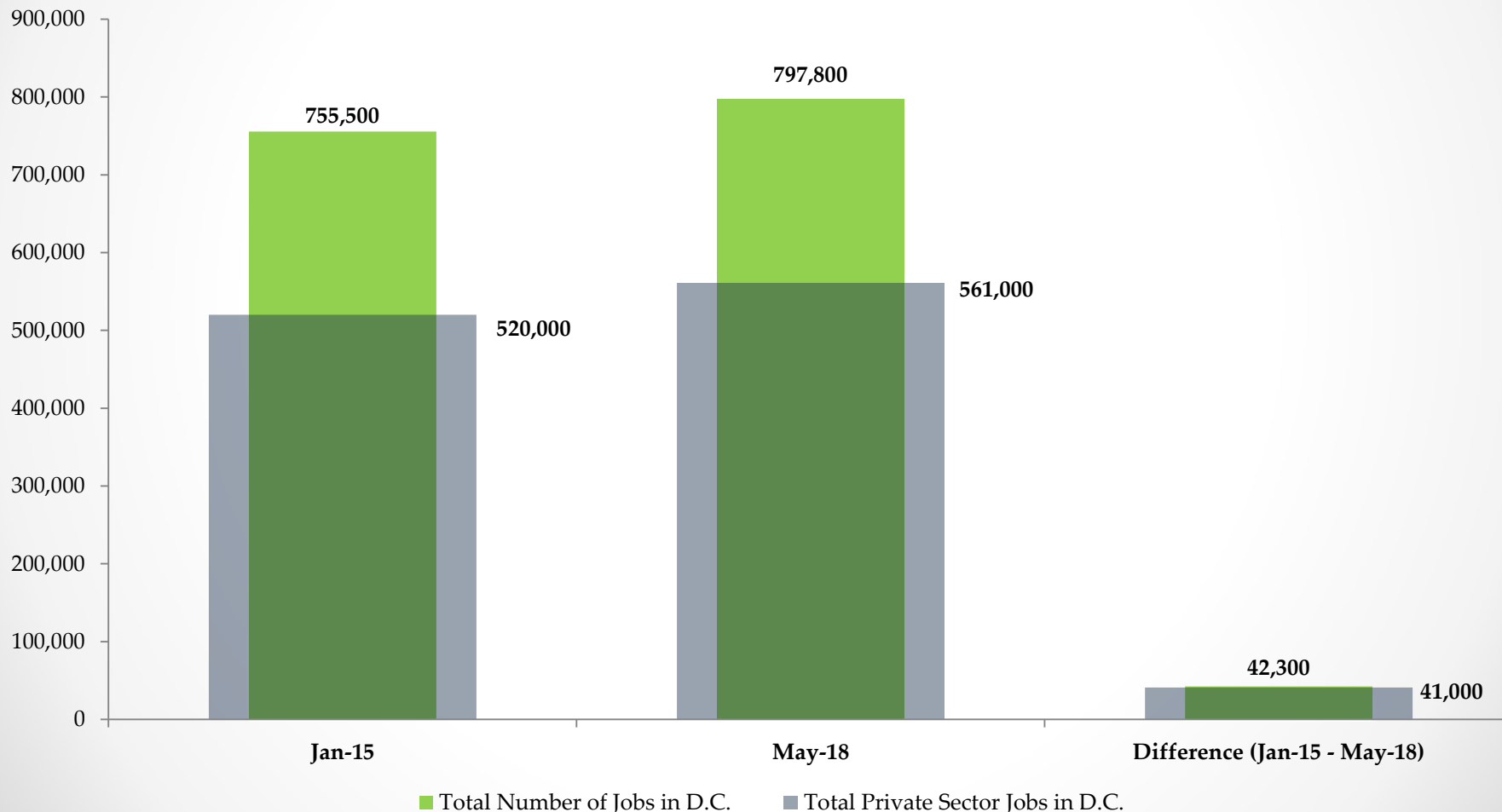




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Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - May 2018)

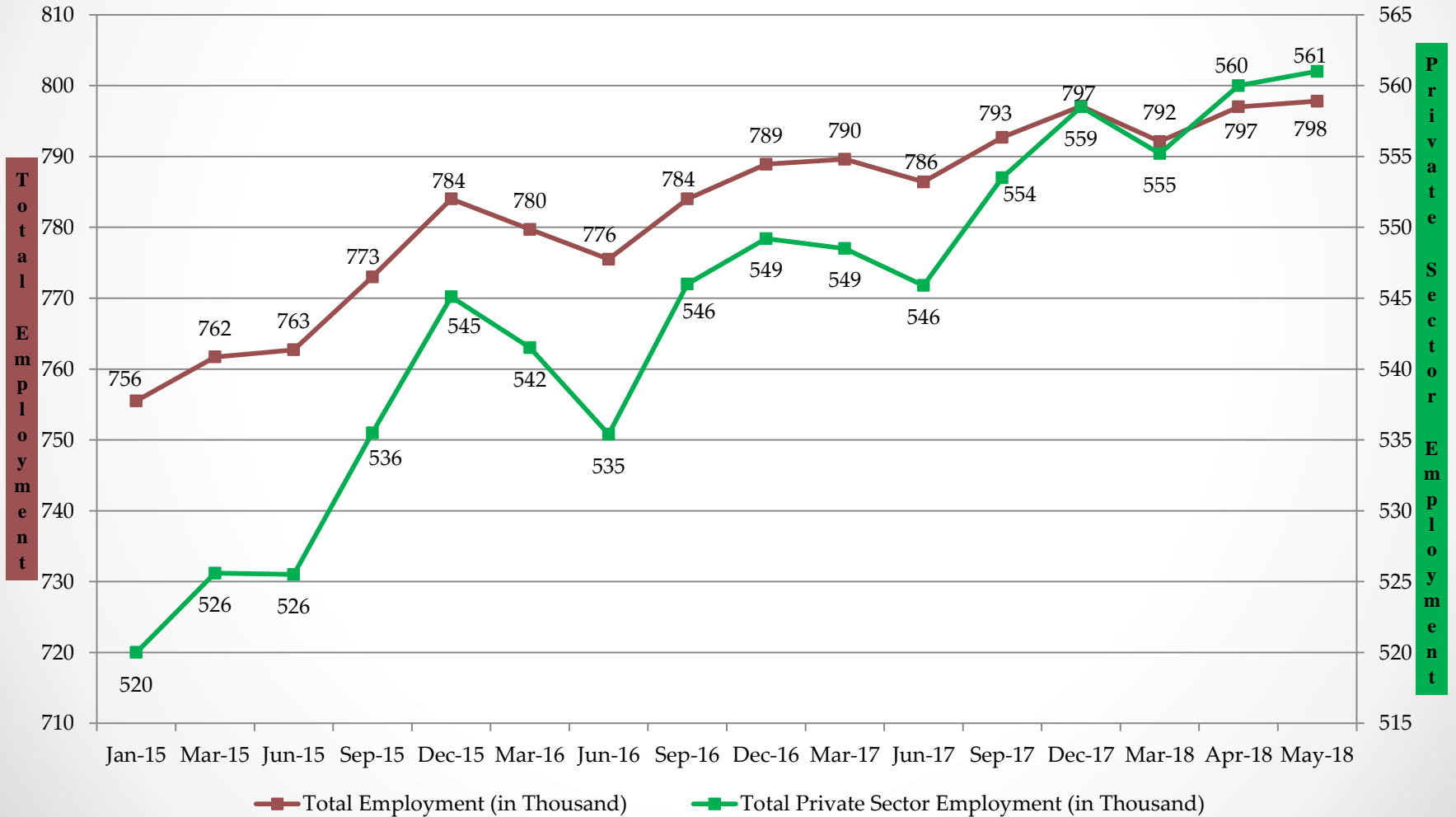




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Total Employment and Private Sector Employment in D.C. (Jan.2015 - May 2018) (In Thousands)



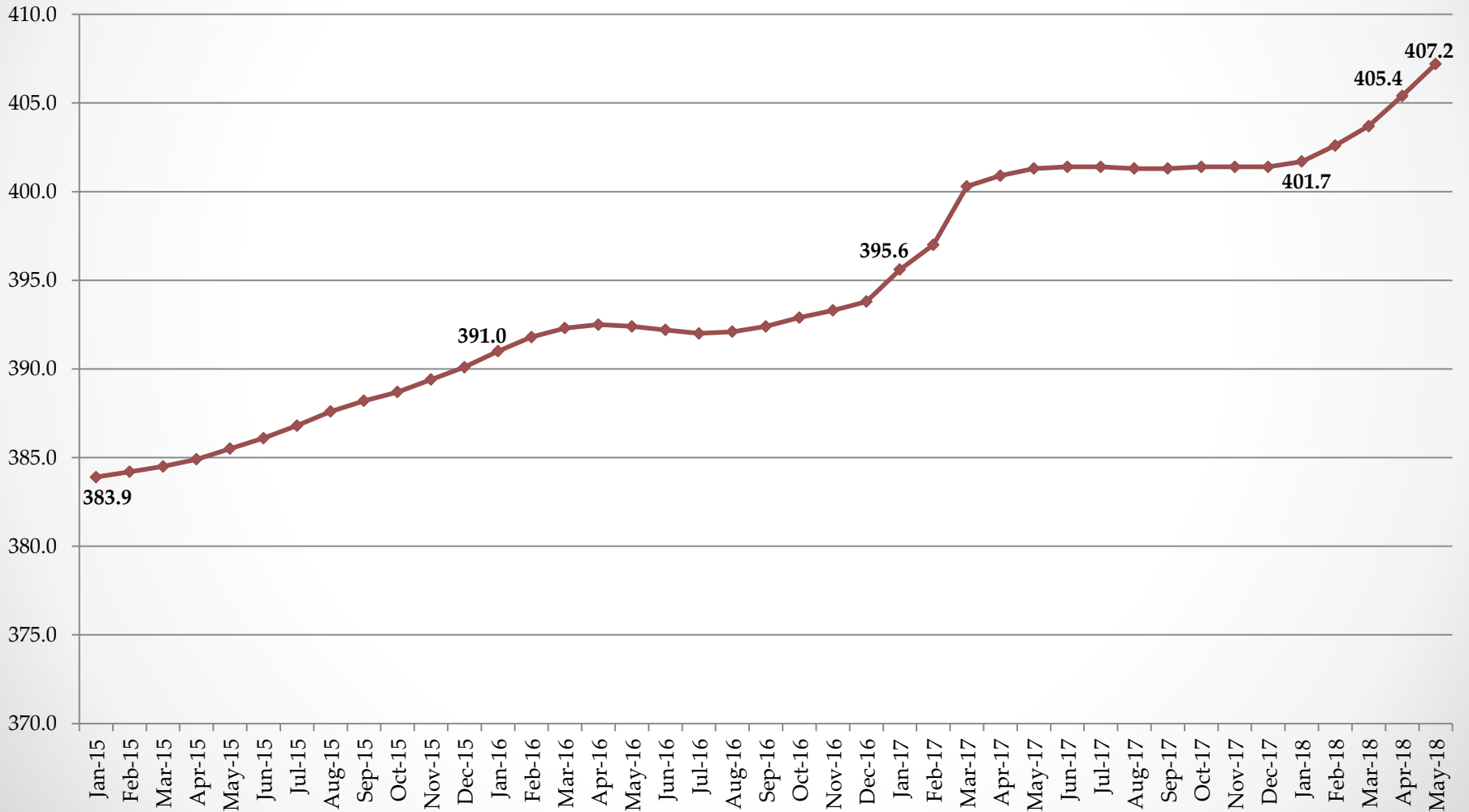




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The District's Labor Force (Jan. 2015 - May 2018) (In Thousands)

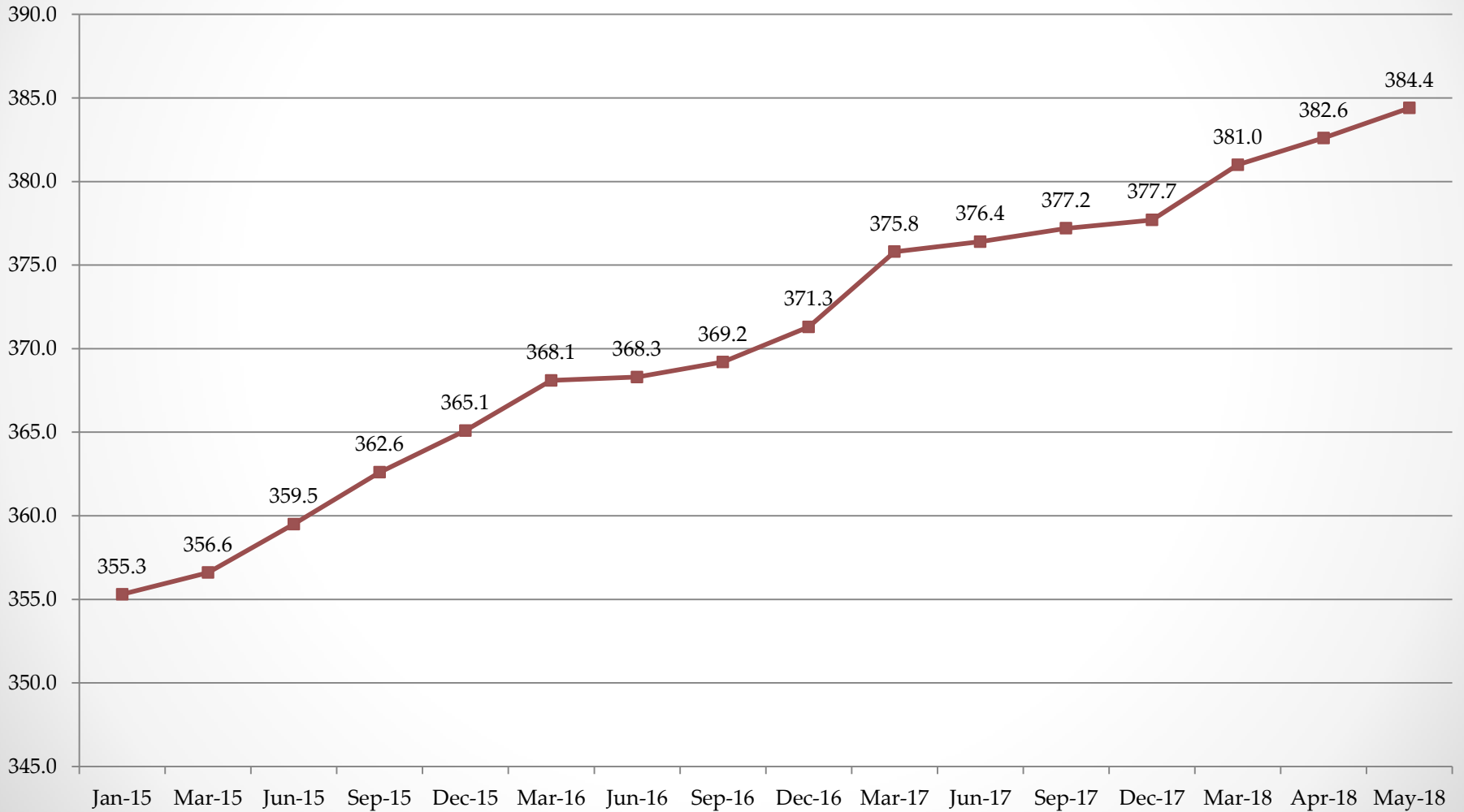




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Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 - May 2018) (In Thousands)

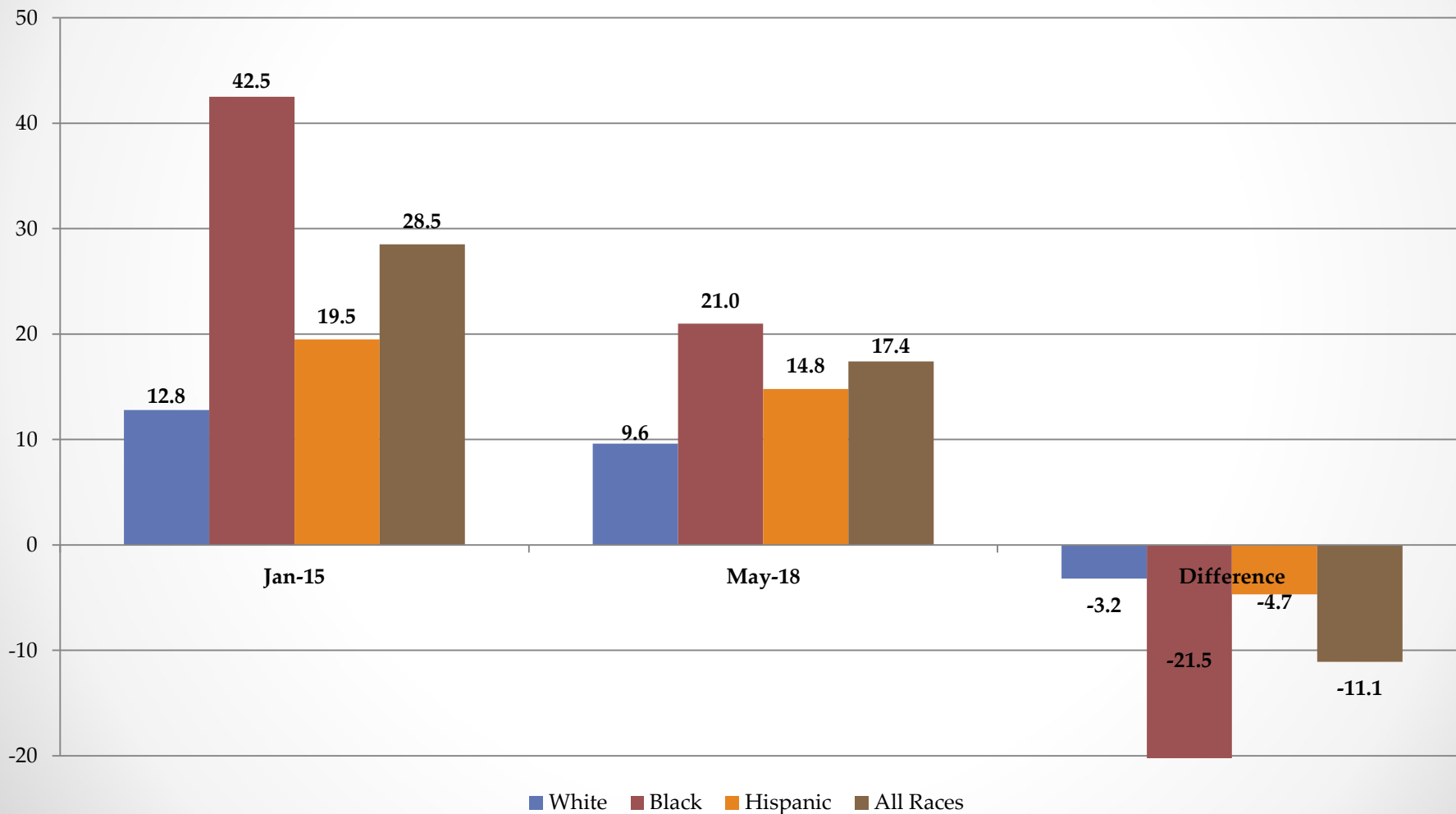




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Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - May 2018)

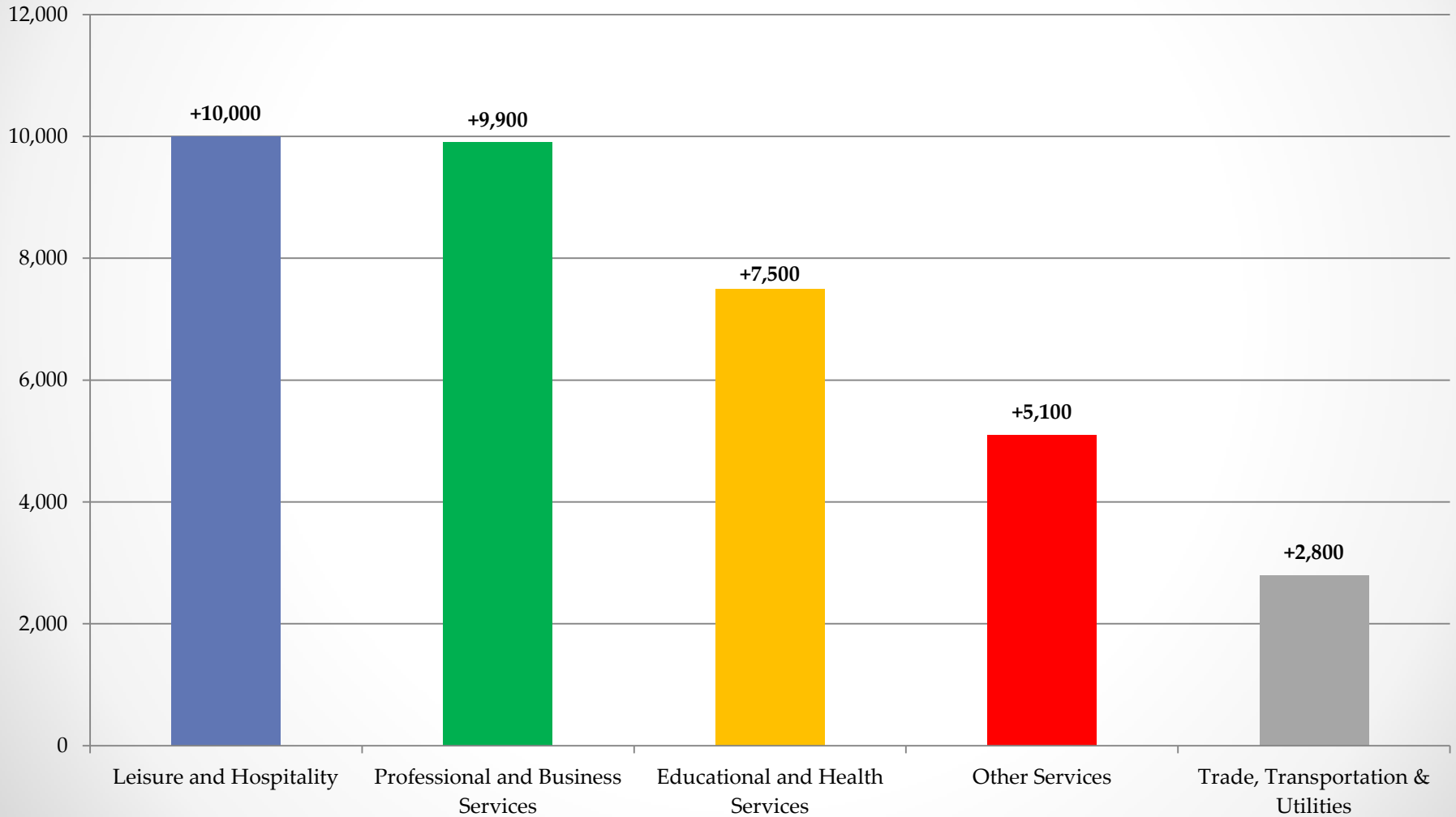




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Top 5 Industry with Highest Employment Increase (Jan.2015 – May 2018)

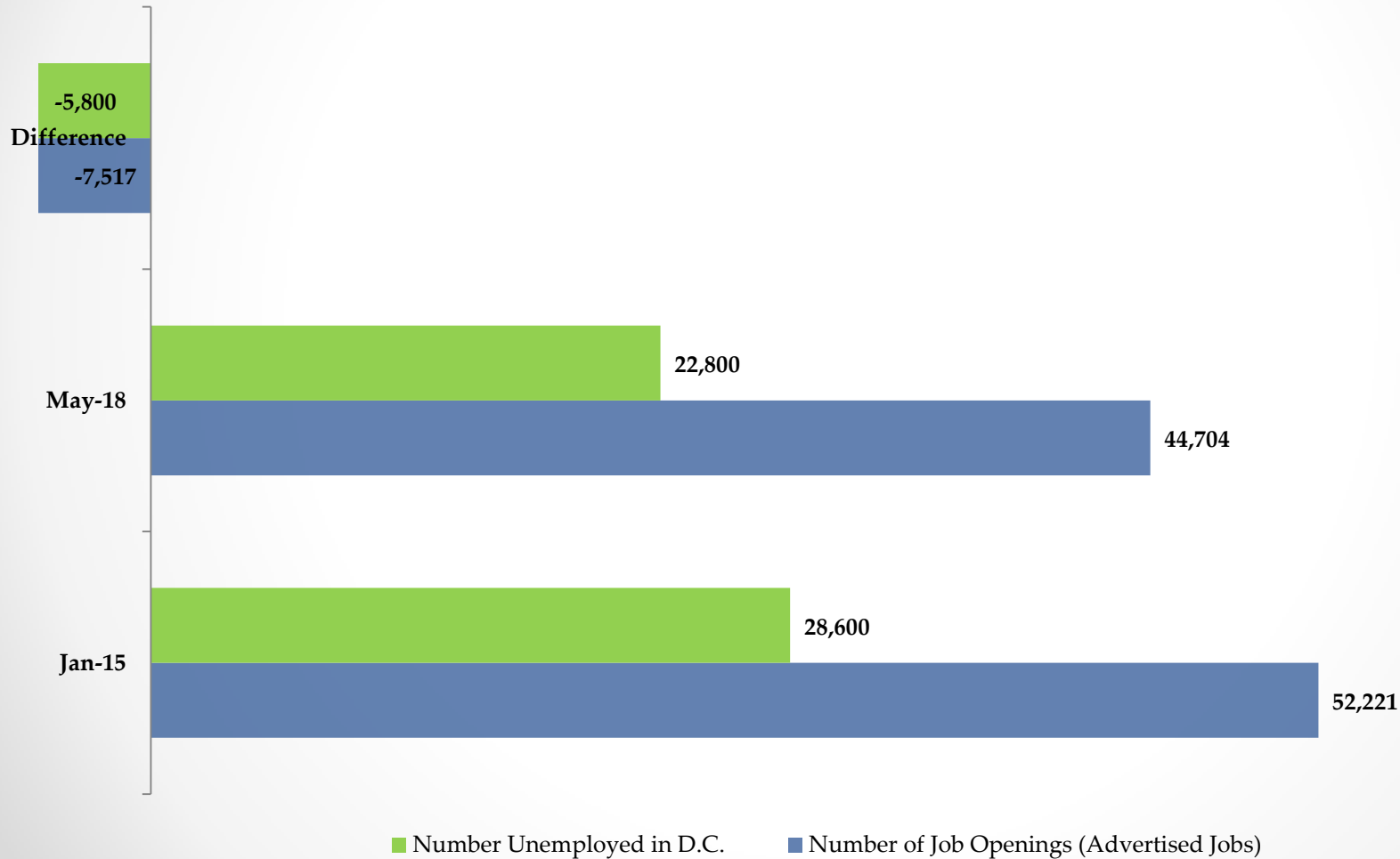




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## Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - May 2018)

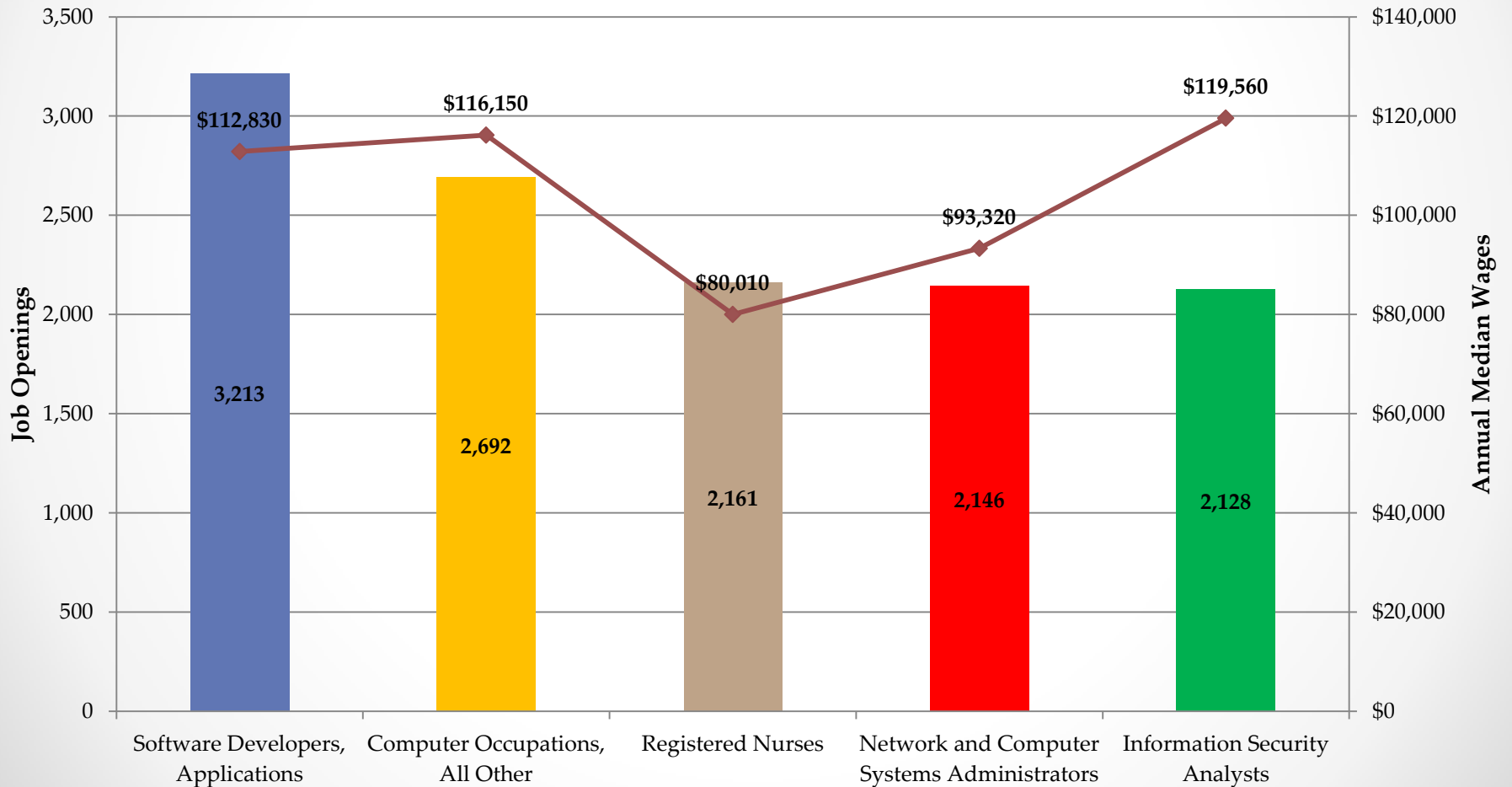




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**Top 5 Job Openings: January 2017 - May 2018 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)**

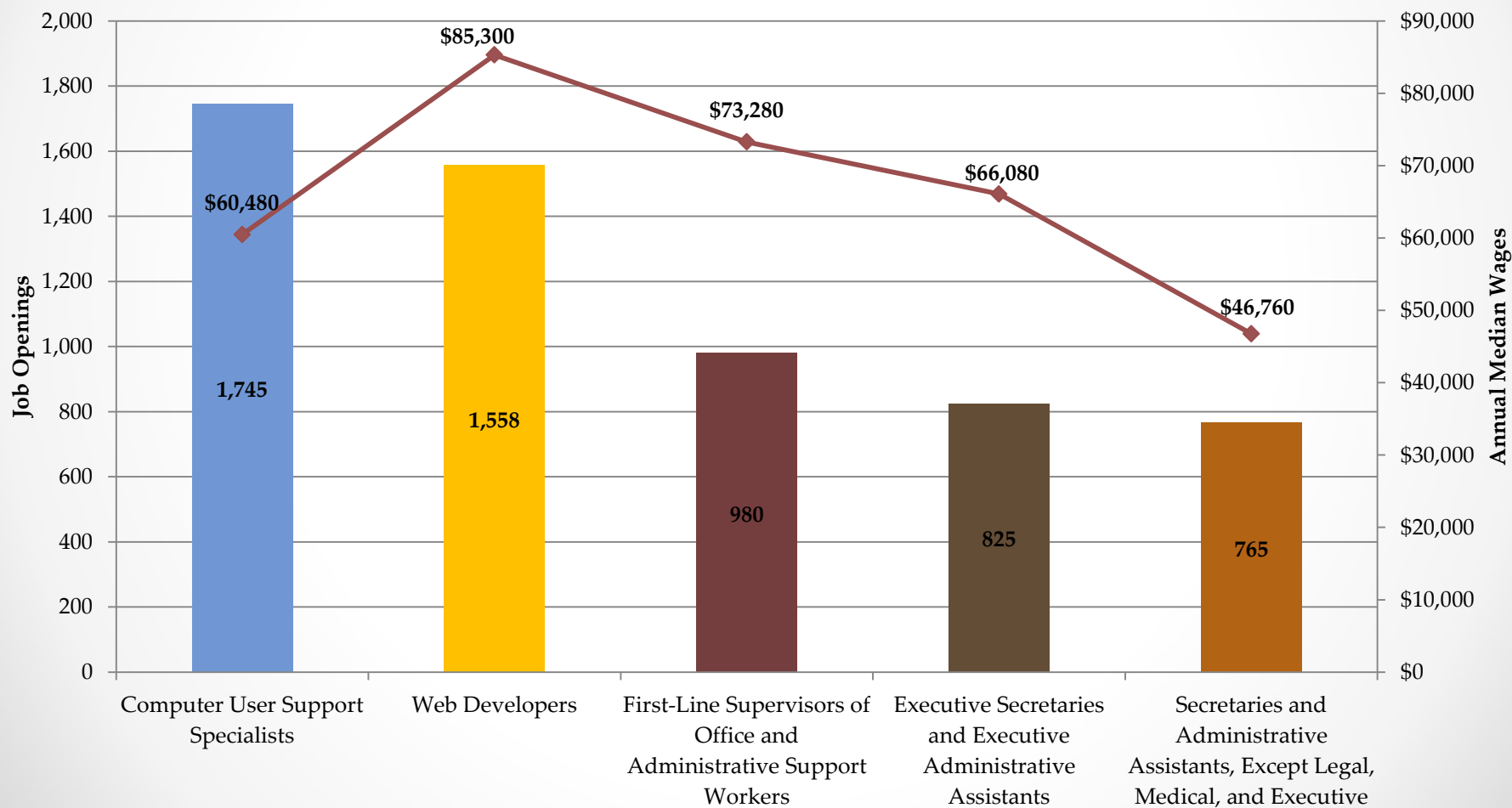




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**Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2017 - May 2018 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)**





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