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D.C. Labor Market Indicators: May 2019

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Highlights

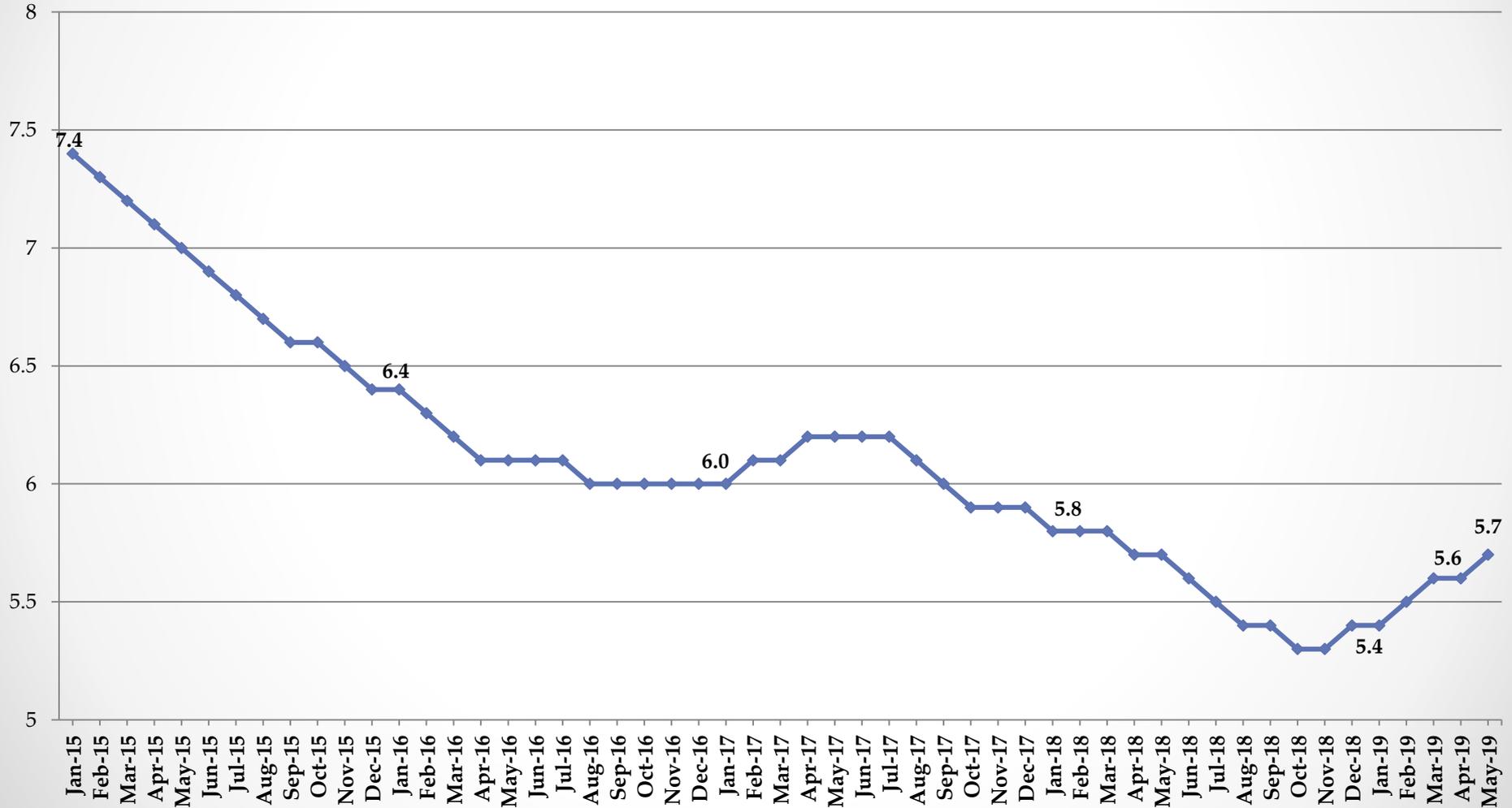
- From January 2015 to May 2019:
 - ❖ The unemployment rate in DC decreased by **1.7** percentage points (or **23.0%** decrease);
 - ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by **4.3** percentage points (**33.3%** decrease) and **4.8** percentage points (**29.8%** decrease) respectively;
 - ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by **30,300**;
 - ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by **39,000**;
 - ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants decreased by **4.82%**;
 - ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by **5,400** people;
 - ❖ In DC there are **2.2** jobs available (advertised) for **1** unemployed DC resident;
 - ❖ The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by **21.0** weeks;
 - ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by **38,200** new jobs or **7.35%** increase from January 2015;
 - ❖ Leisure and Hospitality has the highest employment increase by industry with **13,200** **since January 2015**;
 - ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers, Applications with an average monthly opening of **3,625**;
 - ❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor's degree is Computer User Support Specialists with an average monthly opening of **1,869**.



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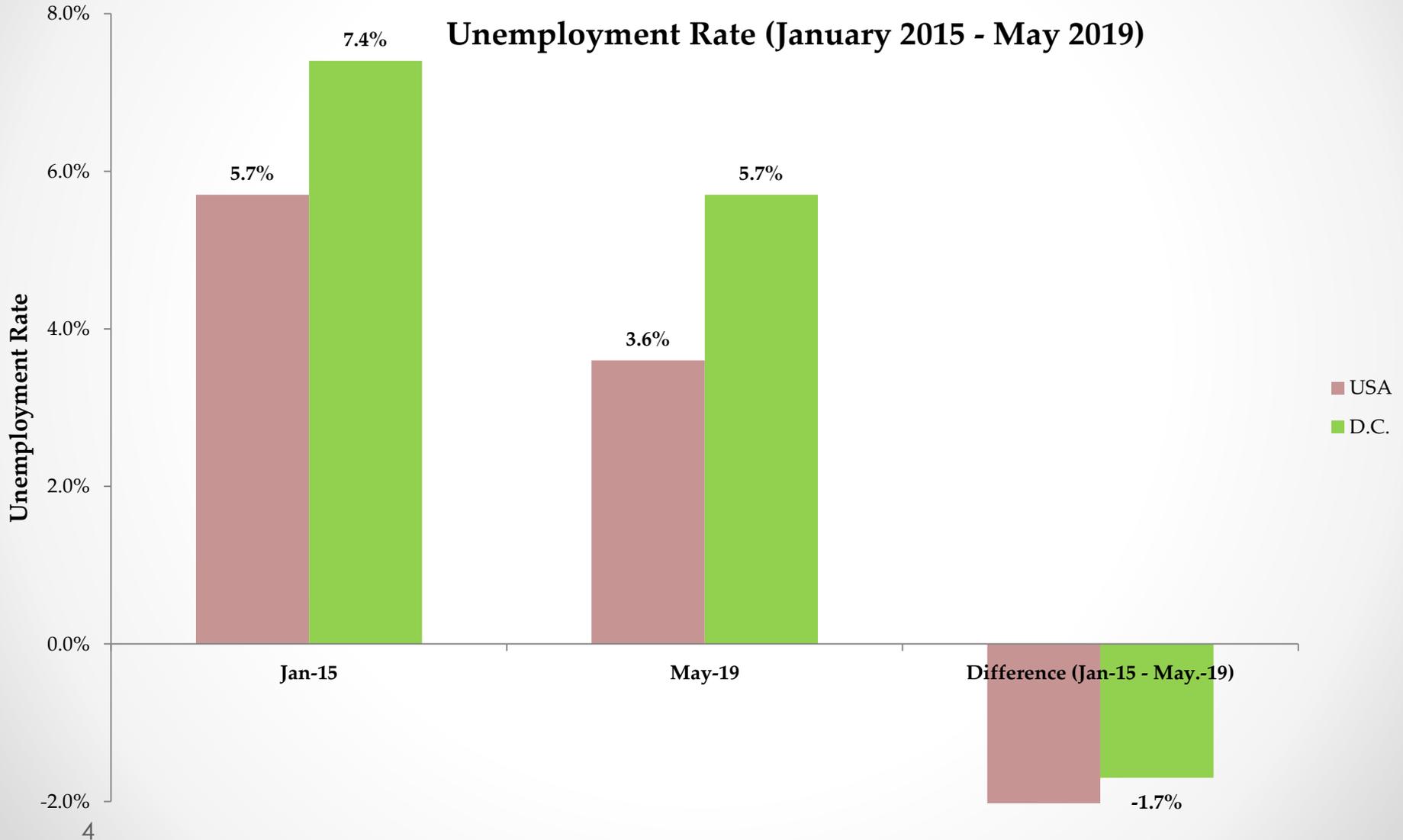
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - May. 2019





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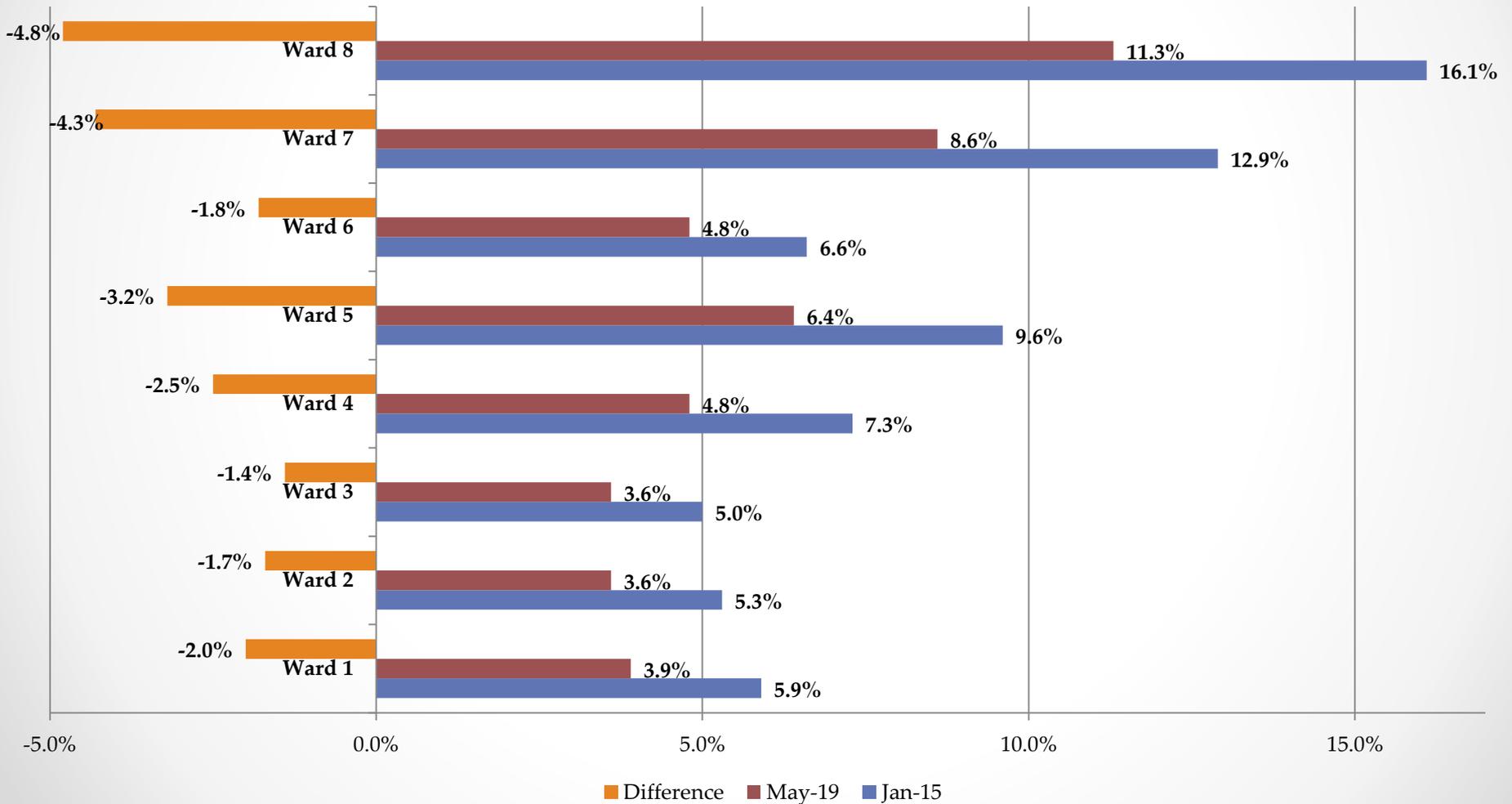




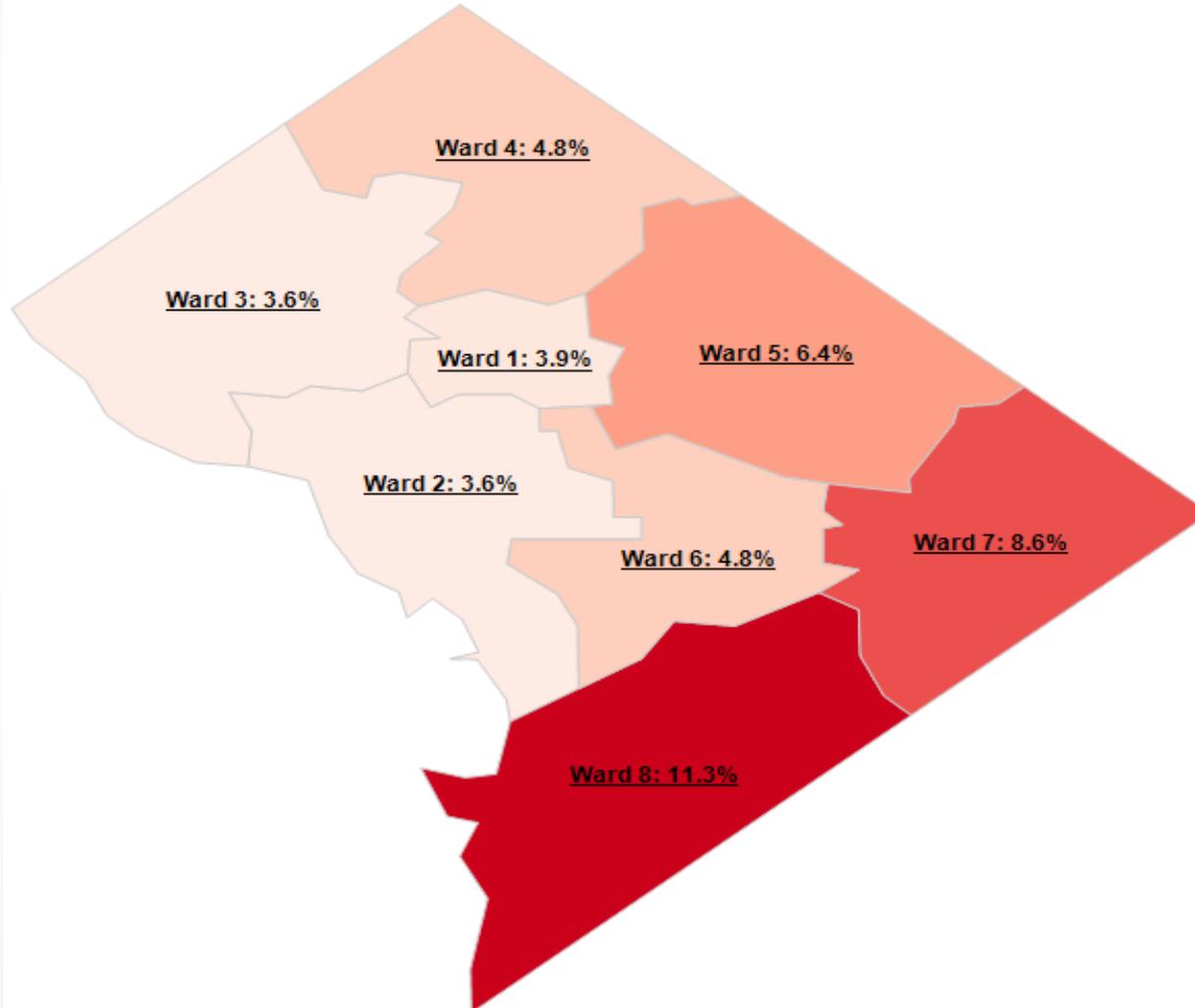
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Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - May 2019)



Unemployment Rate by Ward: May 2019

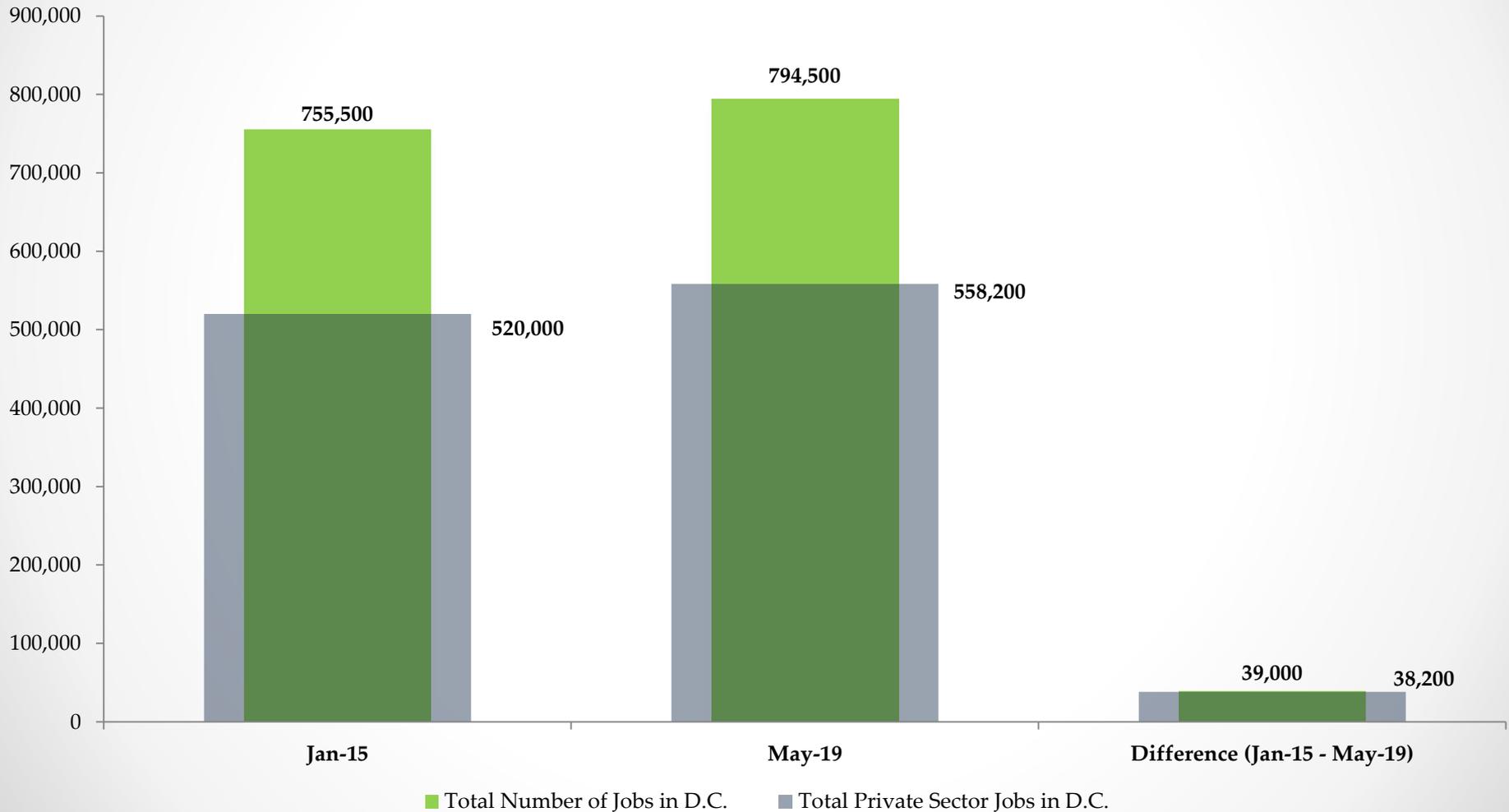




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Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - May. 2019)

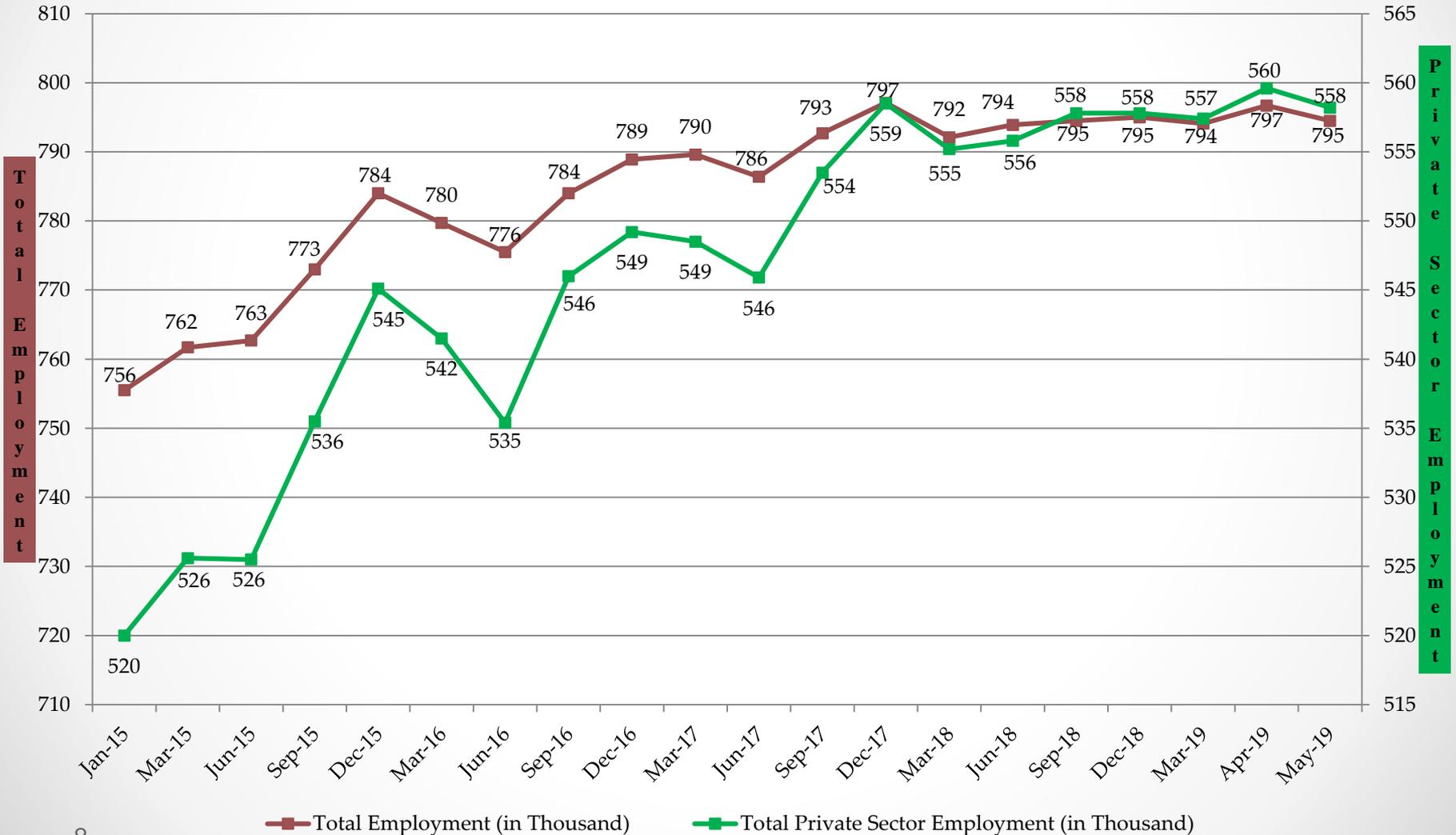




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Total Employment and Private Sector Employment in D.C. (Jan.2015 - May. 2019) (In Thousands)

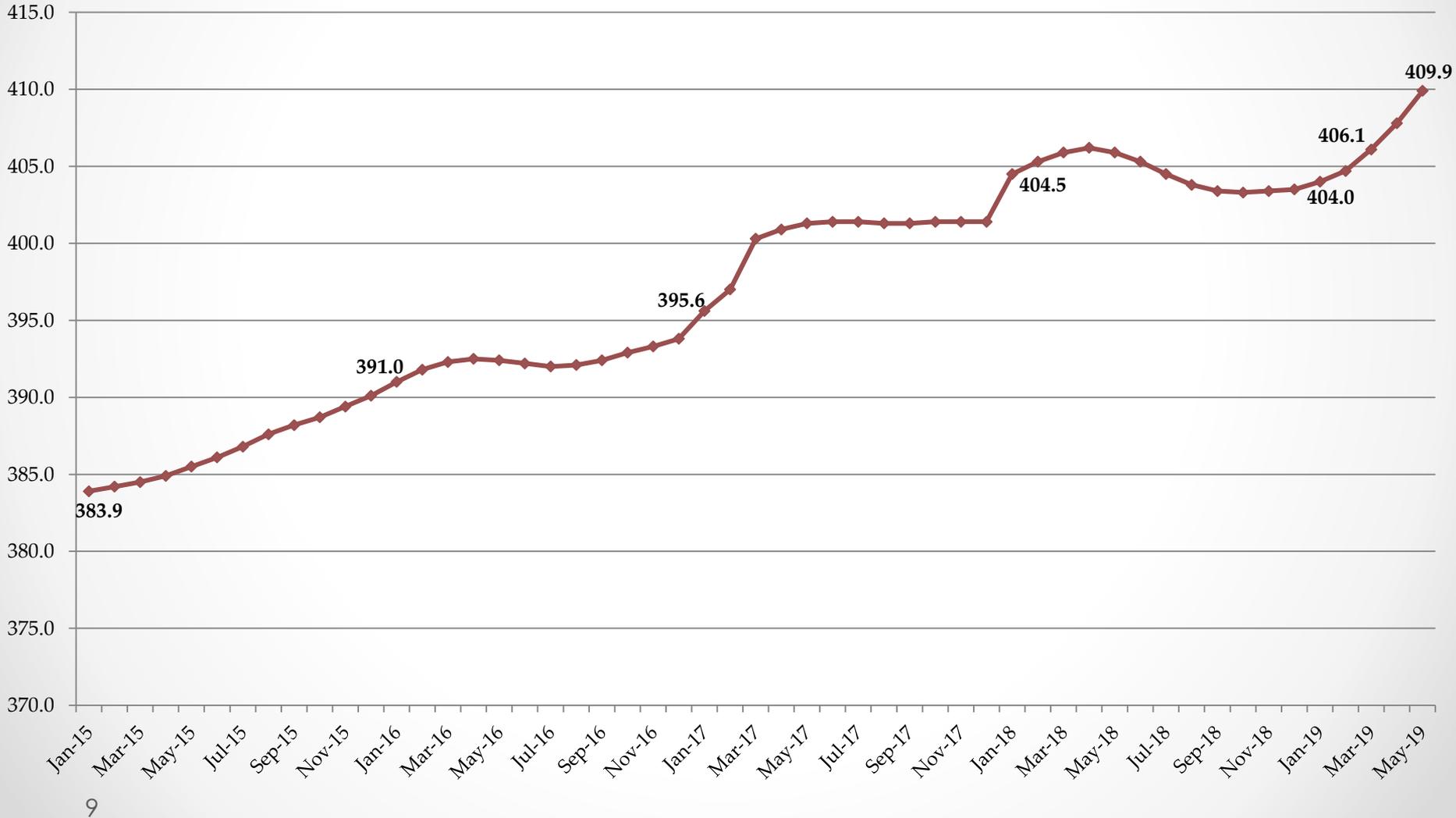




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The District's Labor Force (Jan. 2015 - May. 2019) (In Thousands)





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Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 - May. 2019) (In Thousands)

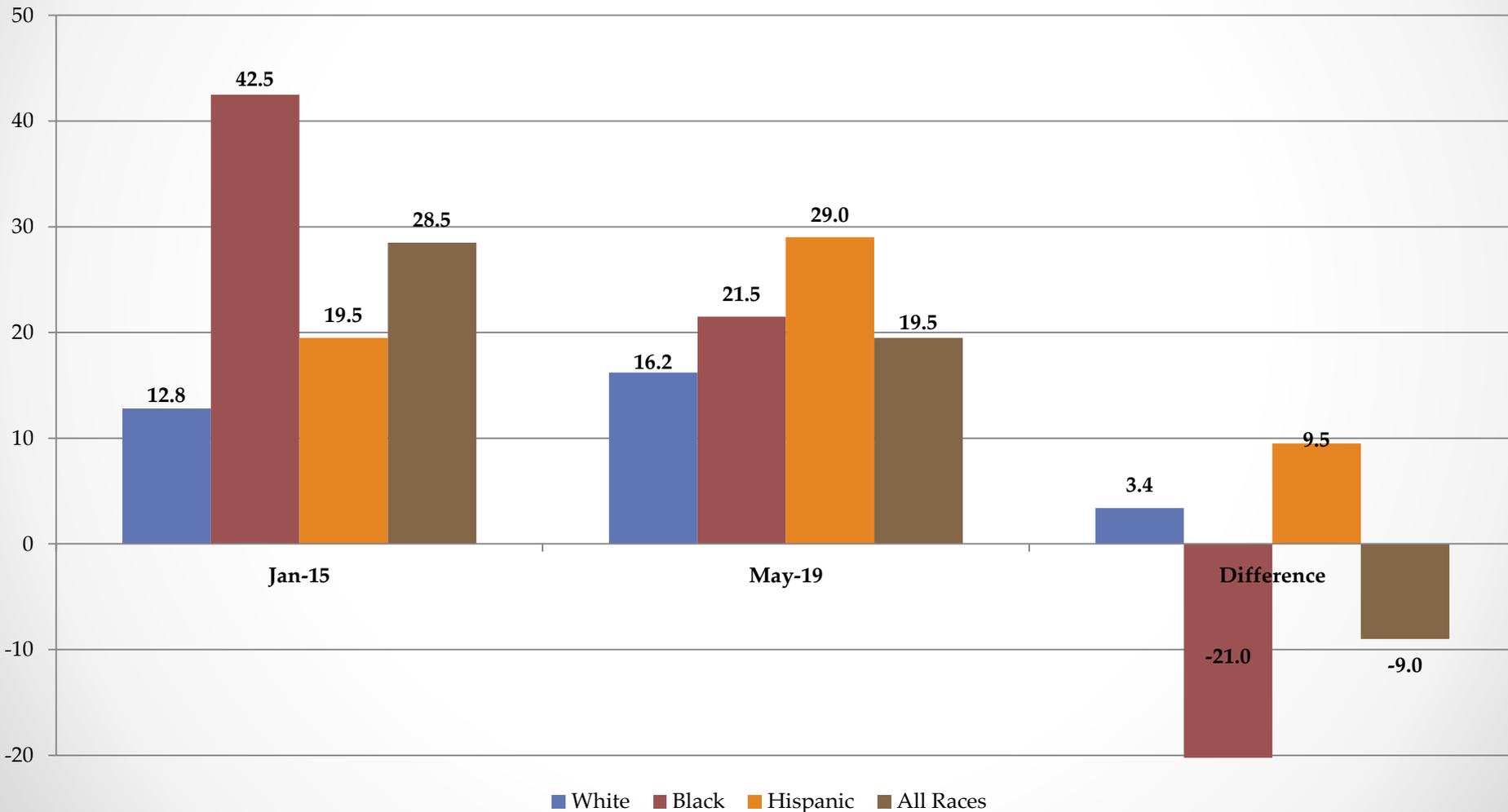




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Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - May. 2019)

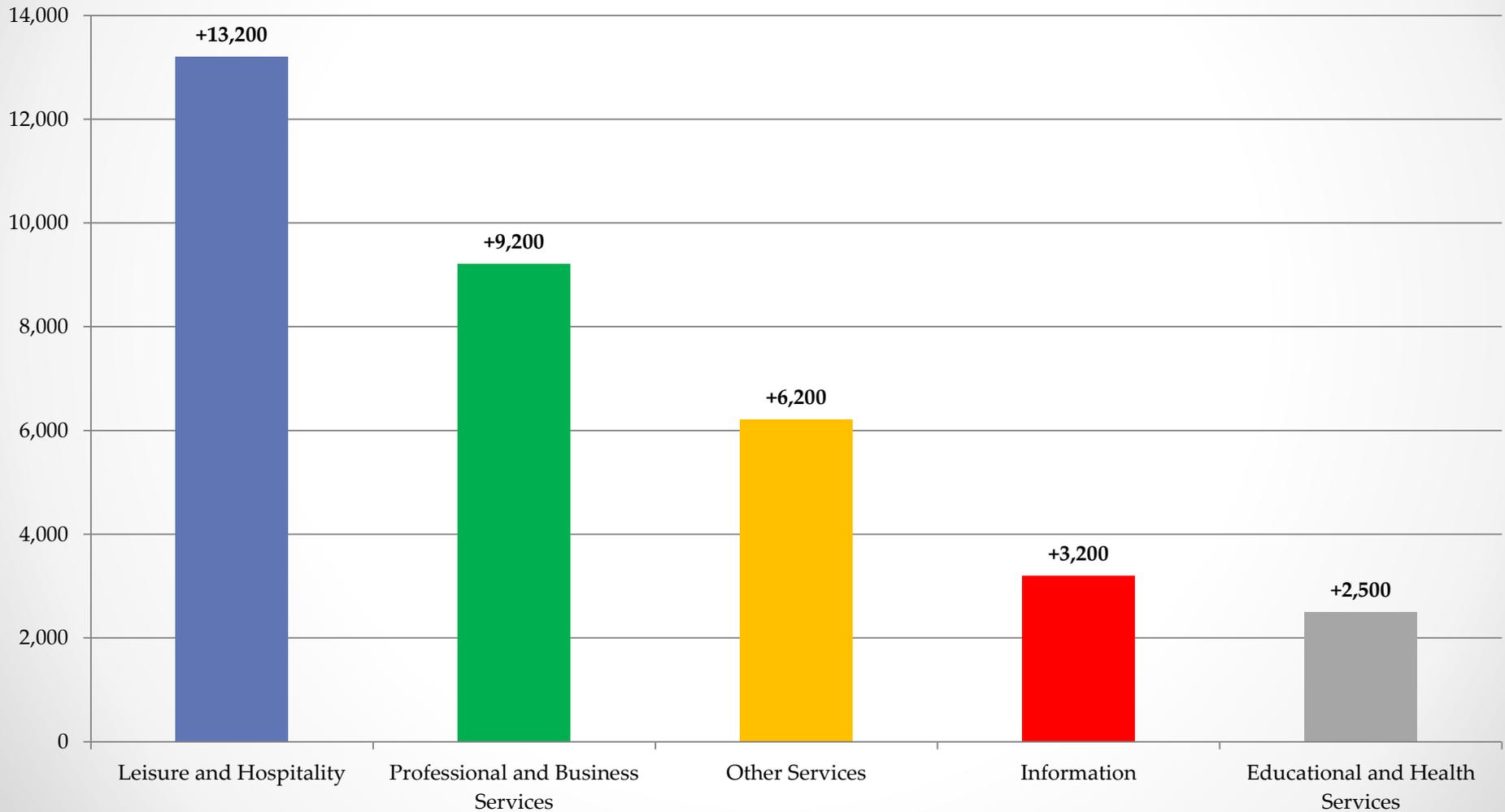




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Top 5 Industry with Highest Employment Increase (Jan.2015 – May. 2019)

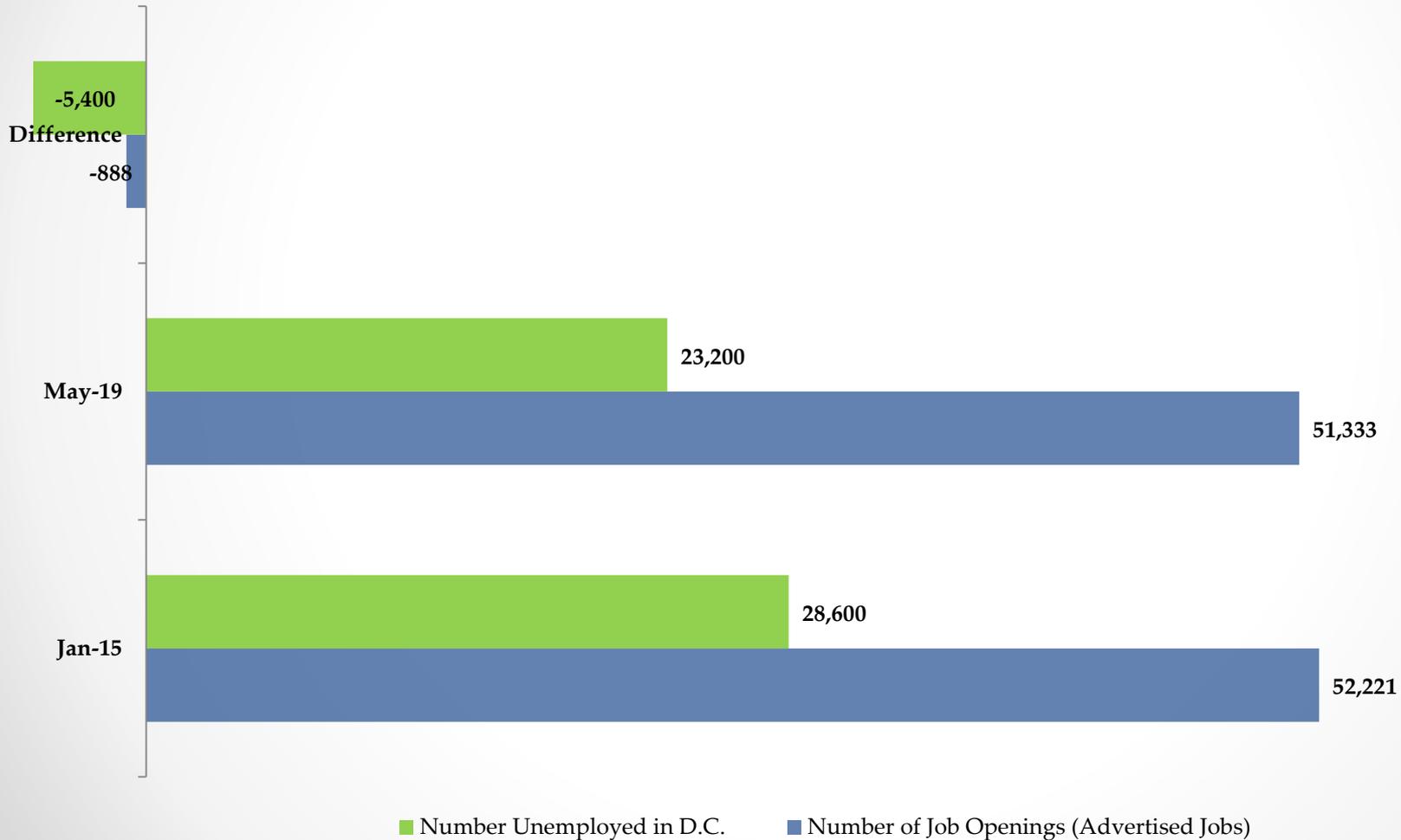




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Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - May. 2019)

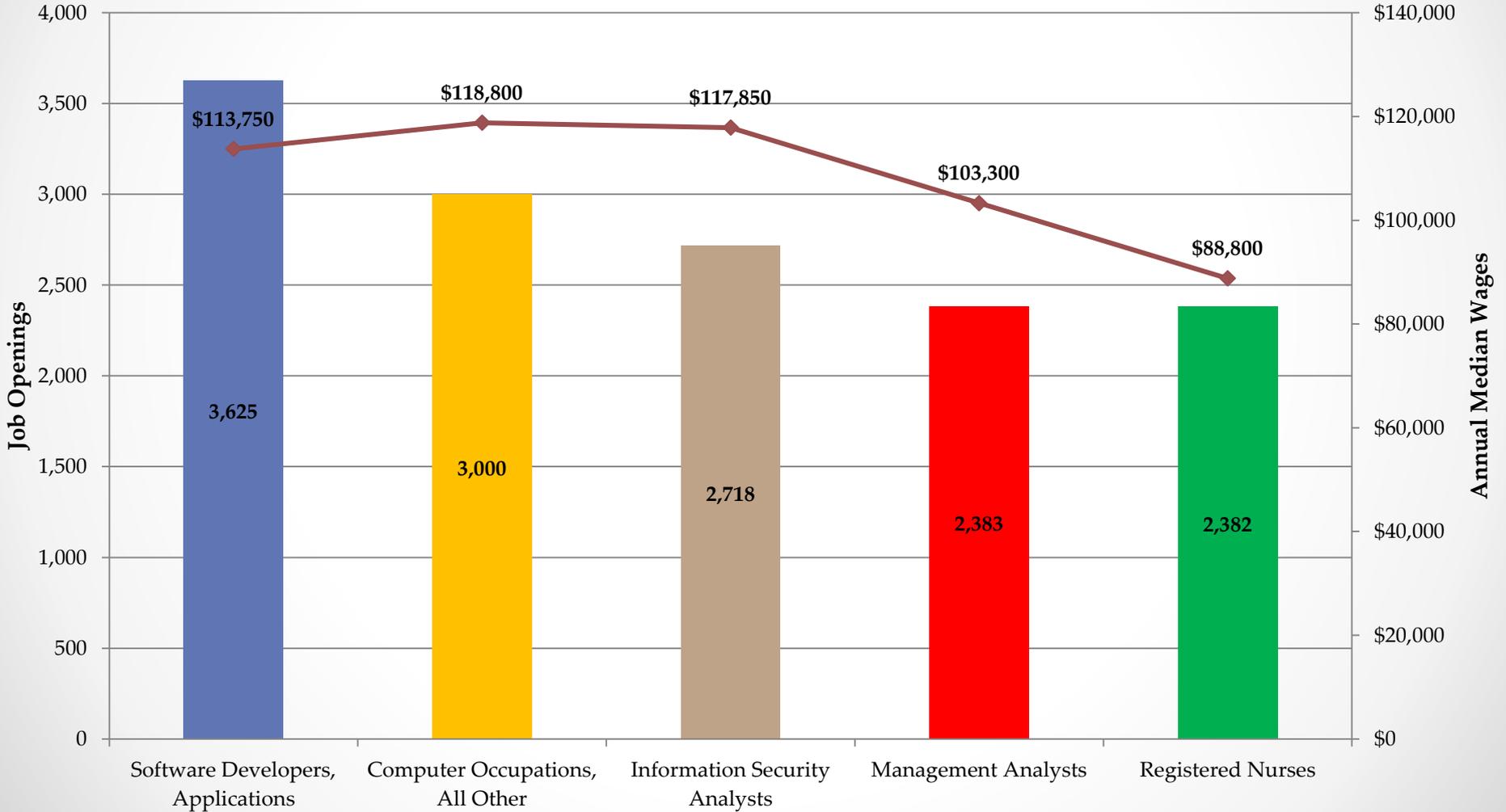




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Top 5 Job Openings: January 2017 - May 2019 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

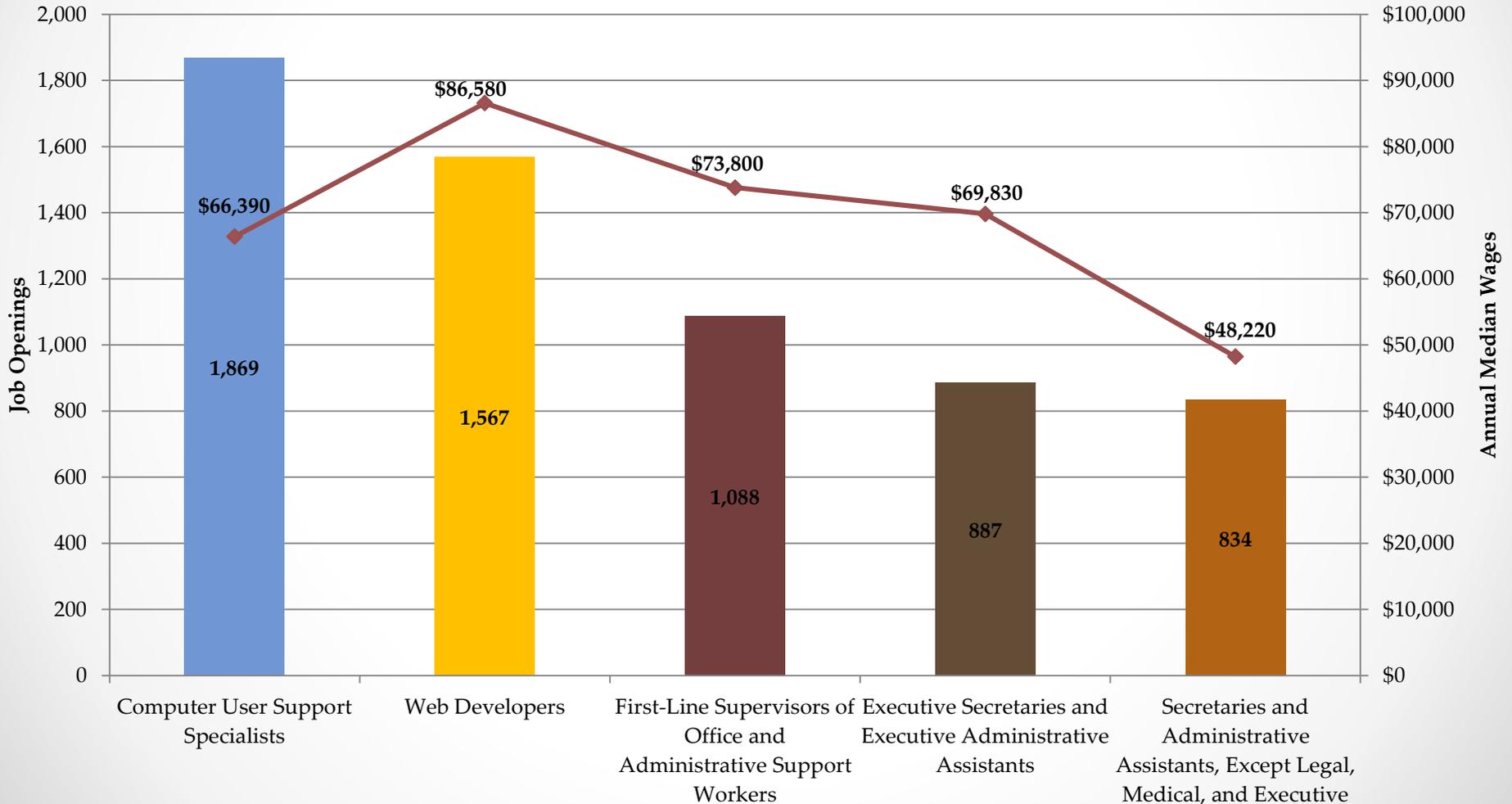




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Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2017 - May 2019 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)





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