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# D.C. Labor Market Indicators: January 2015 - November 2020

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## Highlights

- From January 2015 to November 2020:

- ❖ The unemployment rate in DC increased by **0.1** percentage points (or **1.4%** increase);
- ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by **0.1** percentage points (**0.8%** decrease) and increased by **0.6** percentage points (**3.7%** increase) respectively;
- ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by **10,600**;
- ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by **8,300**;
- ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants increased by **190%**;
- ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents increased by **1,400** people;
- ❖ In DC there are **1.1** jobs available (advertised) for **1** unemployed DC resident;
- ❖ The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by **23.7** weeks;
- ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by **500** jobs or **-0.10%** increase from January 2015;
- ❖ Government has the highest employment increase by industry with **7,800** since **January 2015**;
- ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers and Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers with an average monthly opening of **4,983**;
- ❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor's degree is Computer User Support Specialists with an average monthly opening of **2,064**.

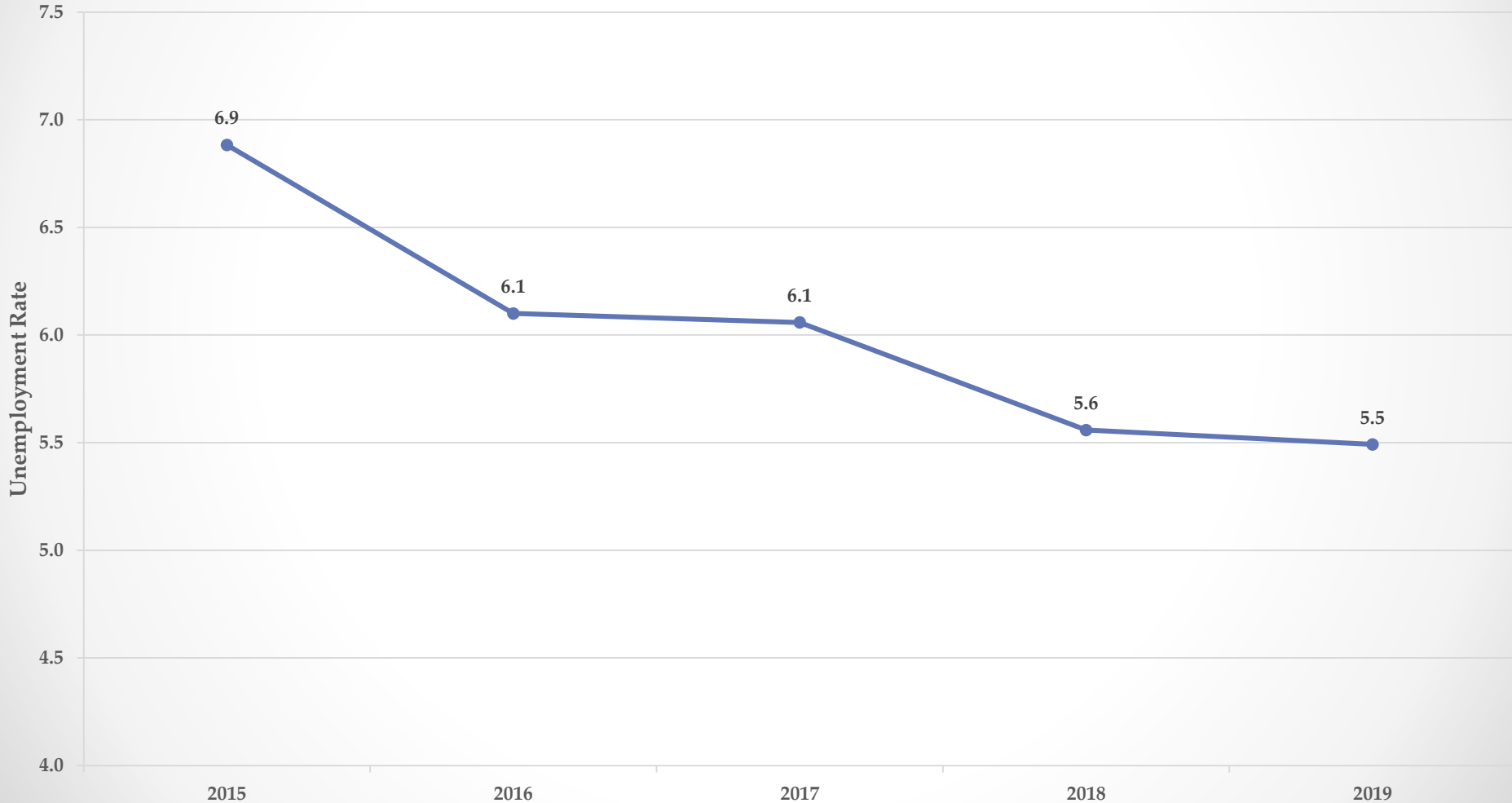


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DC Annual Average Unemployment Rate (2015-2019)

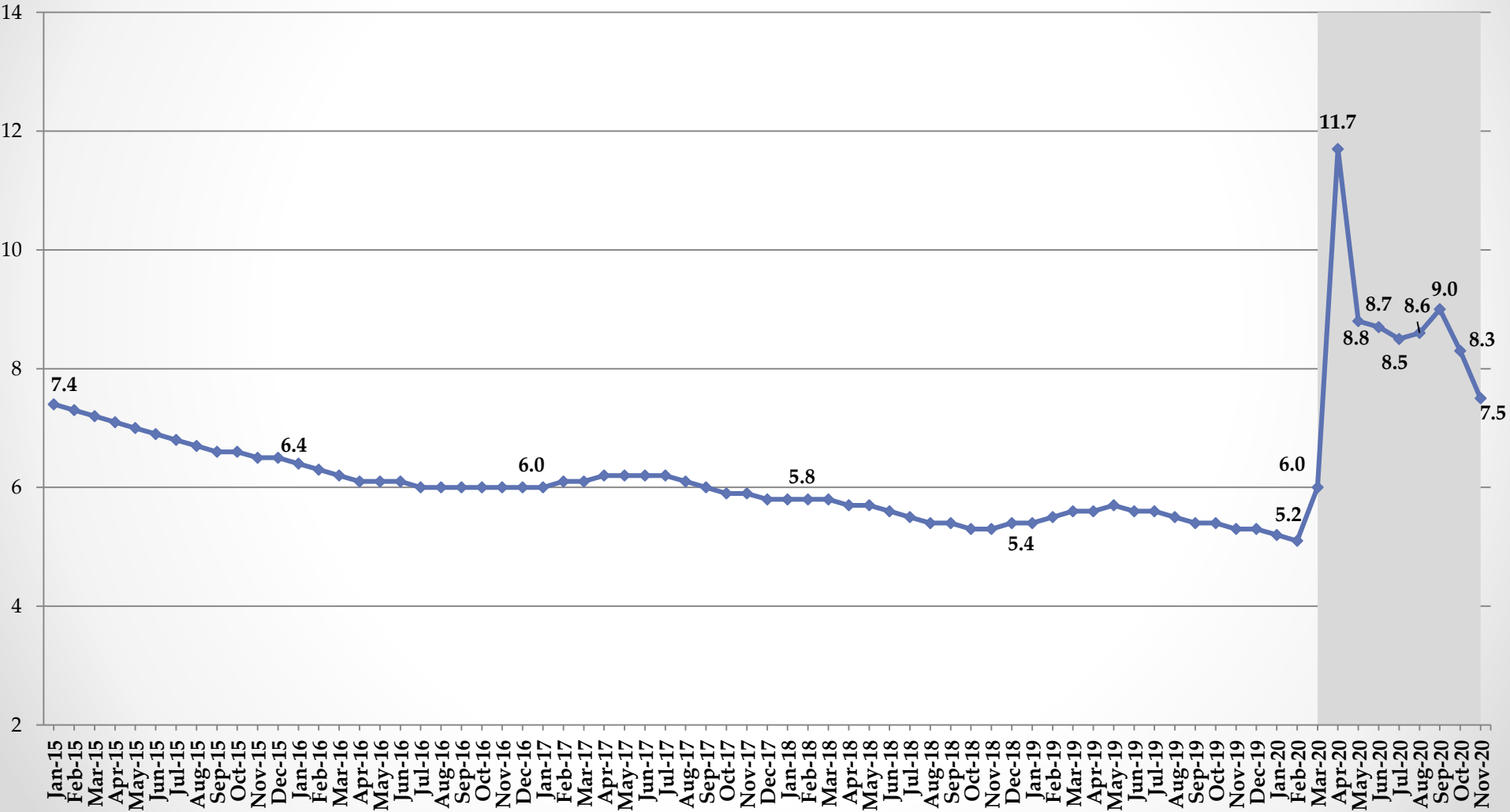




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The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Nov. 2020

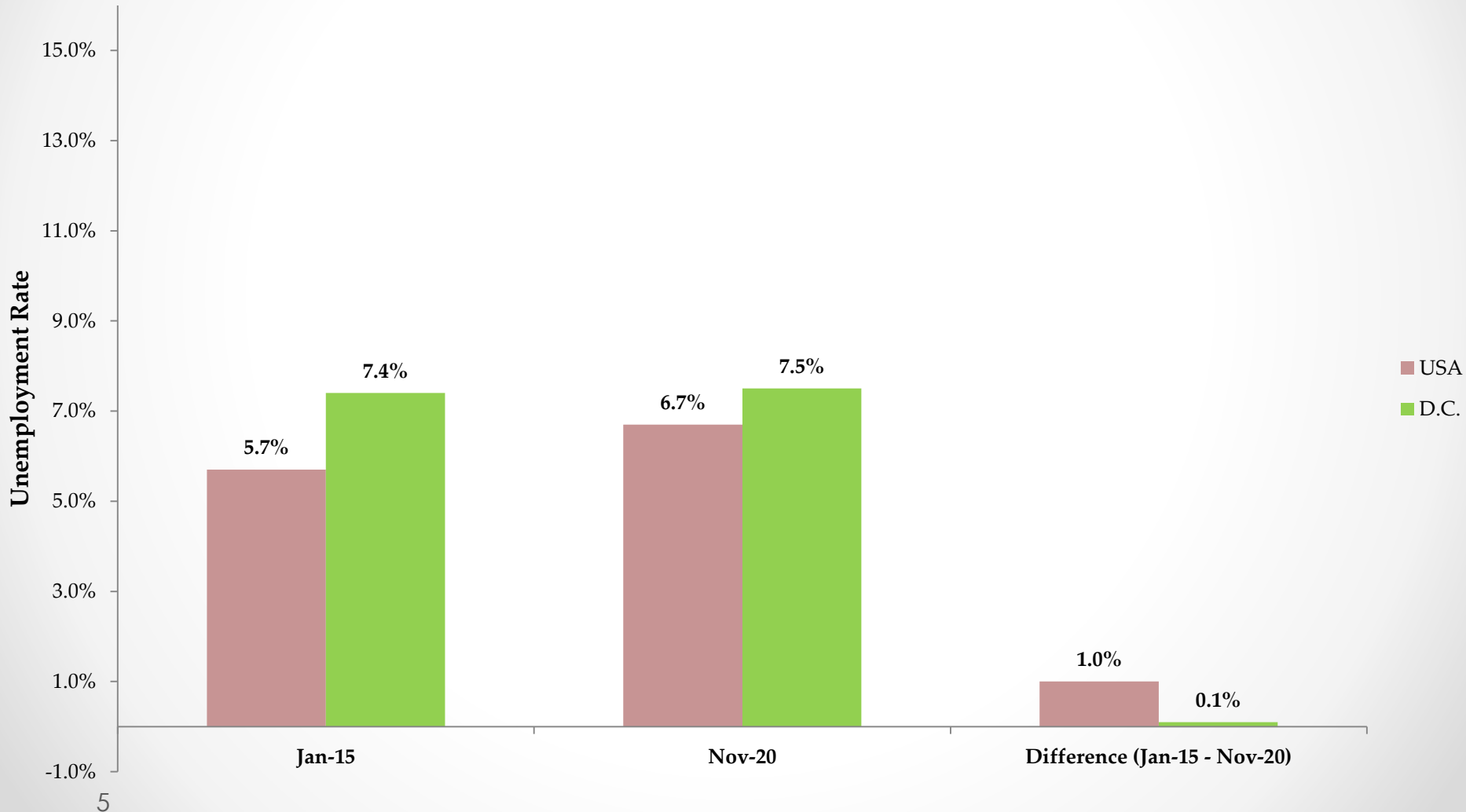




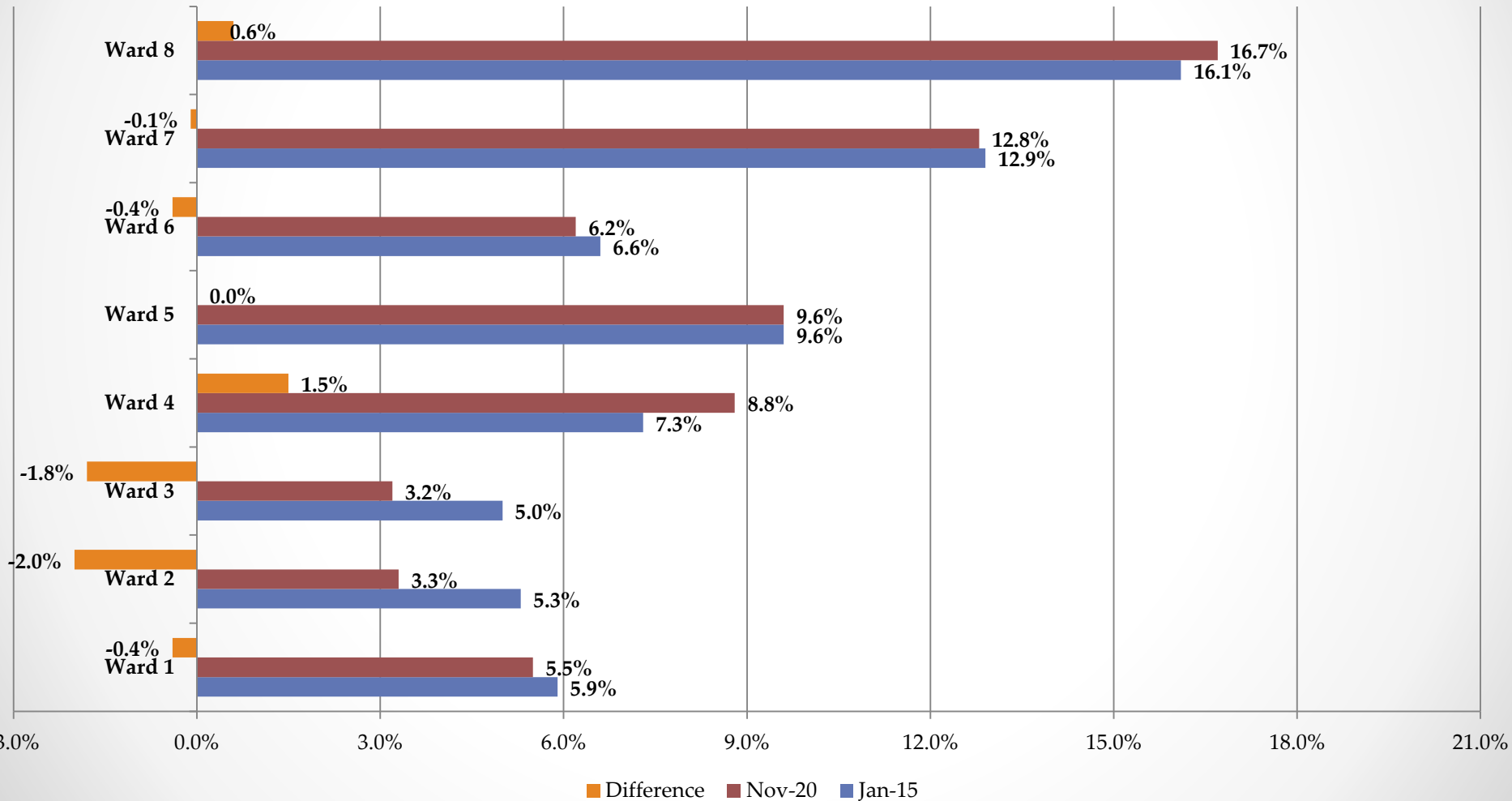
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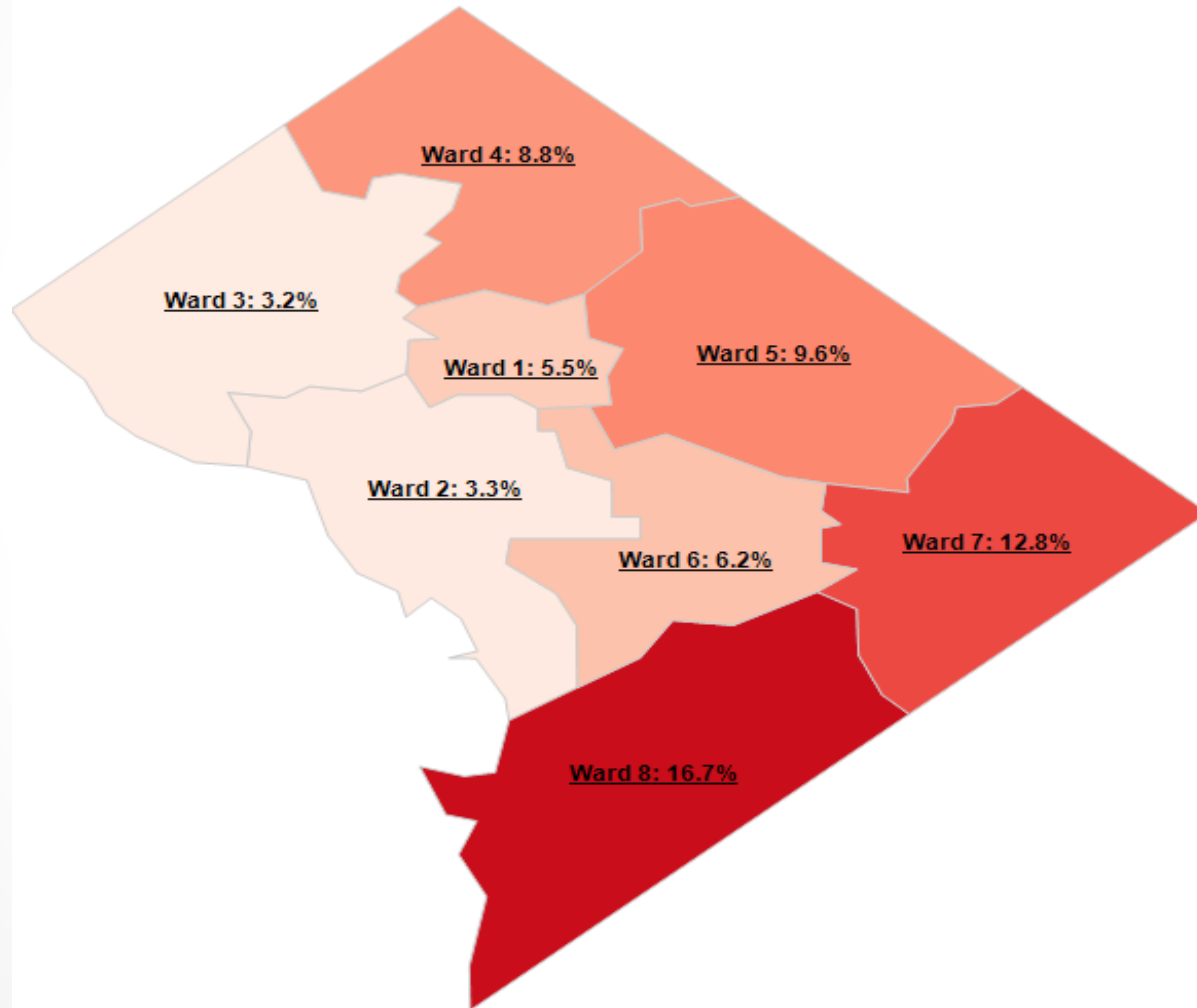
## Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - November 2020)



## Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - November 2020)



## Unemployment Rate by Ward: November 2020

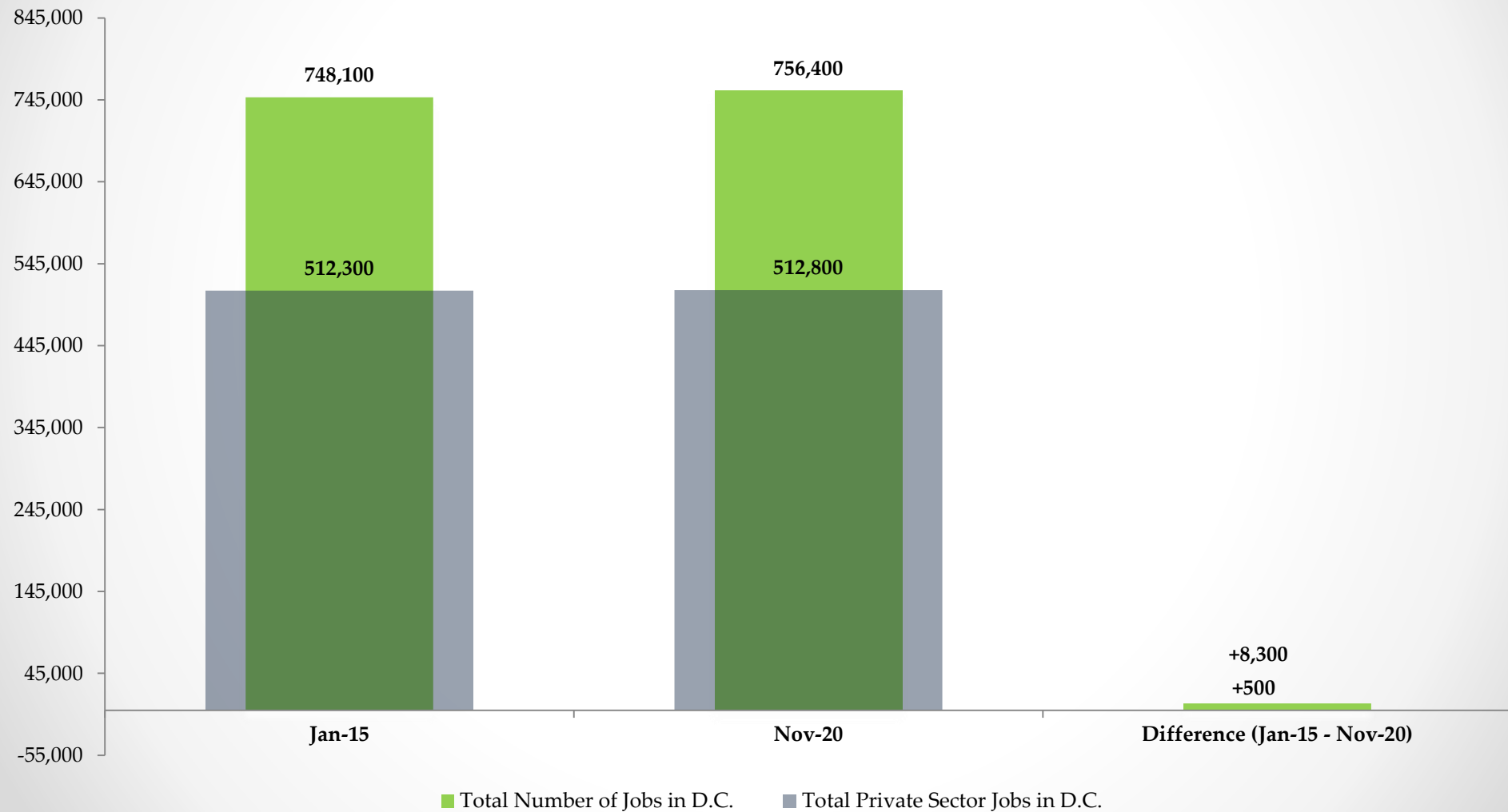




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Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Nov. 2020)



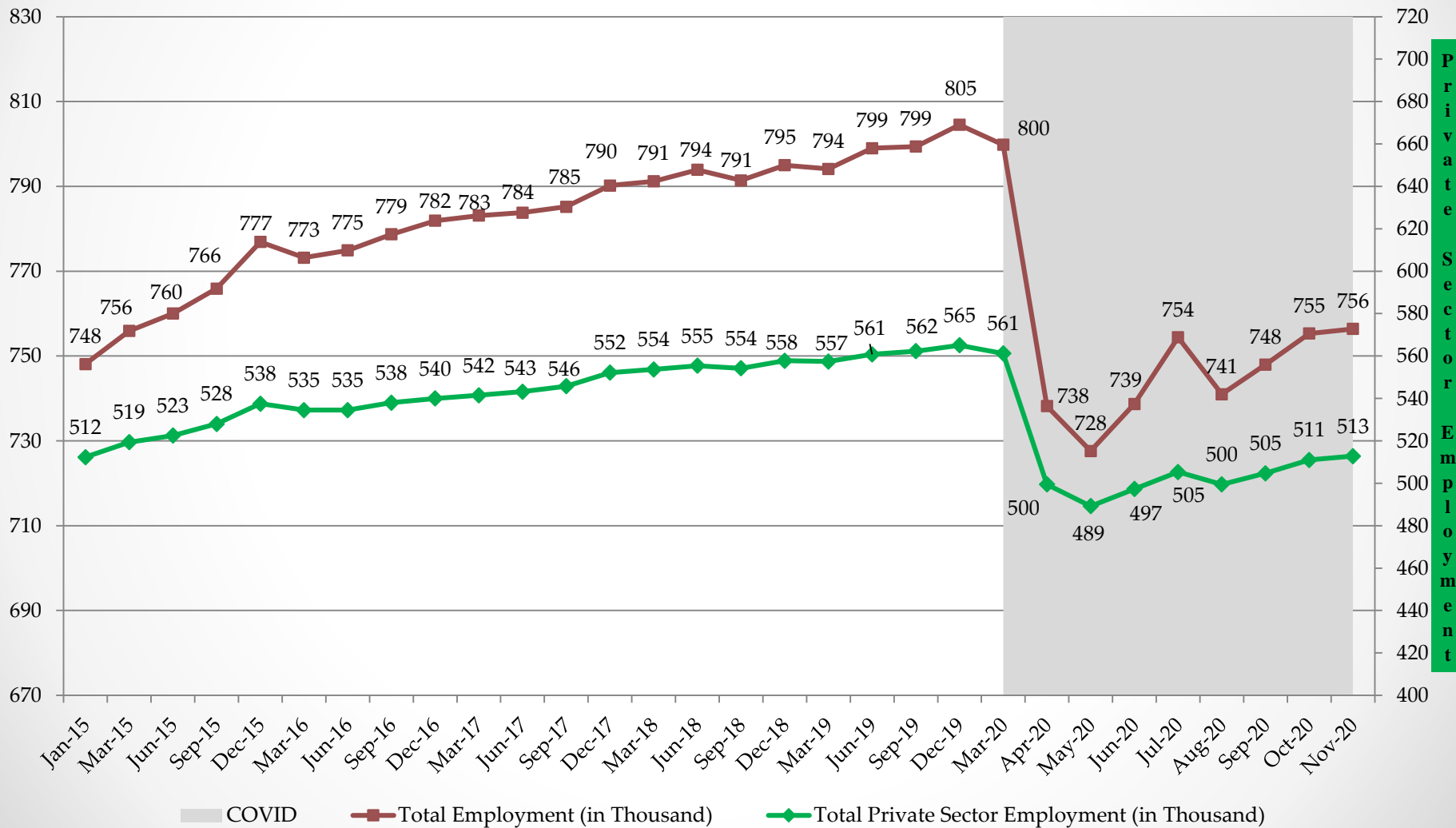




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Total Employment and Private Sector Employment in D.C. (Jan.2015 - Nov. 2020 (In Thousands))

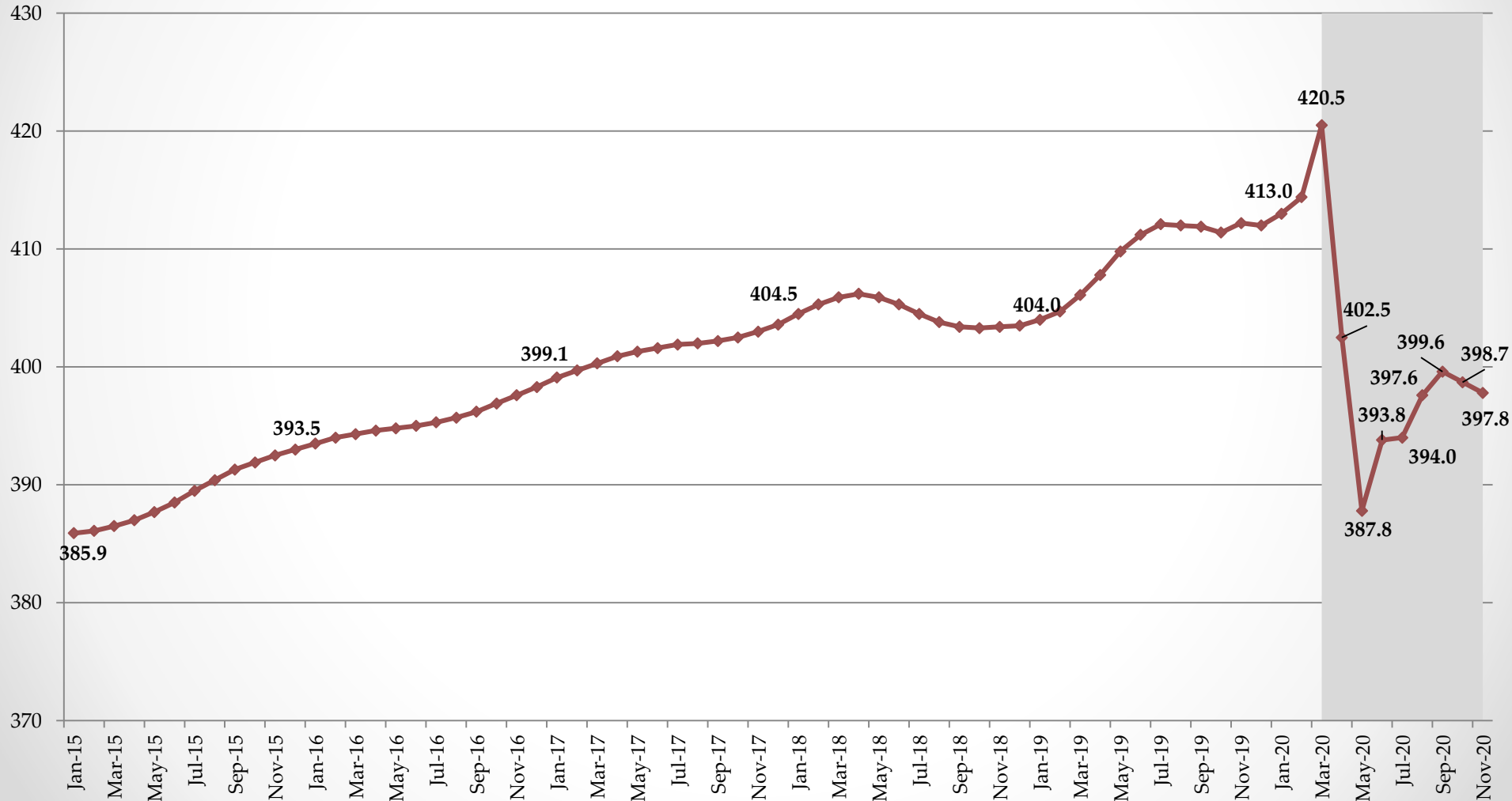




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The District's Labor Force (Jan. 2015 - Nov. 2020) (In Thousands)

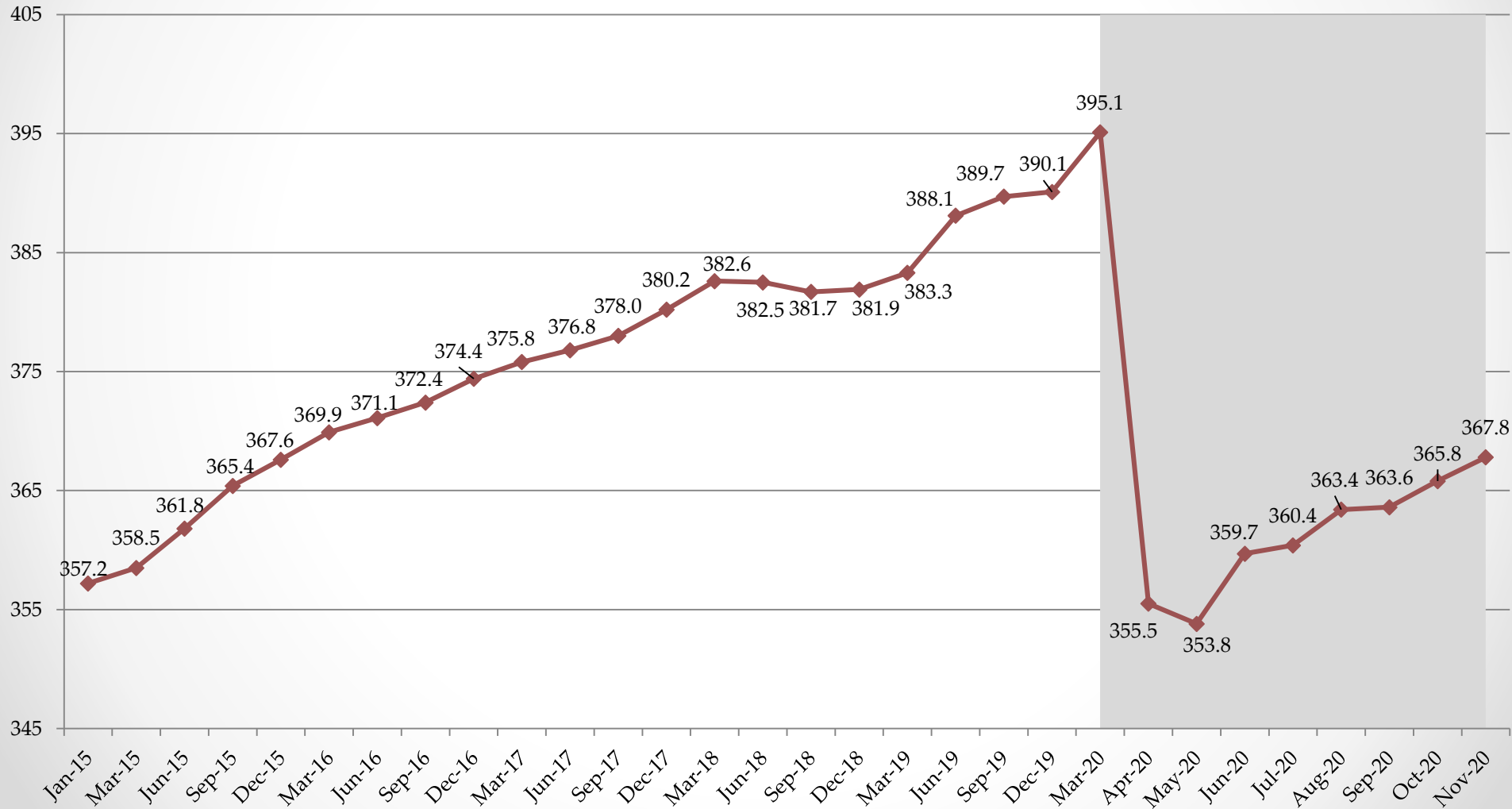




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Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 - Nov. 2020) (In Thousands)

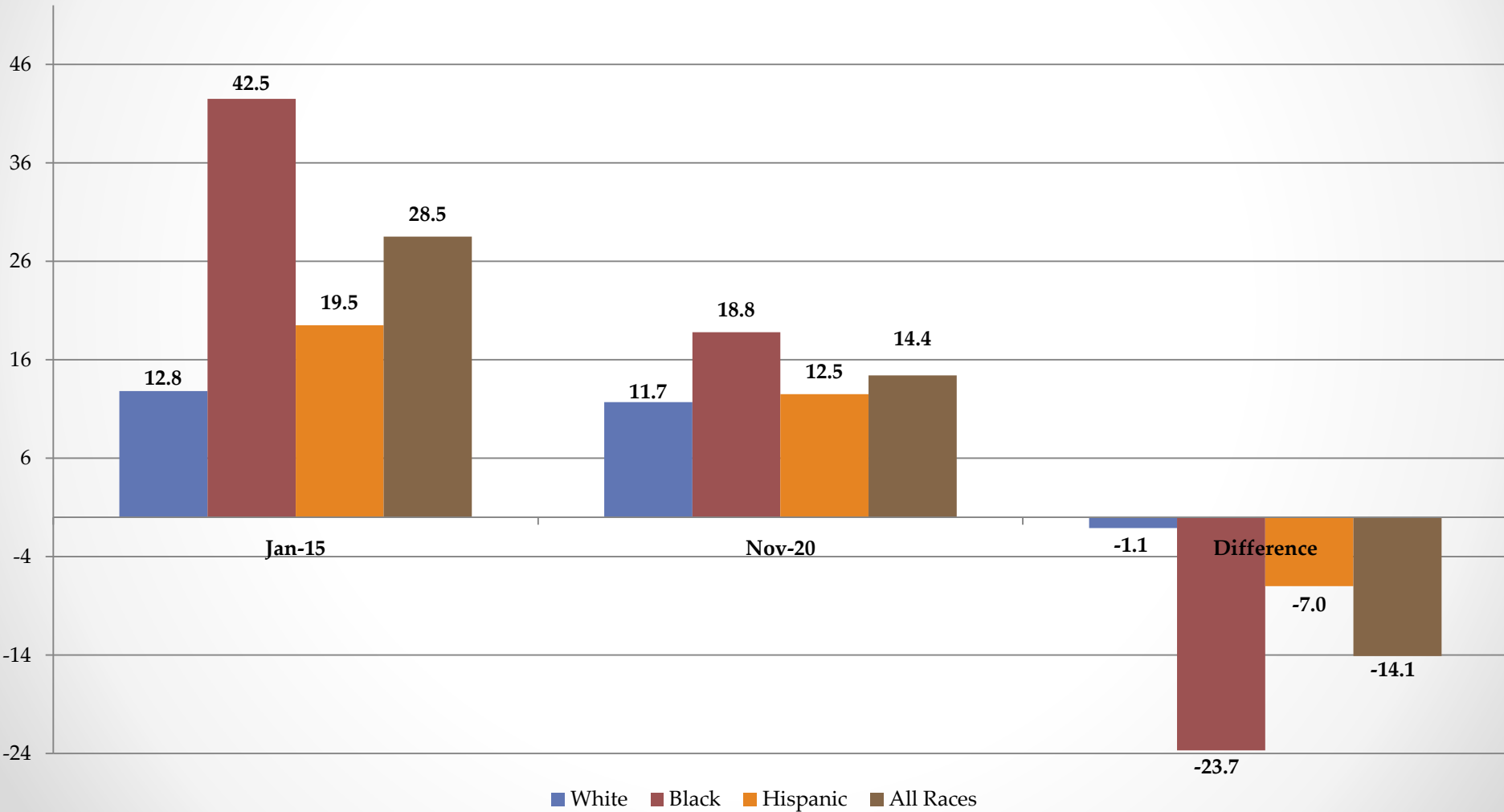




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Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - Nov. 2020)

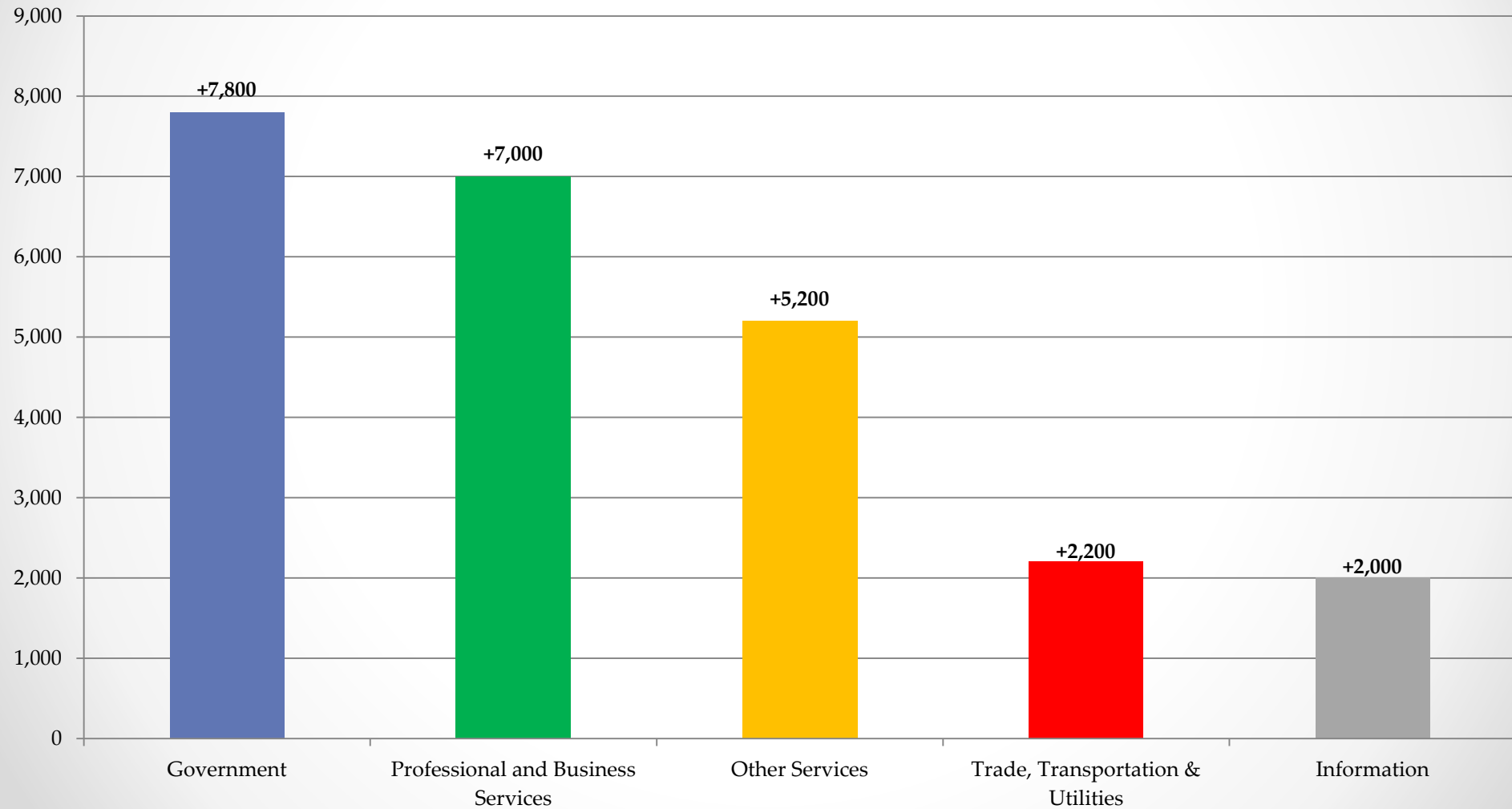




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Top 5 Industry with Highest Employment Increase (Jan.2015 – Nov.2020)

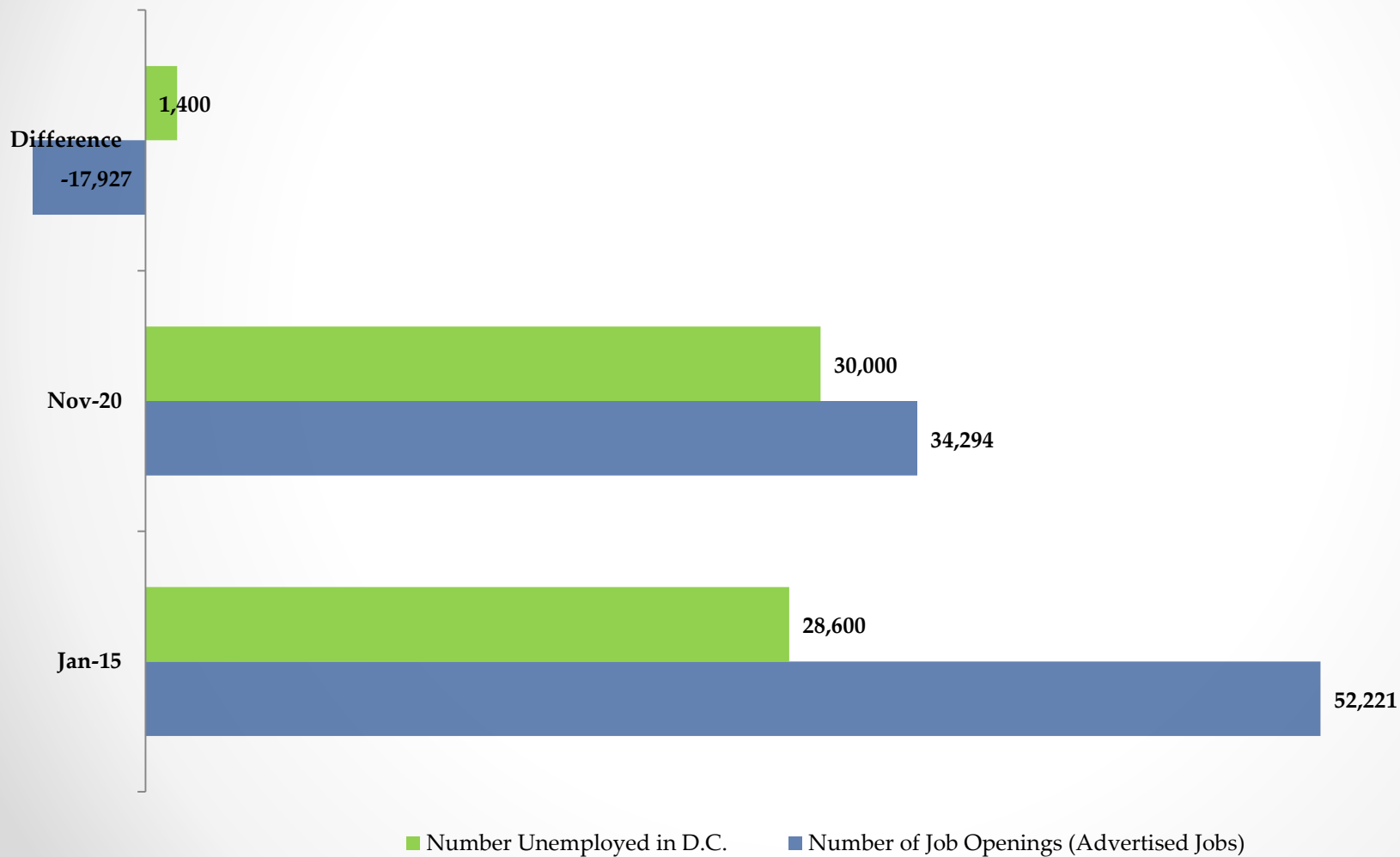




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Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - Nov. 2020)

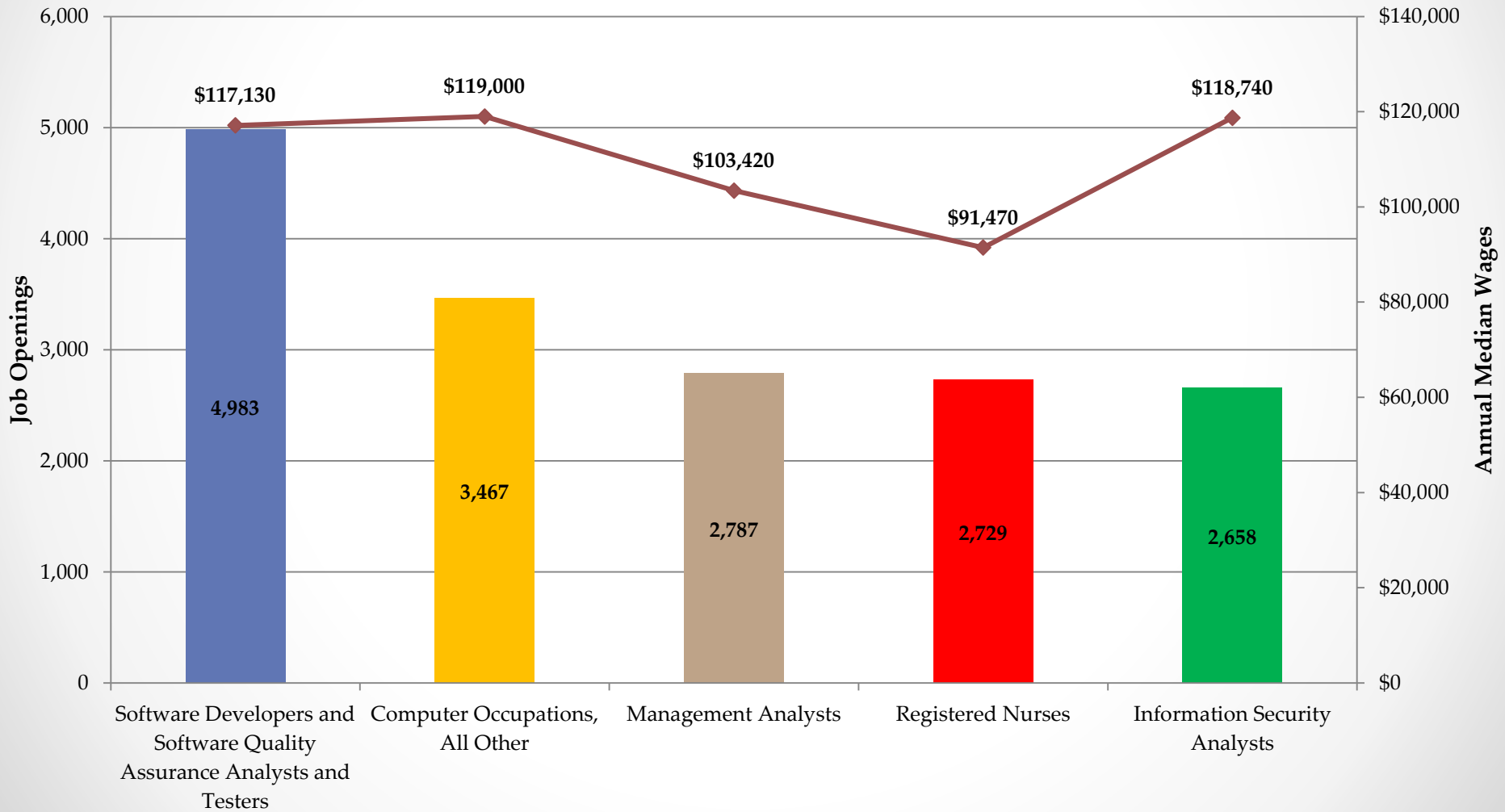




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Top 5 Job Openings: January 2018 - November 2020 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

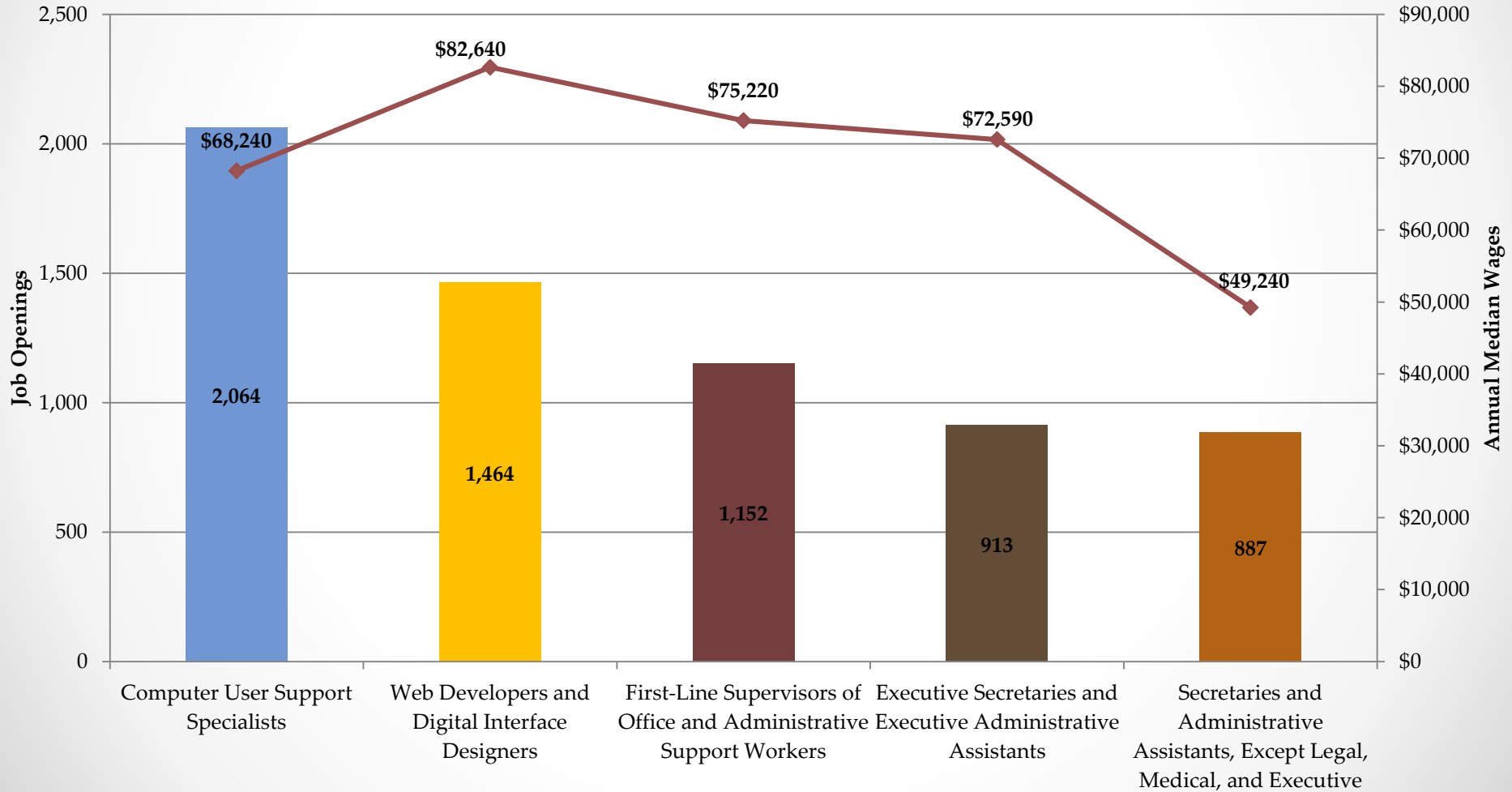




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**Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2018 - November 2020 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)**







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