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D.C. Labor Market Indicators: January 2015 - May 2021

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Highlights

- From January 2015 to May 2021:

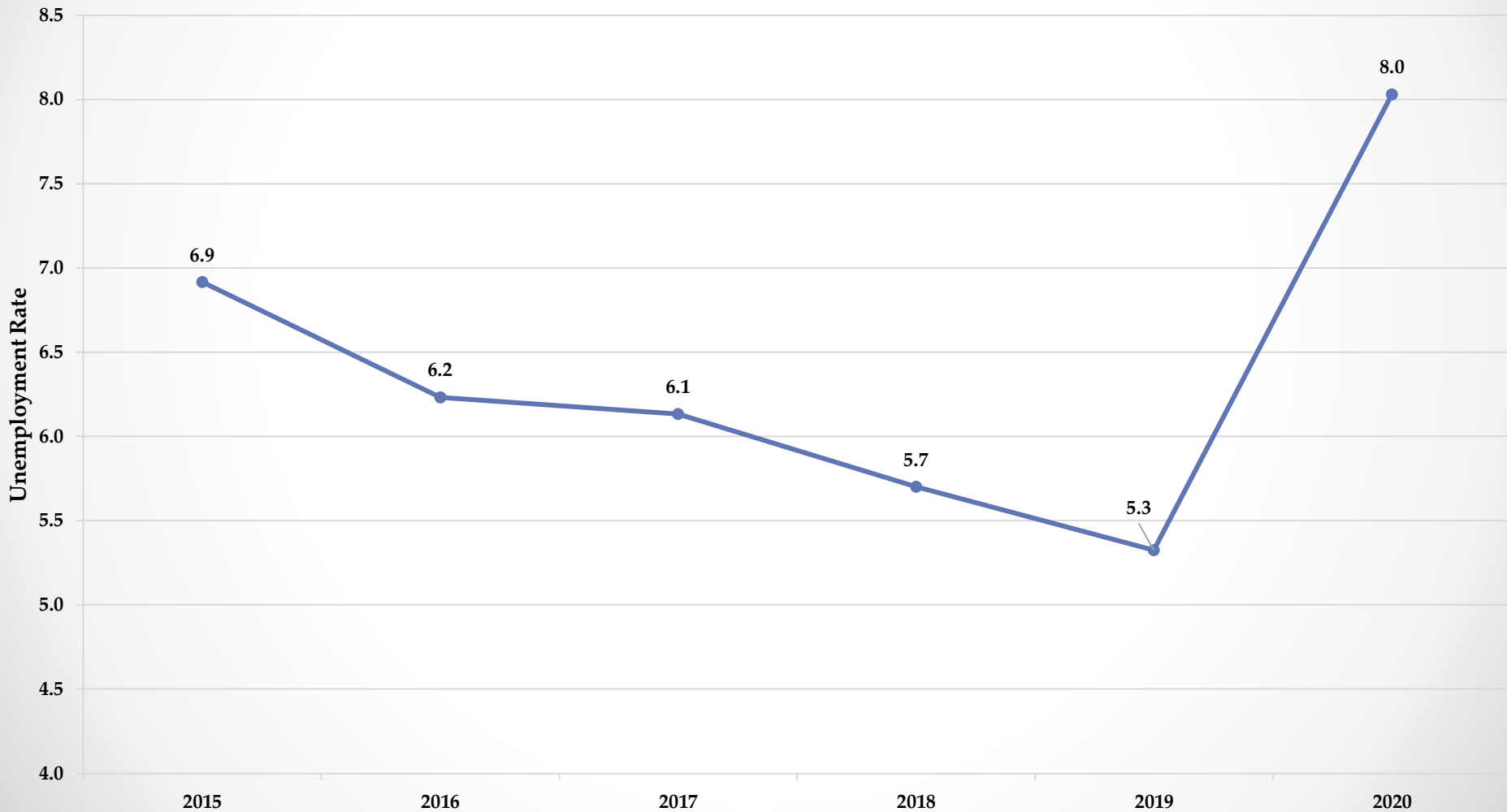
- ❖ The unemployment rate in DC decreased by **-0.2** percentage points (or **2.7%** decrease);
- ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by **-1.5** percentage points (**-11.6%** decrease) and decreased by **-1.2** percentage points (**-7.5%** decrease) respectively;
- ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by **18,800**;
- ❖ Total number of jobs in DC decreased by **8,500**;
- ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants increased by **269%**;
- ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents increased by **800** people;
- ❖ In DC there are **1.5** jobs available (advertised) for **1** unemployed DC resident;
- ❖ The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by **19.1** weeks;
- ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District decreased by **-13,200** jobs or **-2.58%** decrease from January 2015;
- ❖ Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase by industry with **8,100** since January 2015;
- ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers and Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers with an average monthly opening of **5,473**;
- ❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor's degree is Computer User Support Specialists with an average monthly opening of **2,161**.



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DC Annual Average Unemployment Rate (2015-2020)

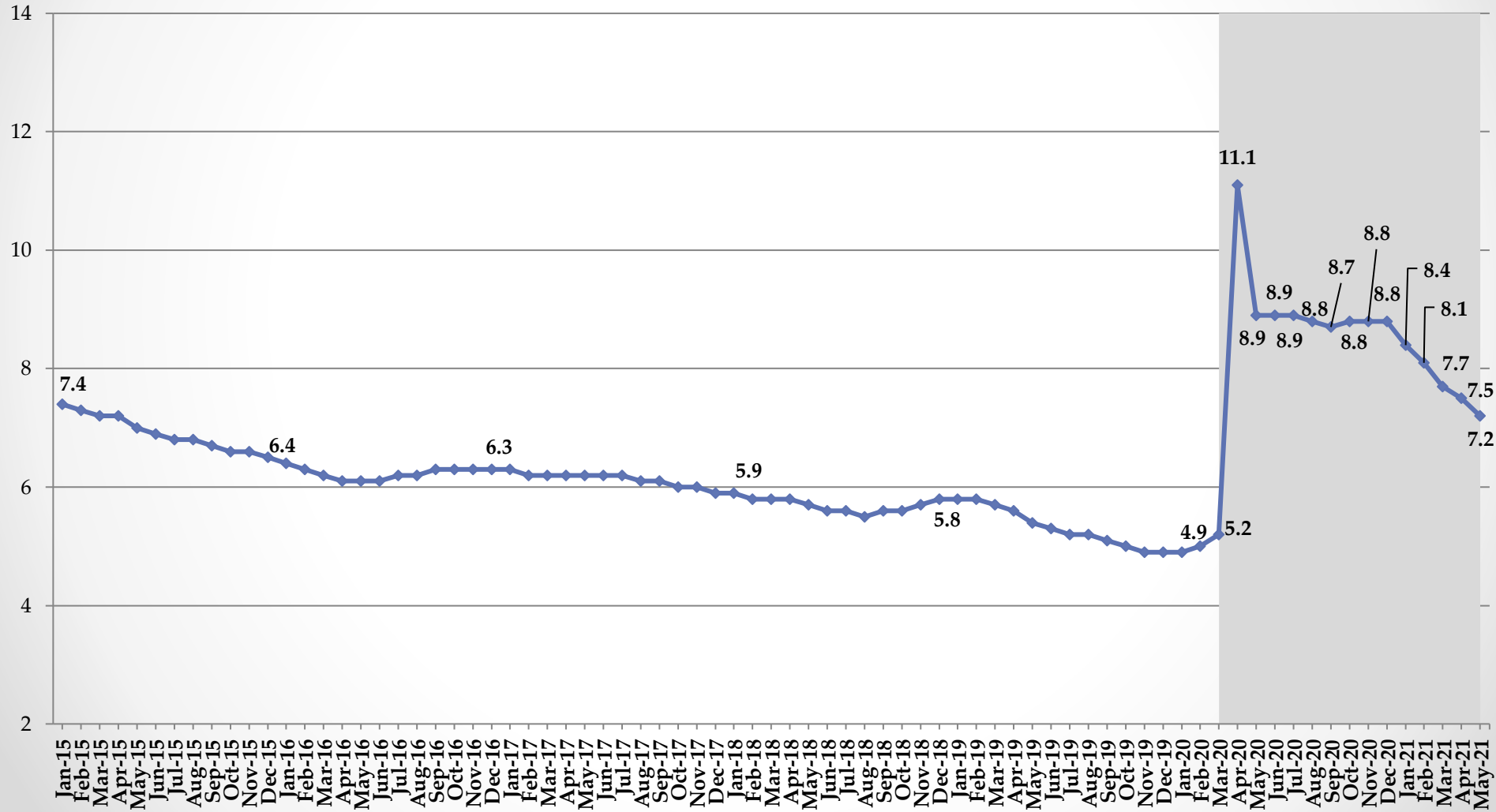




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The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - May. 2021

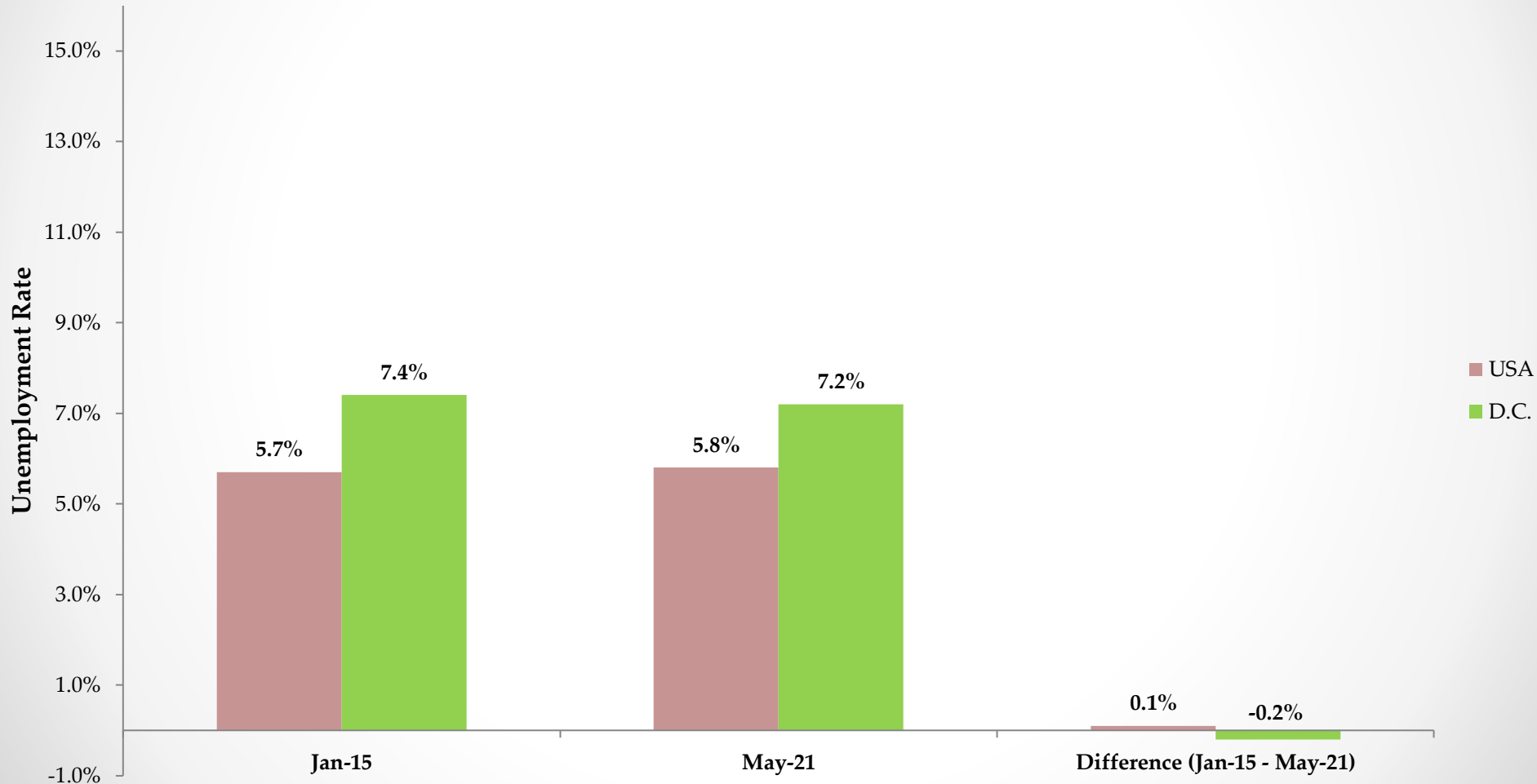




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Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - May 2021)

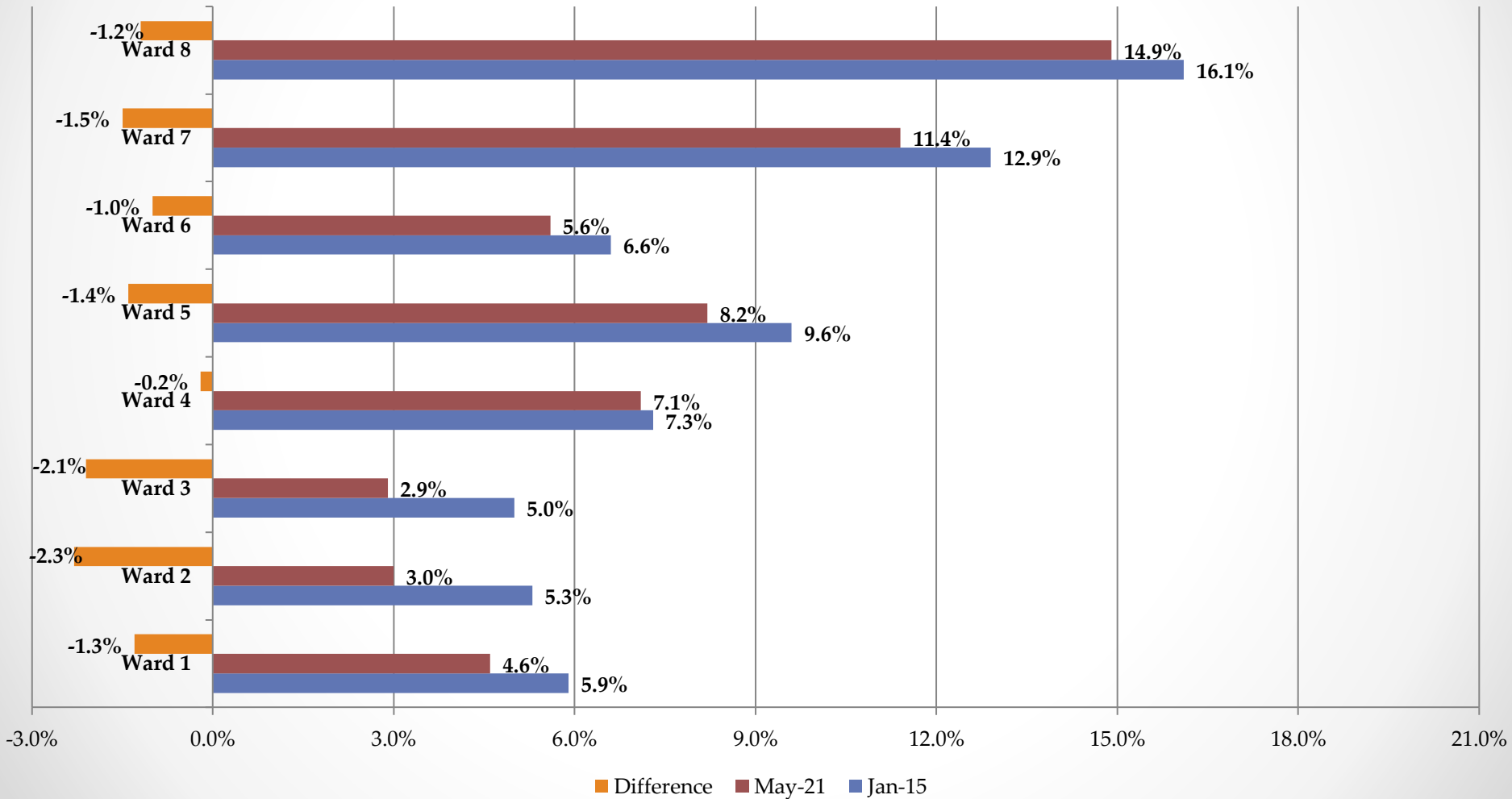




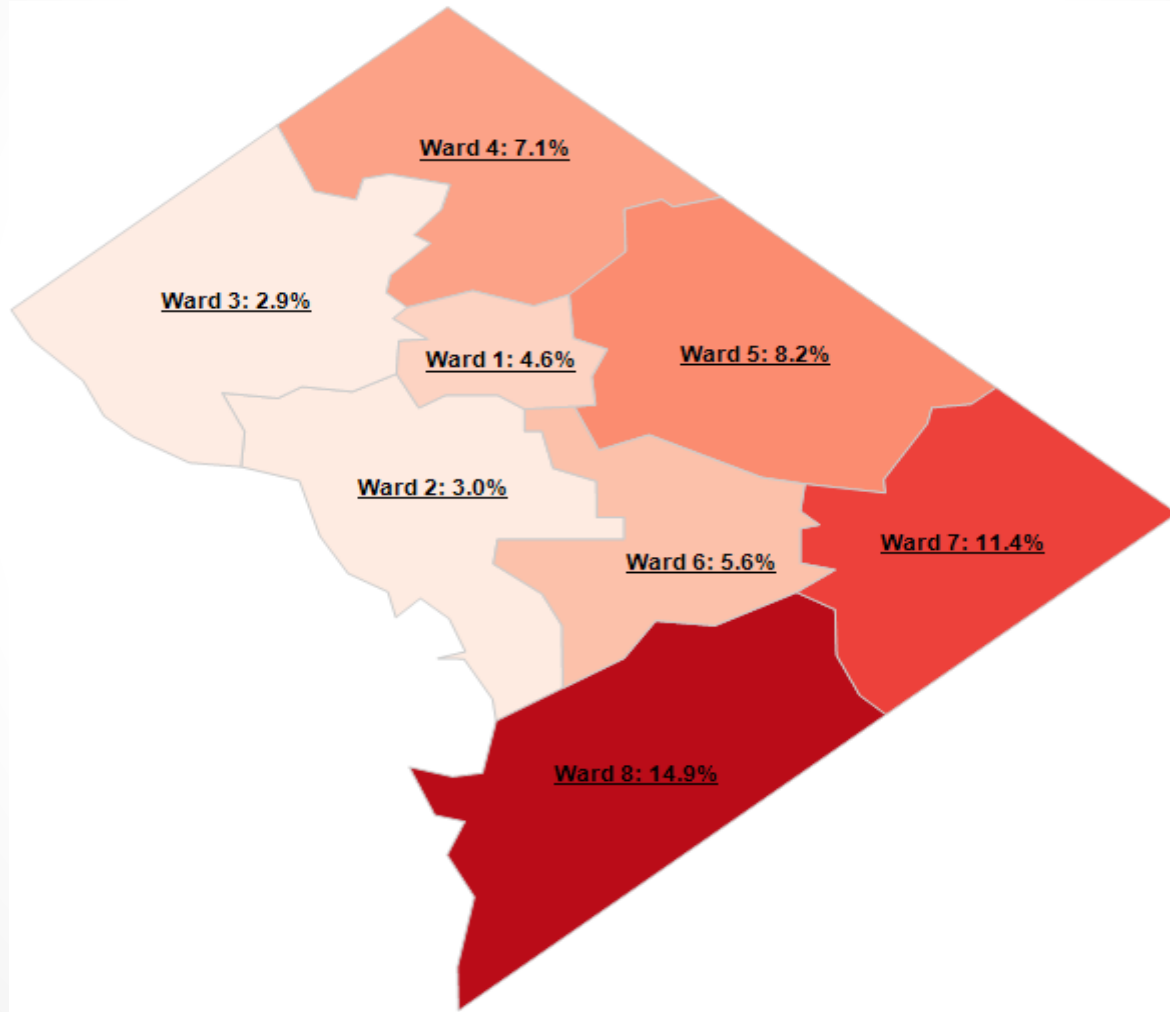
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Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - May 2021)



Unemployment Rate by Ward: May 2021

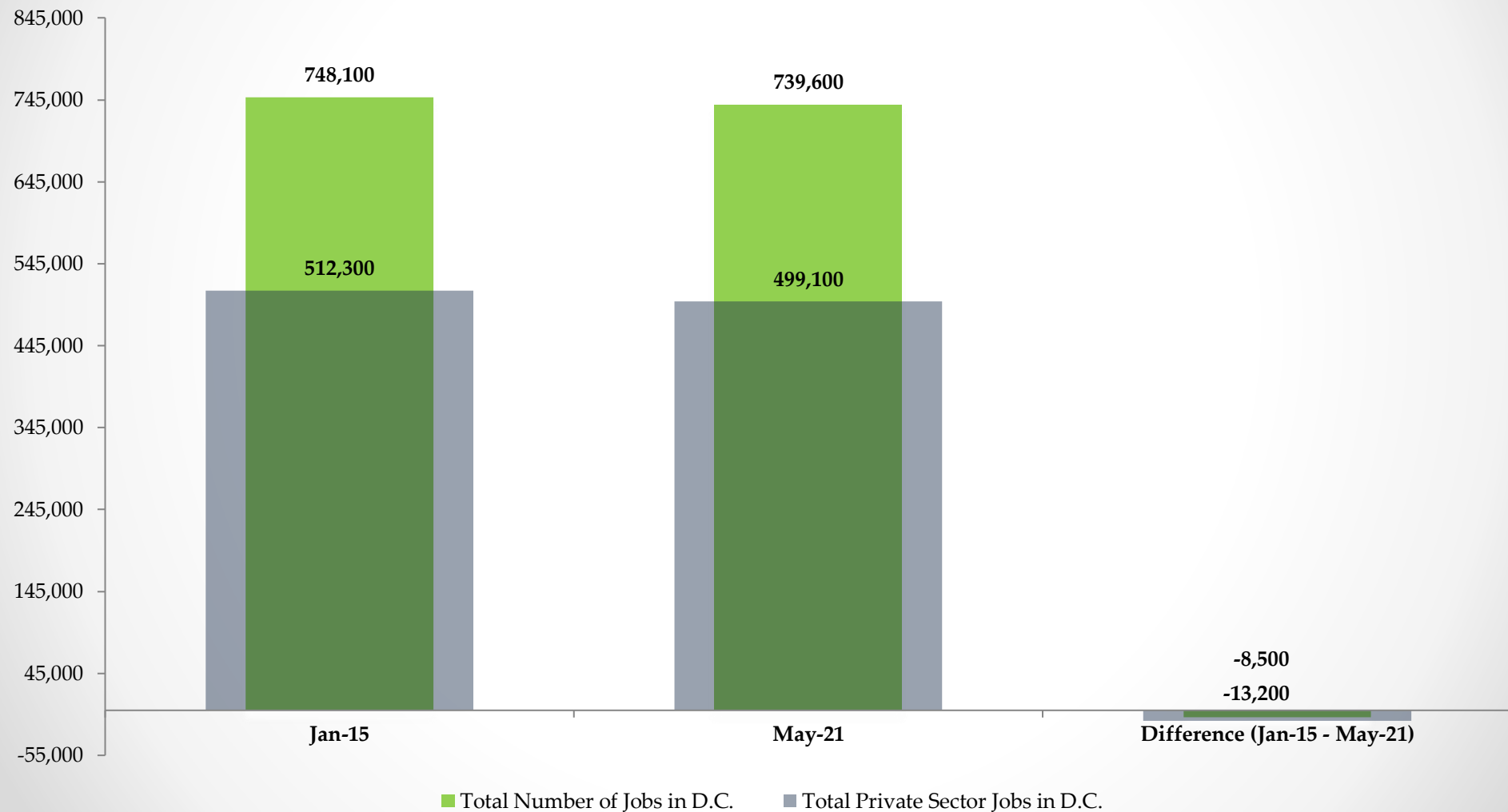




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Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - May. 2021)

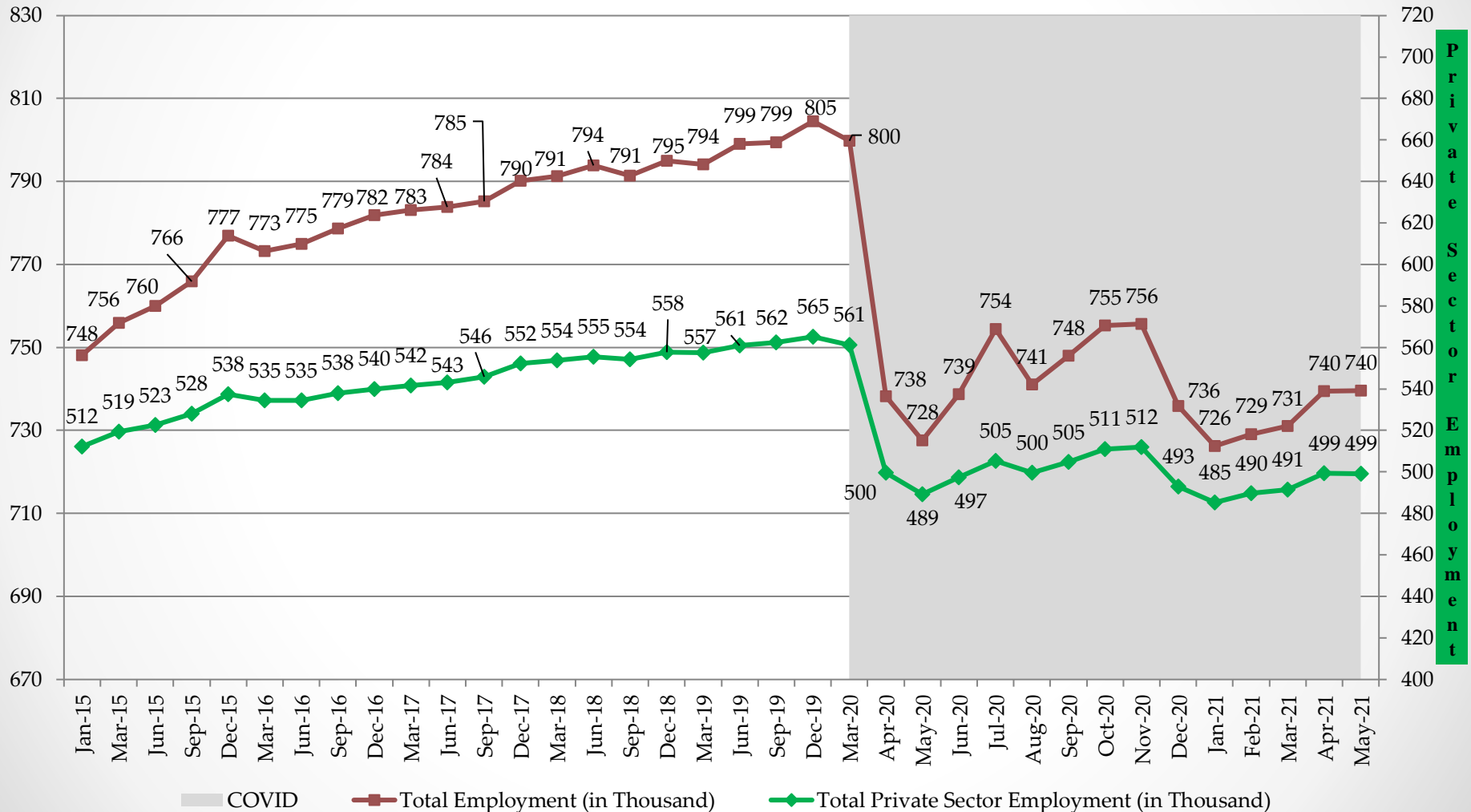




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Total Employment and Private Sector Employment in D.C. (Jan.2015 - May. 2021 (In Thousands))

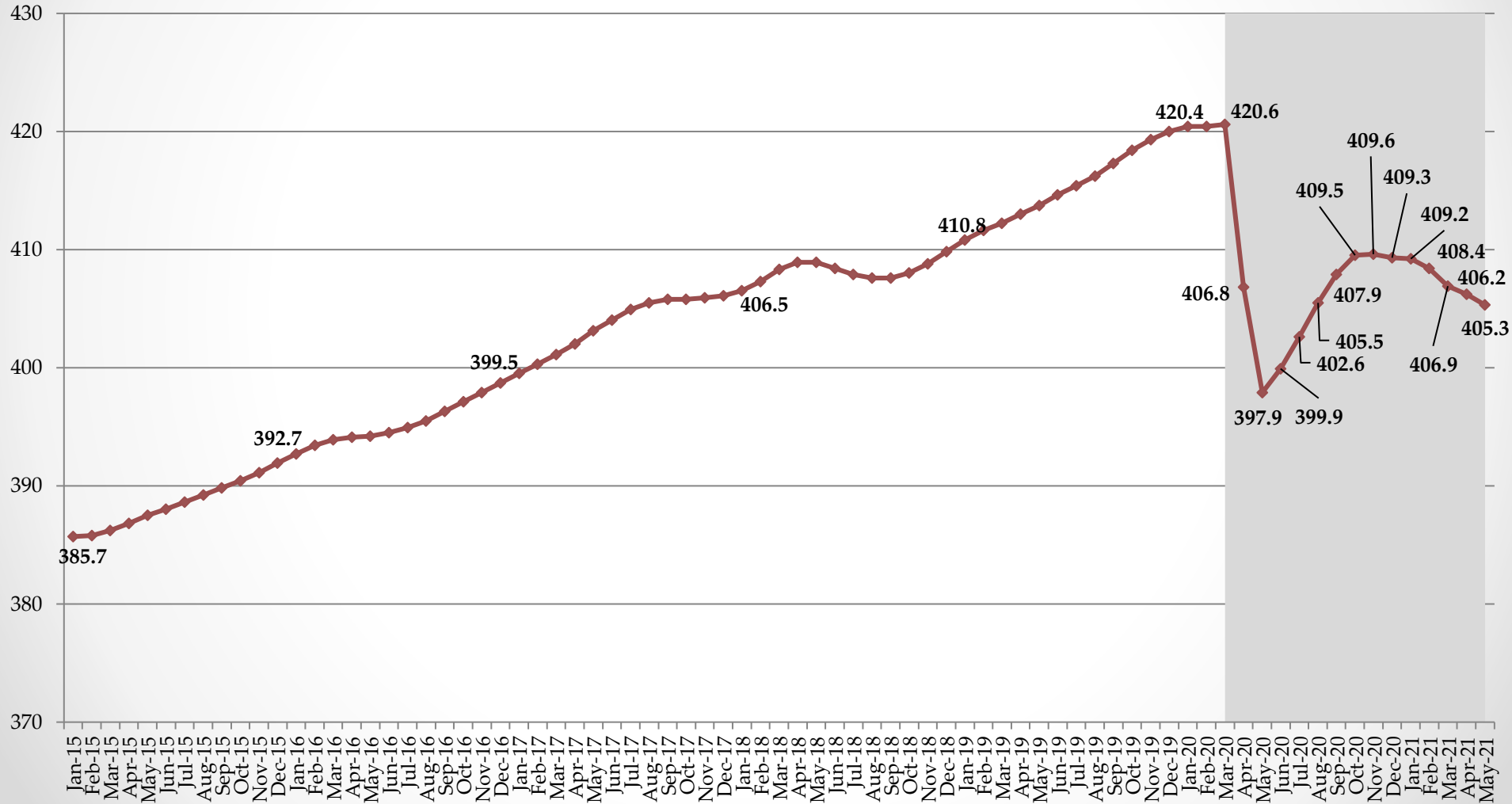




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The District's Labor Force (Jan. 2015 - May. 2021) (In Thousands)

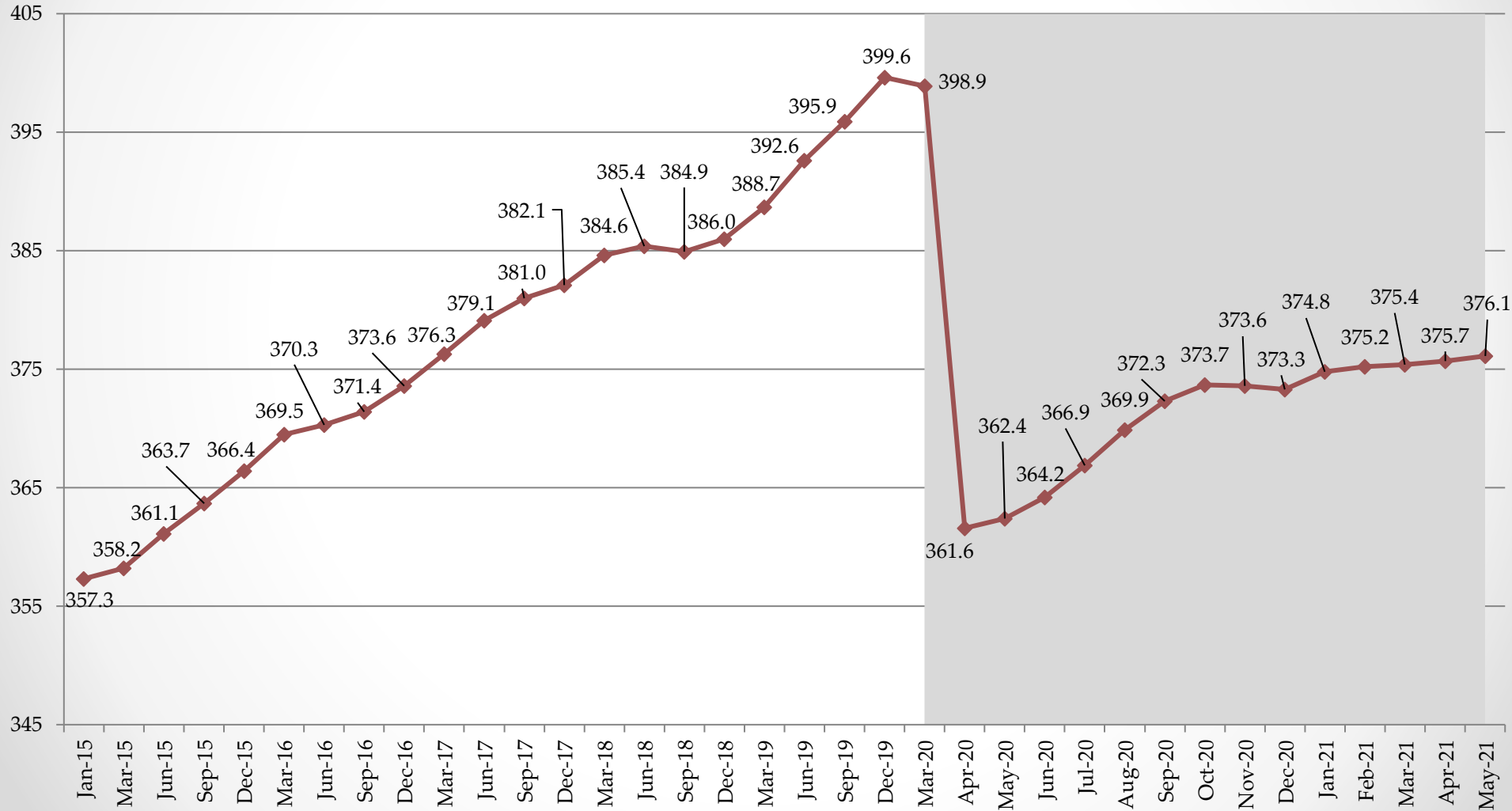




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Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 - May. 2021) (In Thousands)

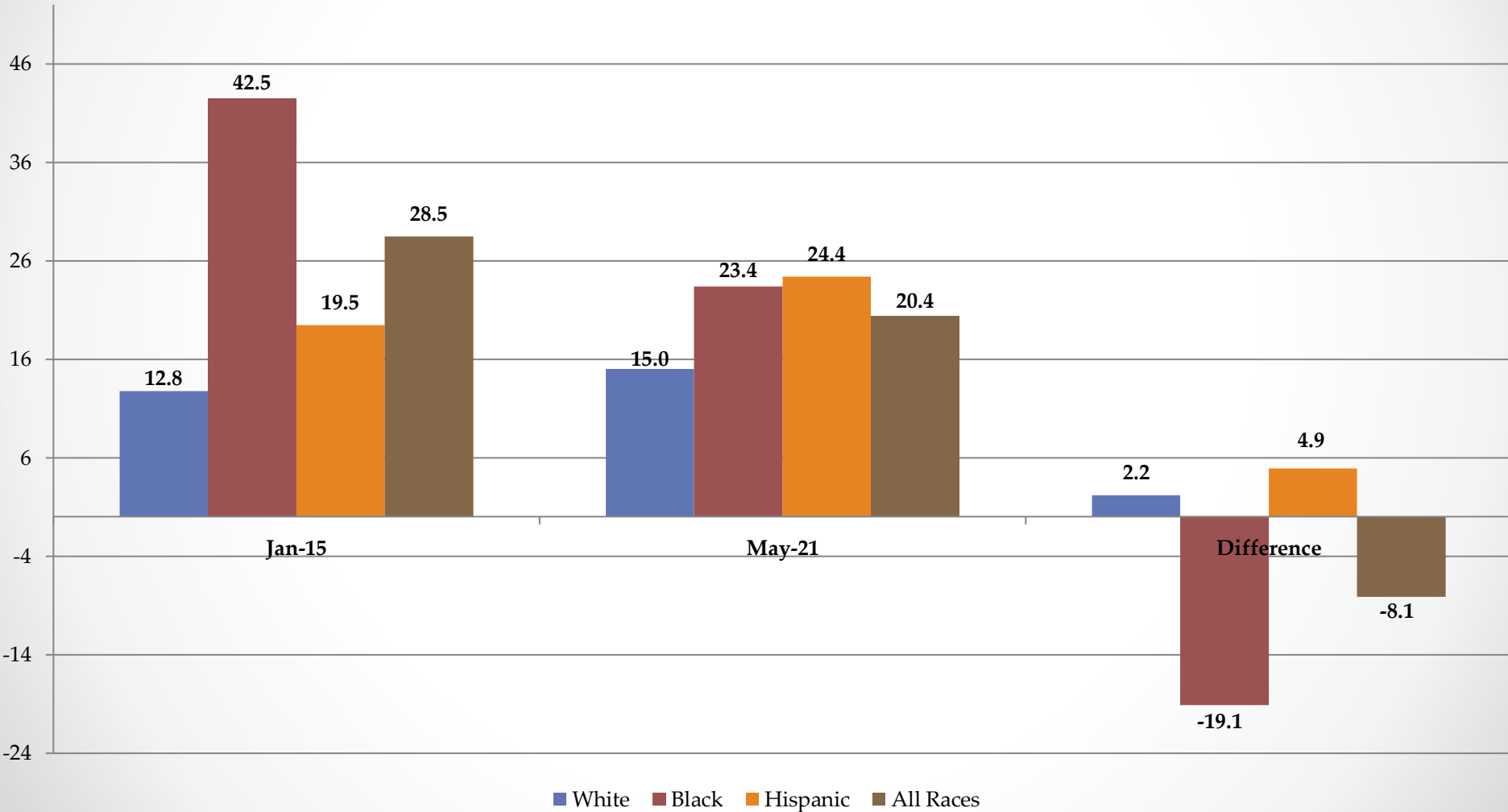




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Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - May 2021)

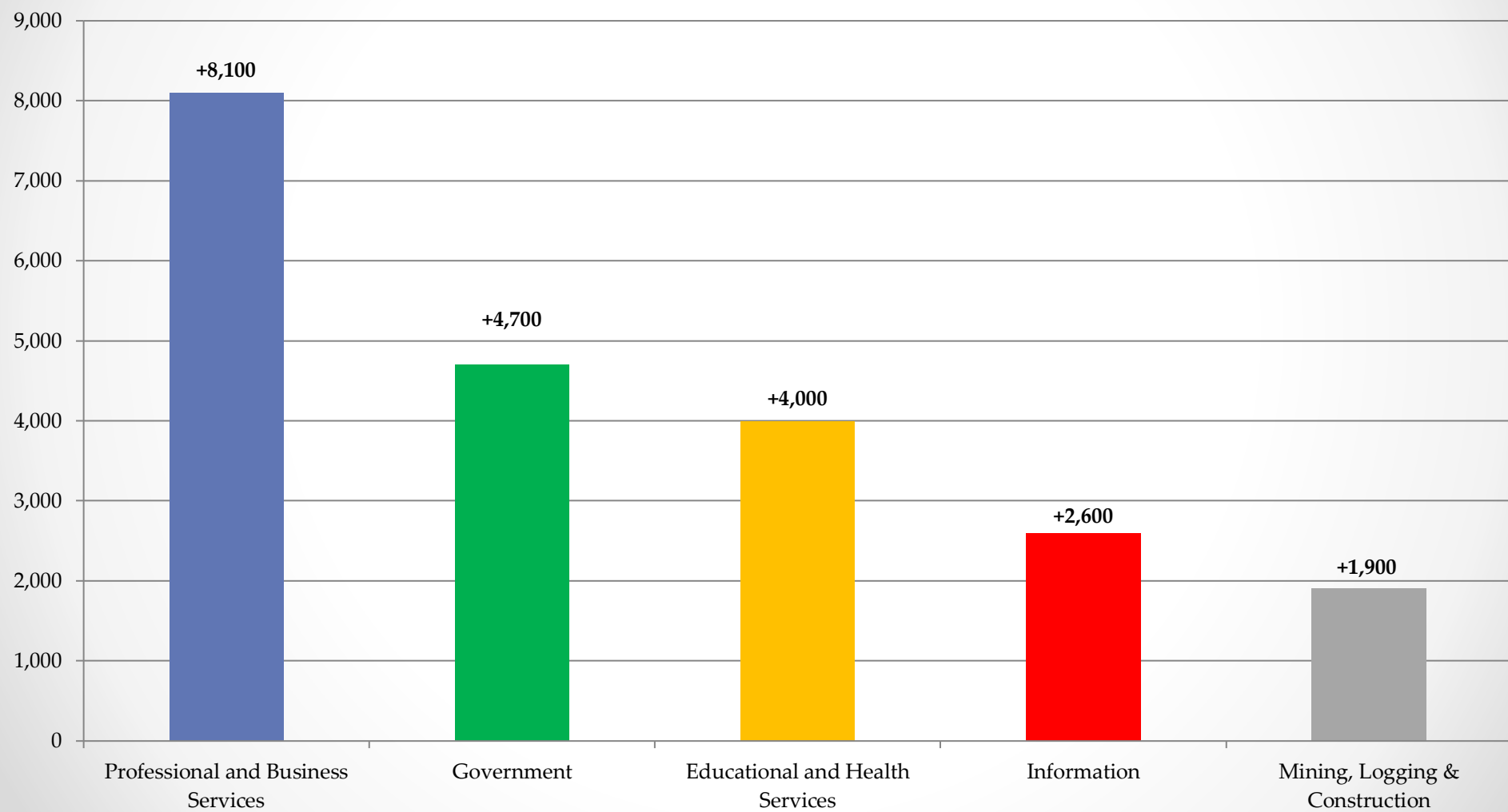




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Top 5 Industry with Highest Employment Increase (Jan.2015 – May 2021)

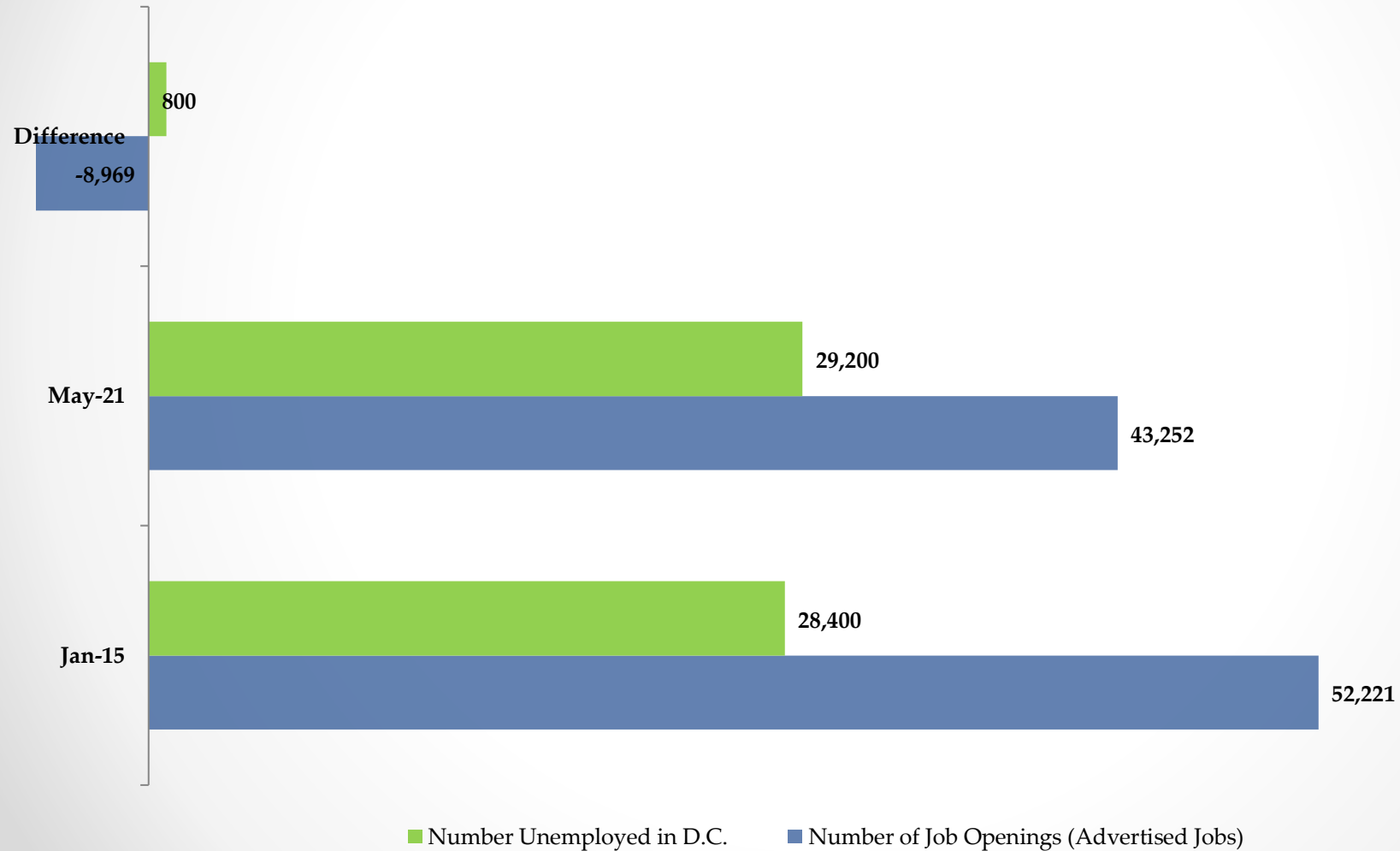




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Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - May 2021)

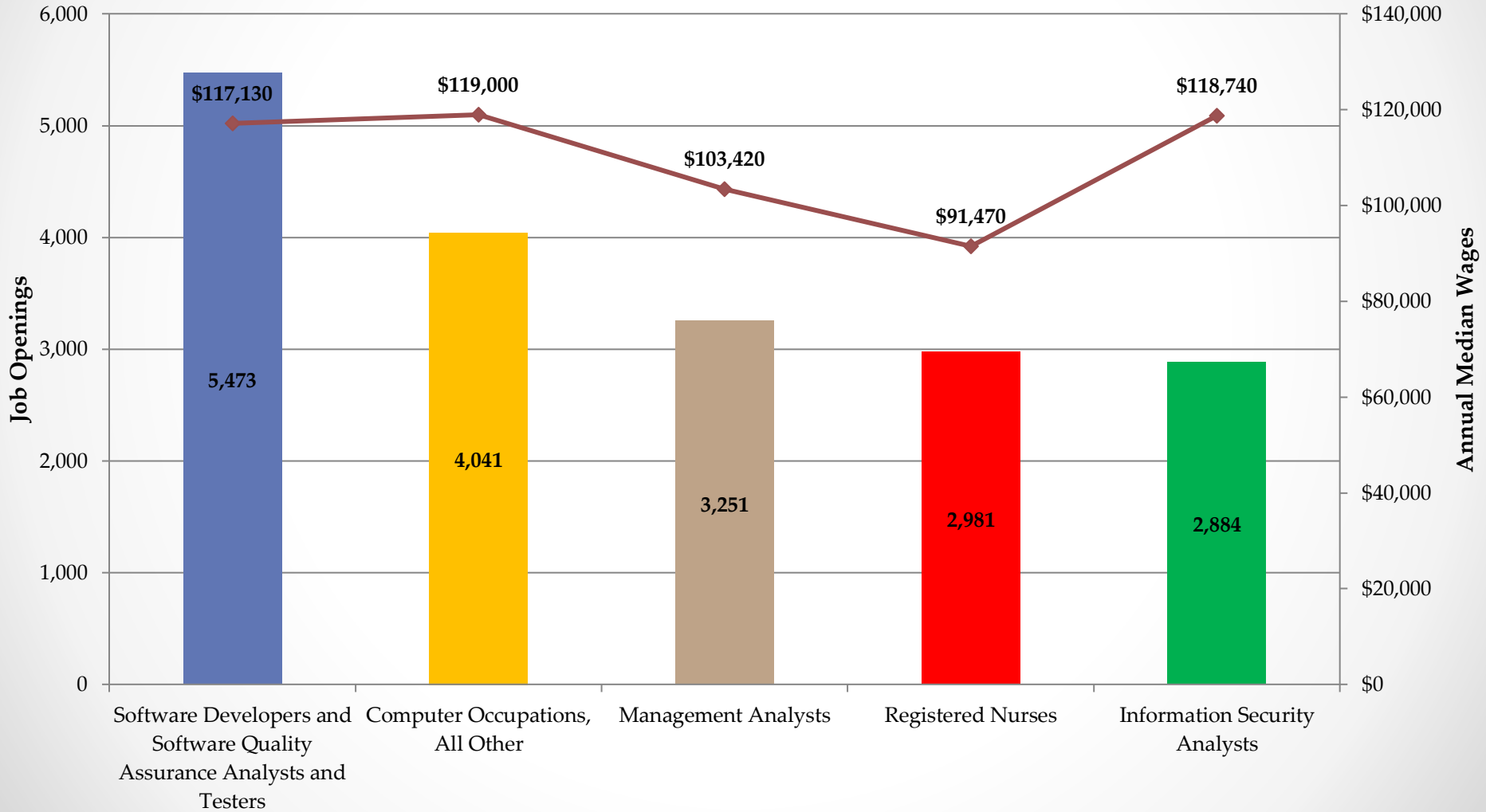




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Top 5 Job Openings: January 2018 - May 2021 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

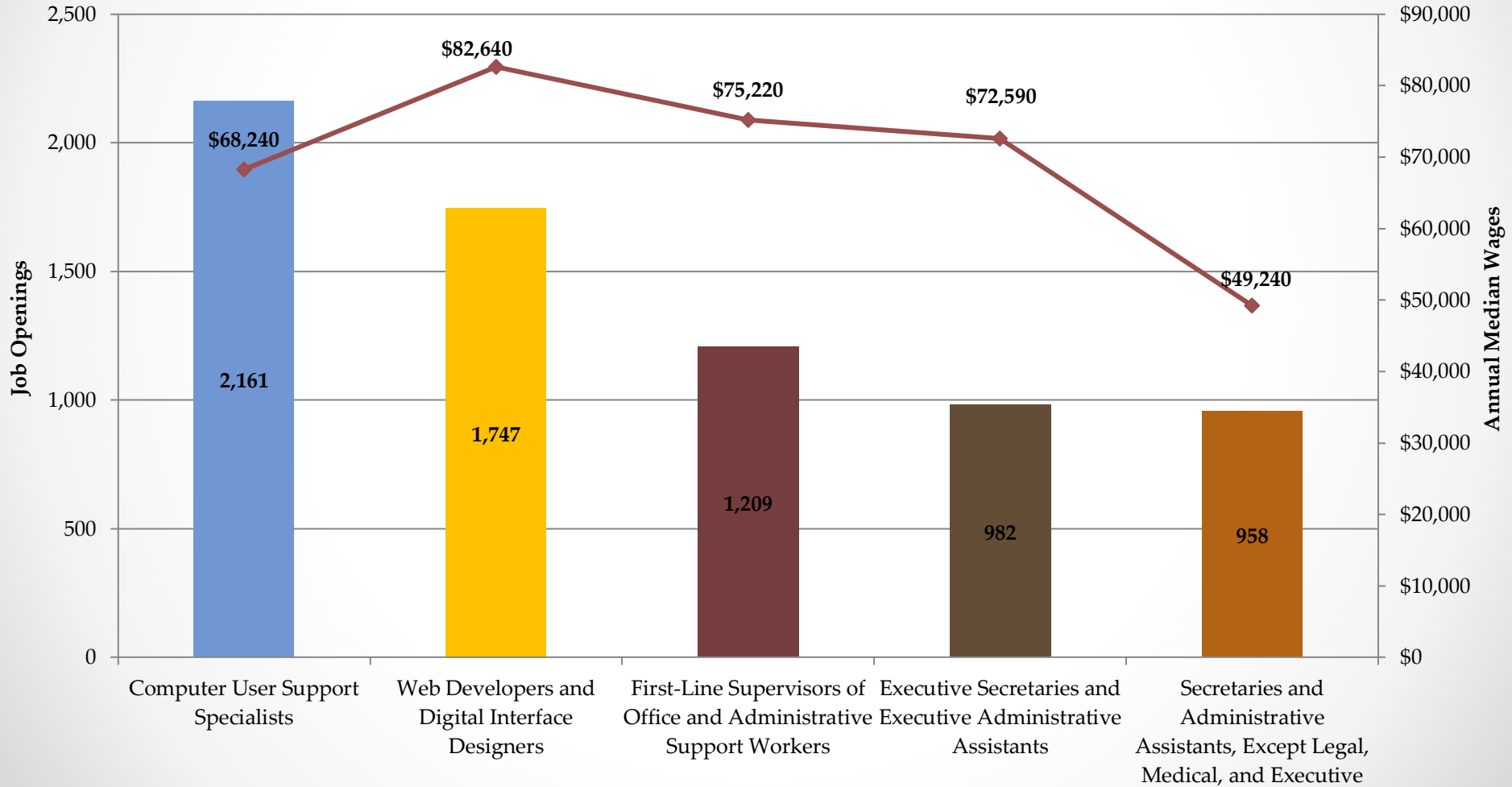




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Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2018 - May 2021 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)





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