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# D.C. Labor Market Indicators: January 2015 - November 2022

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## Highlights

From January 2015 to November 2022:

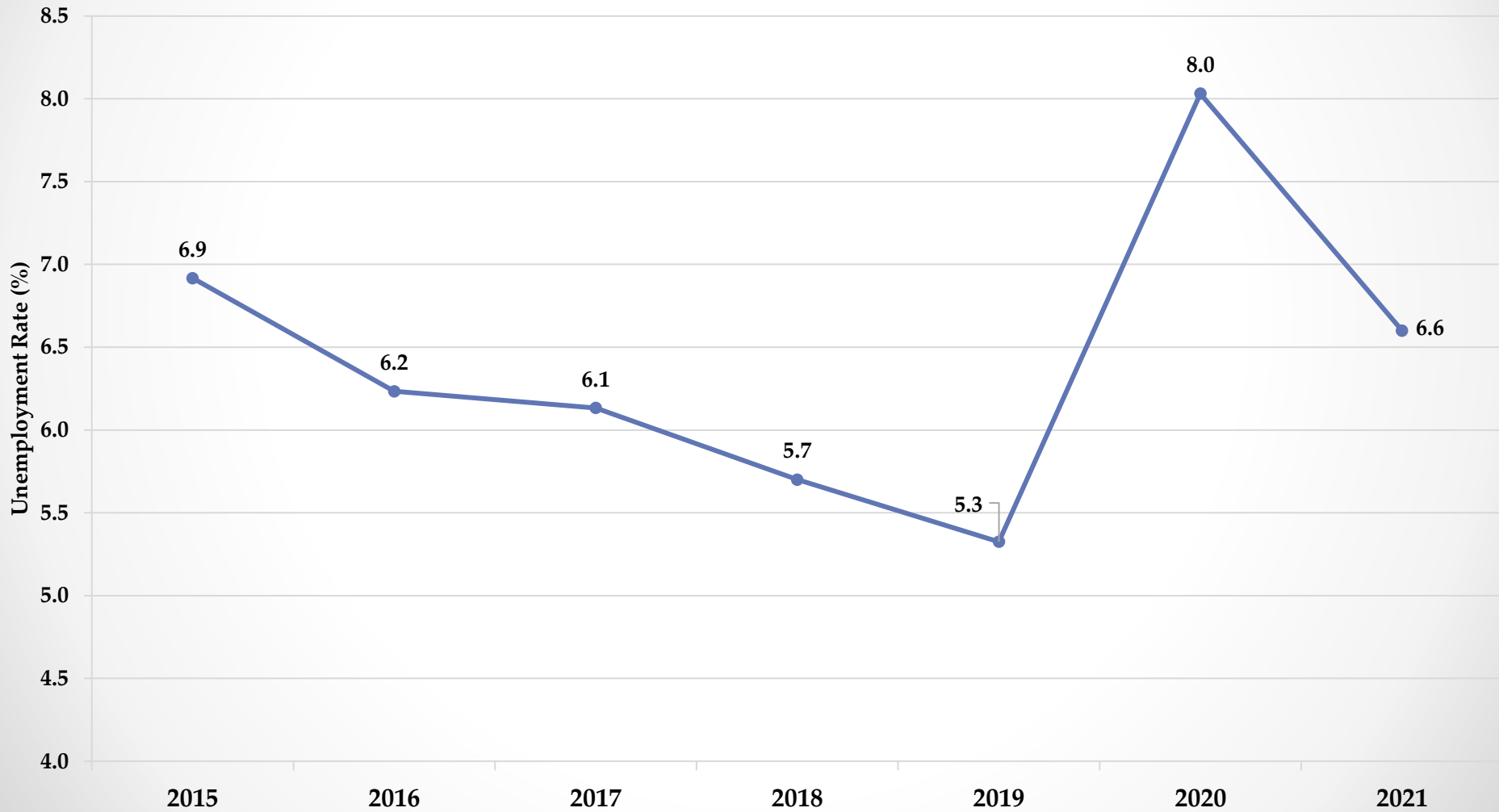
- ❖ The unemployment rate in DC decreased by **2.8** percentage points from **7.4%** to **4.6%**;
- ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by **5.6** percentage points (**12.9%** to **7.3%**) and **6.8** percentage points (**16.1%** to **9.3%**) respectively;
- ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by **2,000**;
- ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by **30,100**;
- ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants decreased by **32%**;
- ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by **10,900** people;
- ❖ The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by **13.0** weeks;
- ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by **33,300** jobs (**6.5%** increase);
- ❖ Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase among industries with employment increased by **19,100**;
- ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers with an average monthly opening of **1,239** jobs;
- ❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor's degree is Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing with an average monthly opening of **486** jobs.



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## DC Annual Average Unemployment Rate (%) (2015-2021)

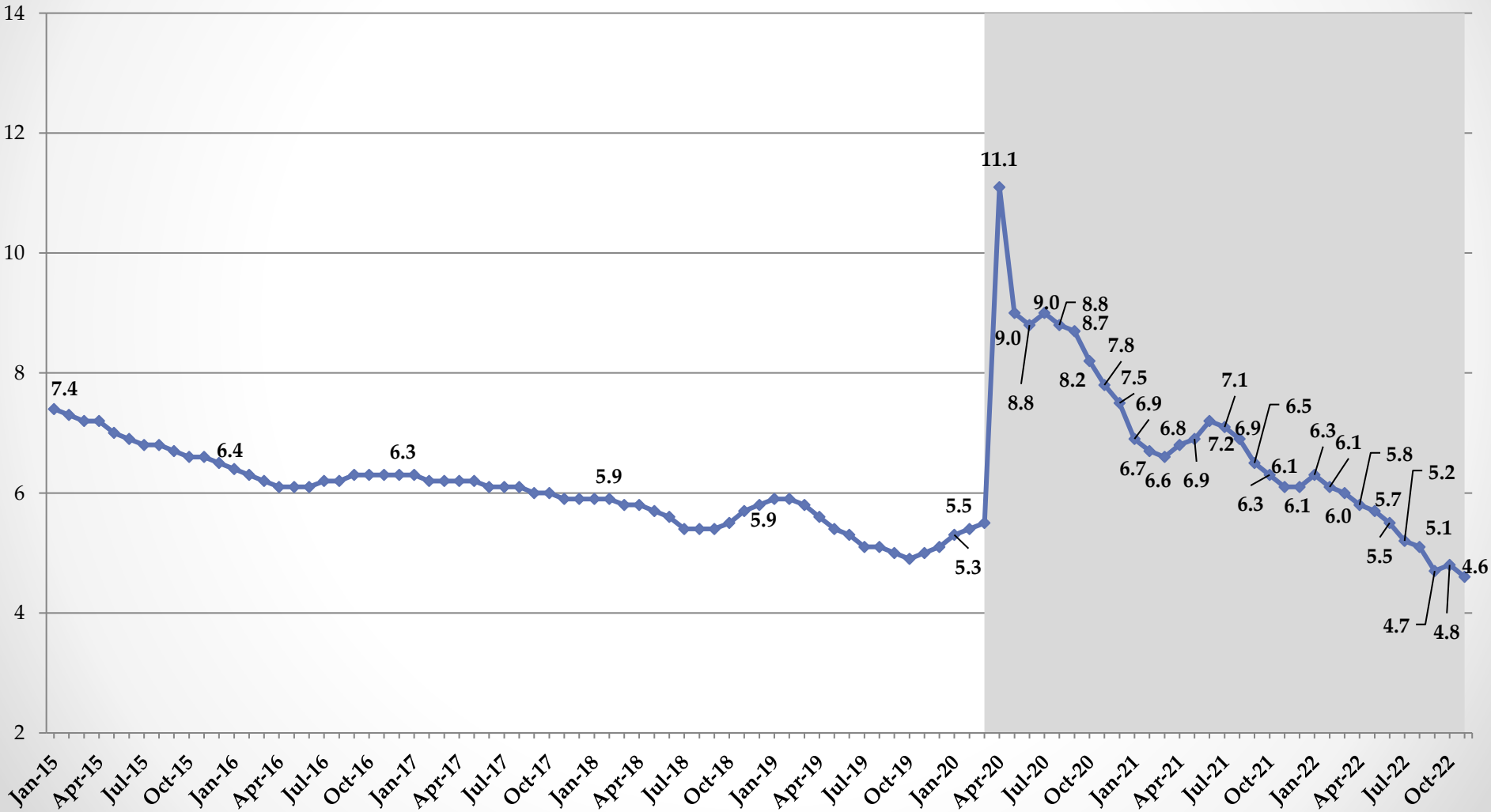




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The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Nov. 2022

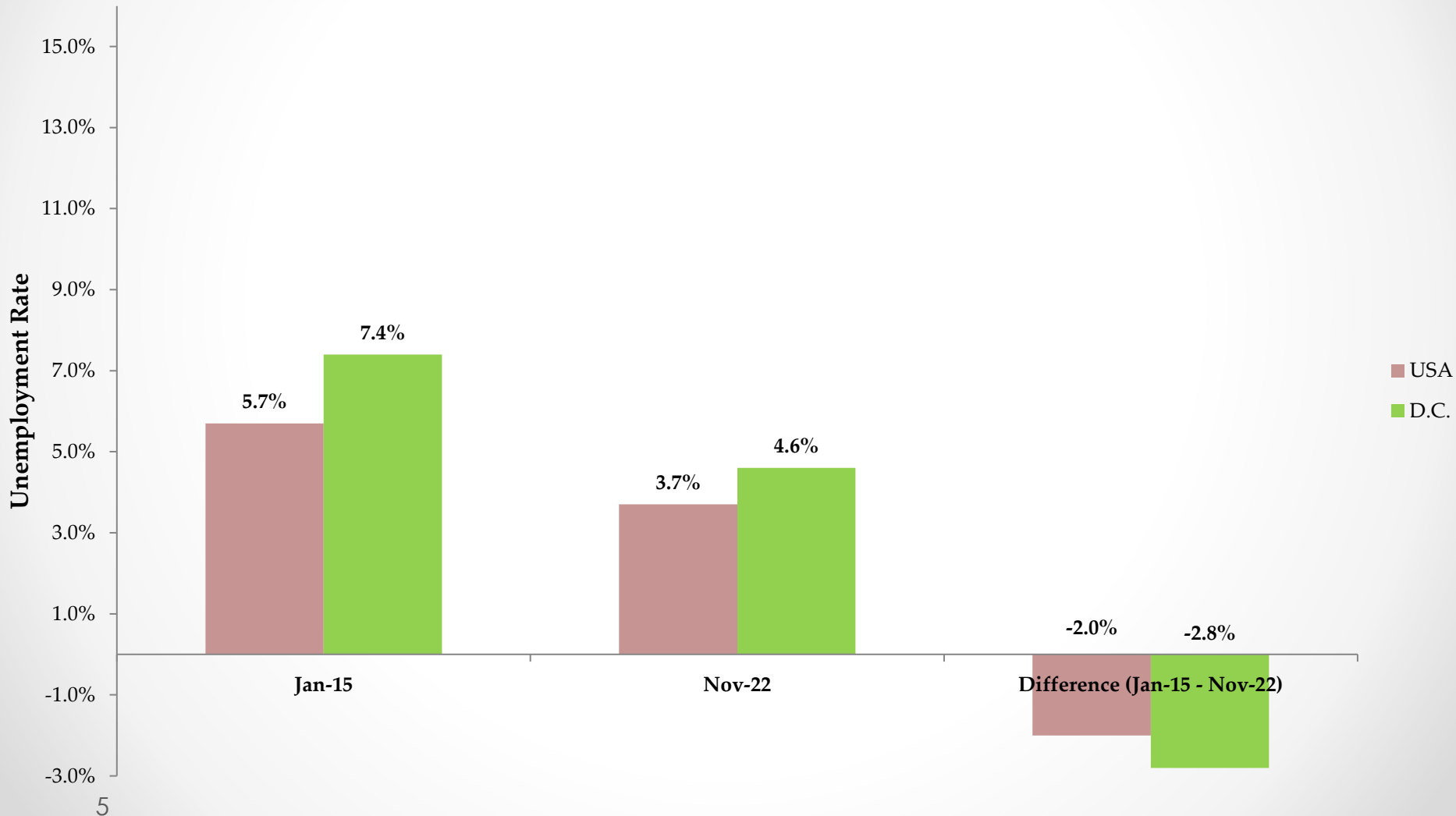




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## Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - November 2022)

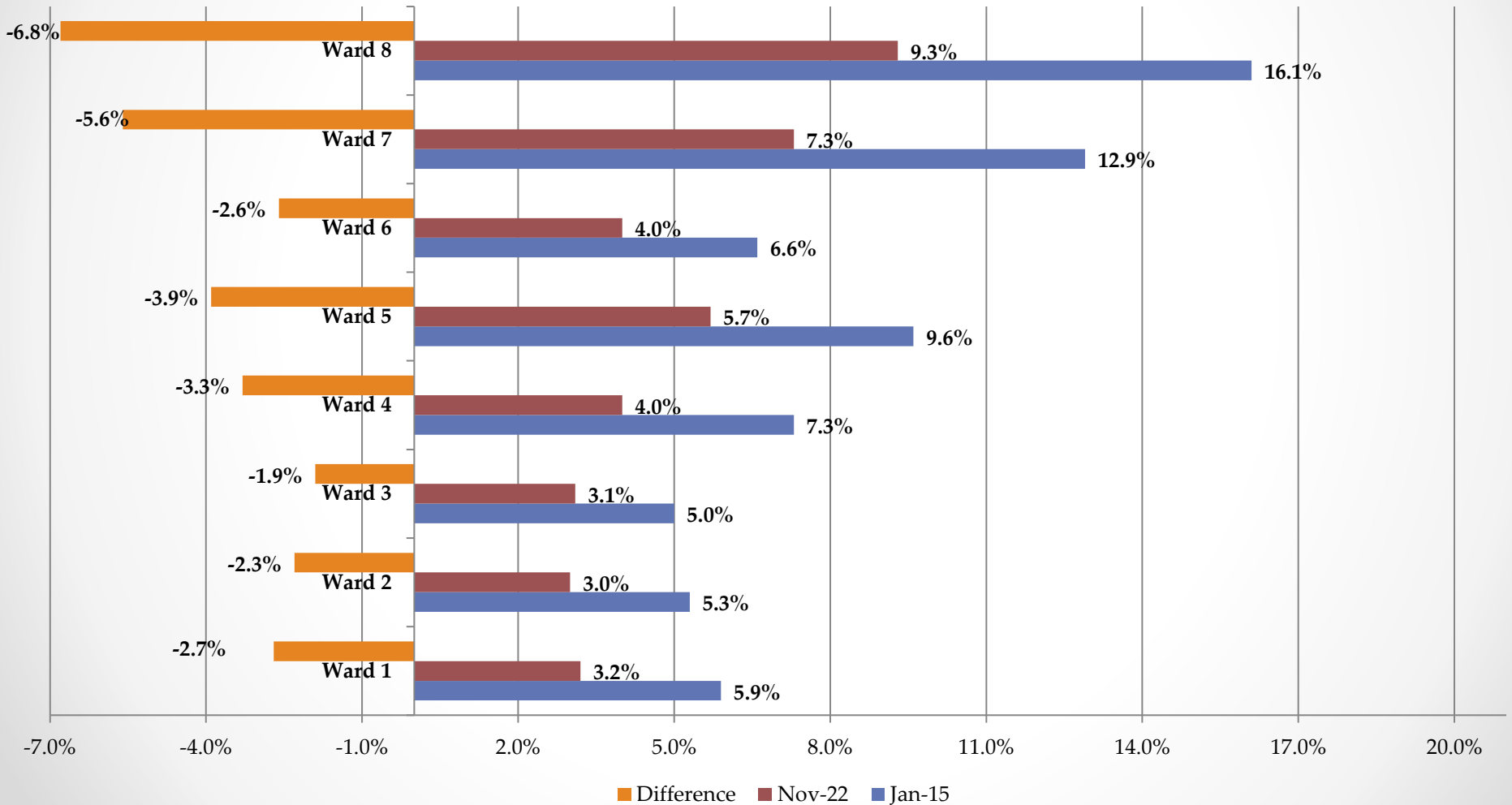




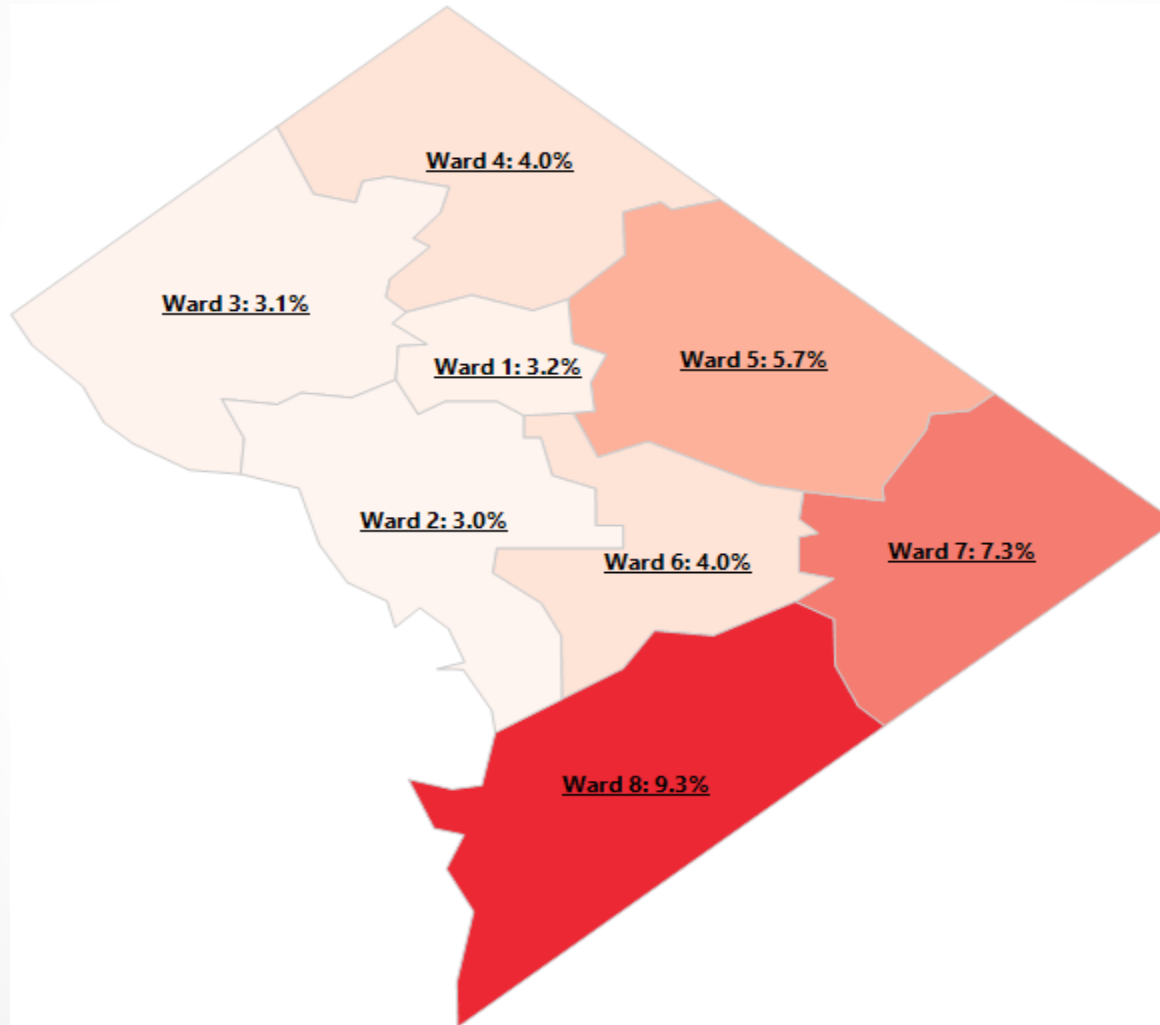
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Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - November 2022)



## Unemployment Rate by Ward: November 2022

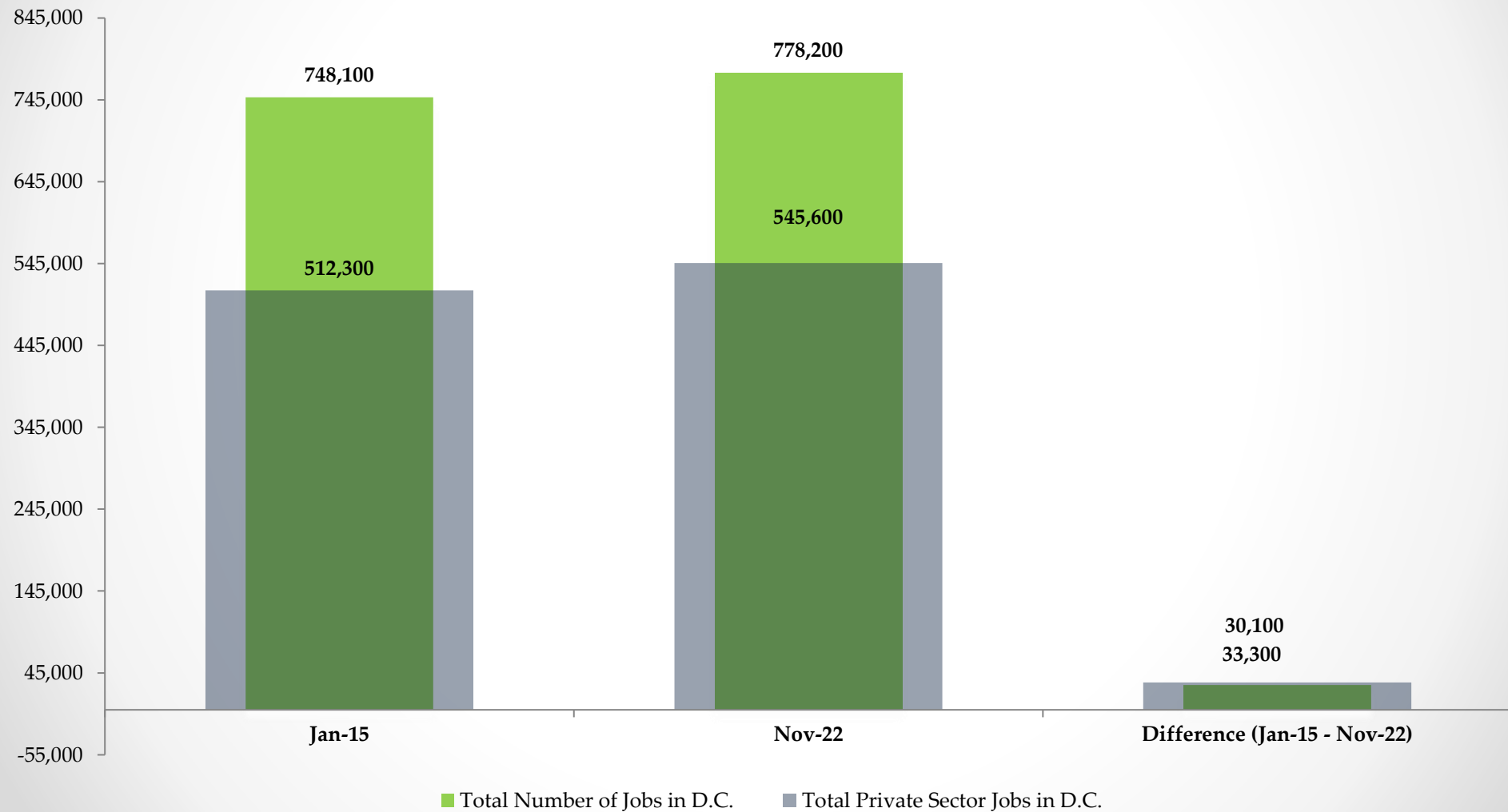




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Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Nov. 2022)



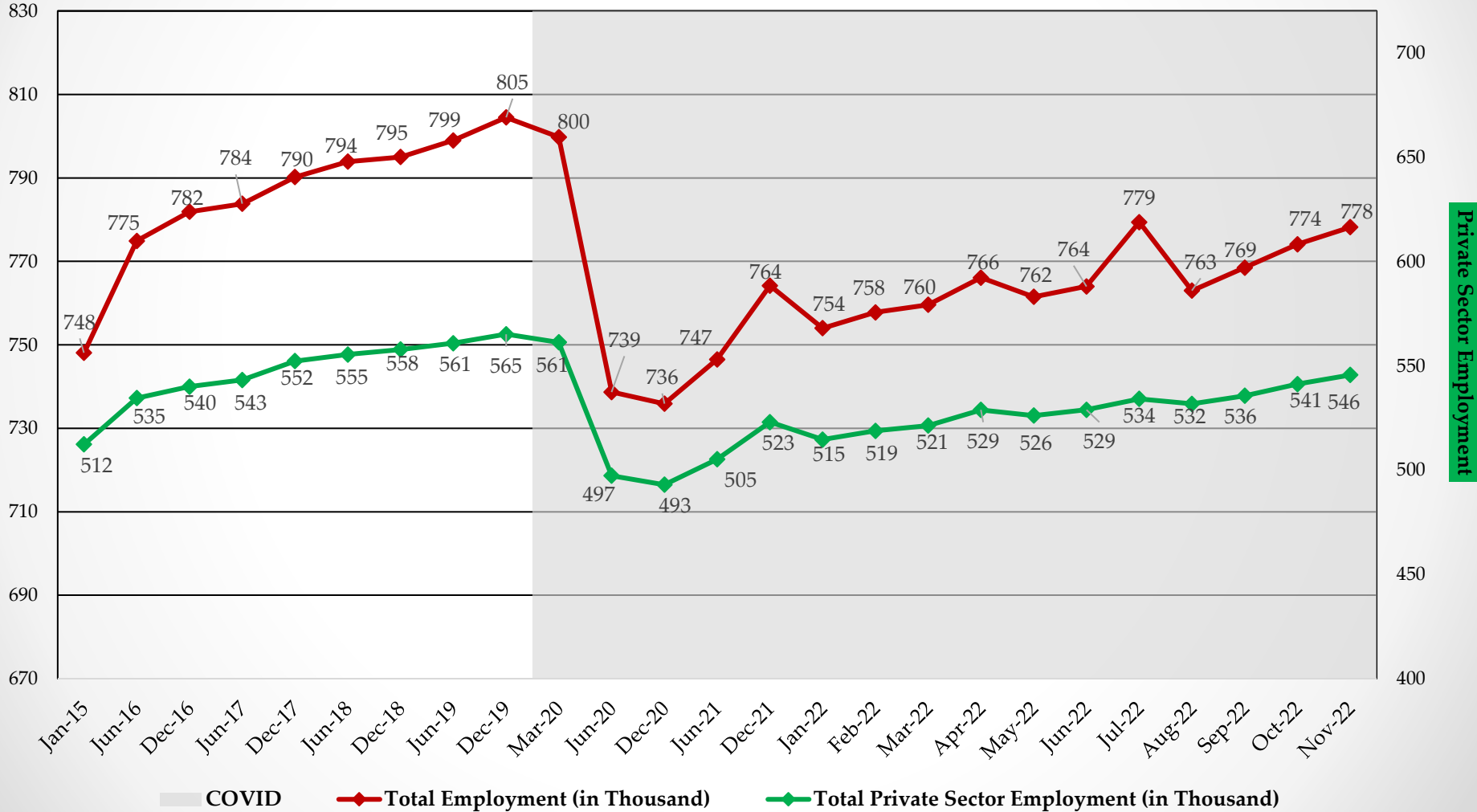




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Total Employment and Private Sector in D.C. (Jan. 2015 - Nov. 22) (In Thousands)

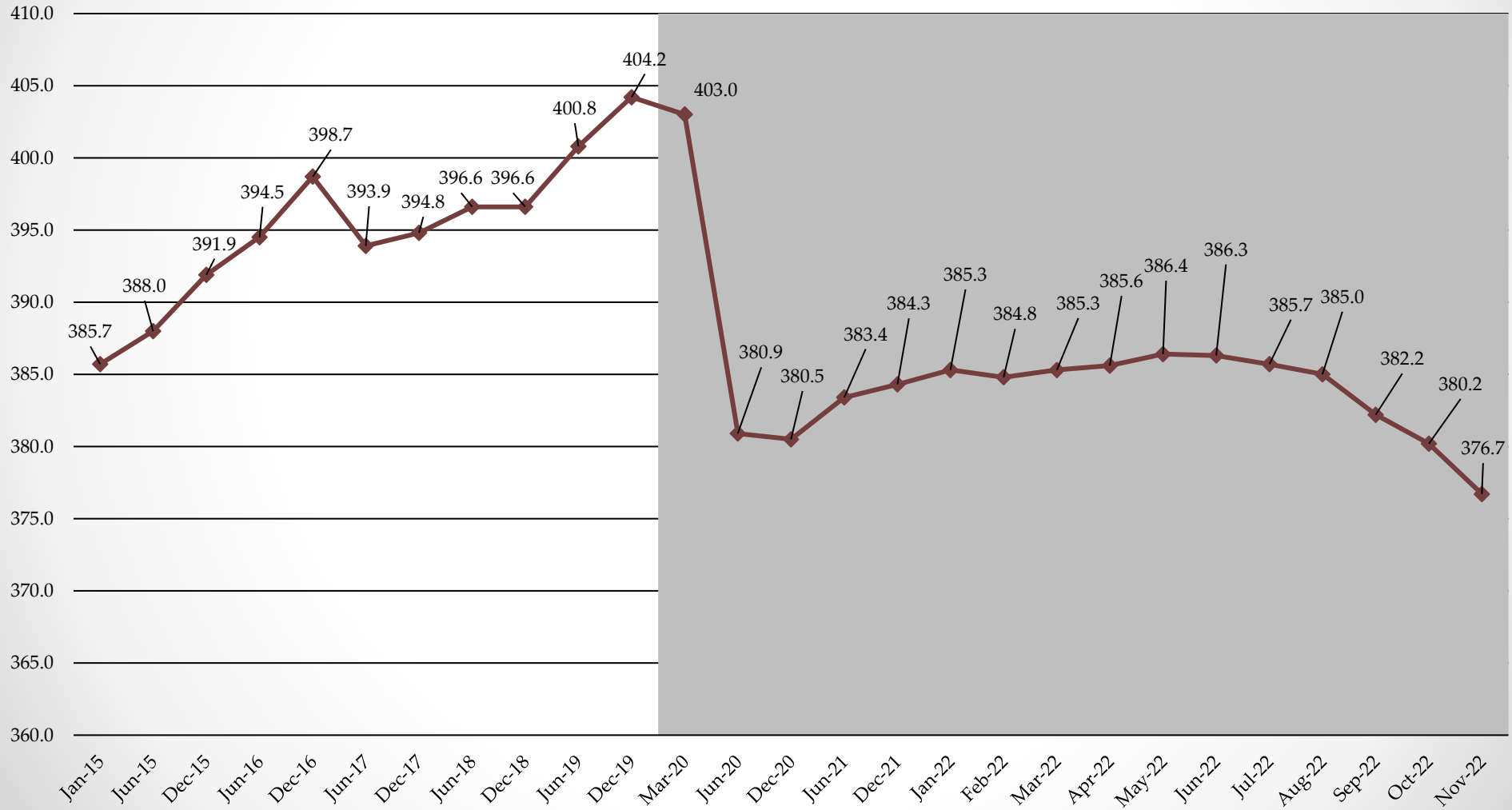




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The District's Labor Force (Jan. 2015- Nov.22) (In Thousands)

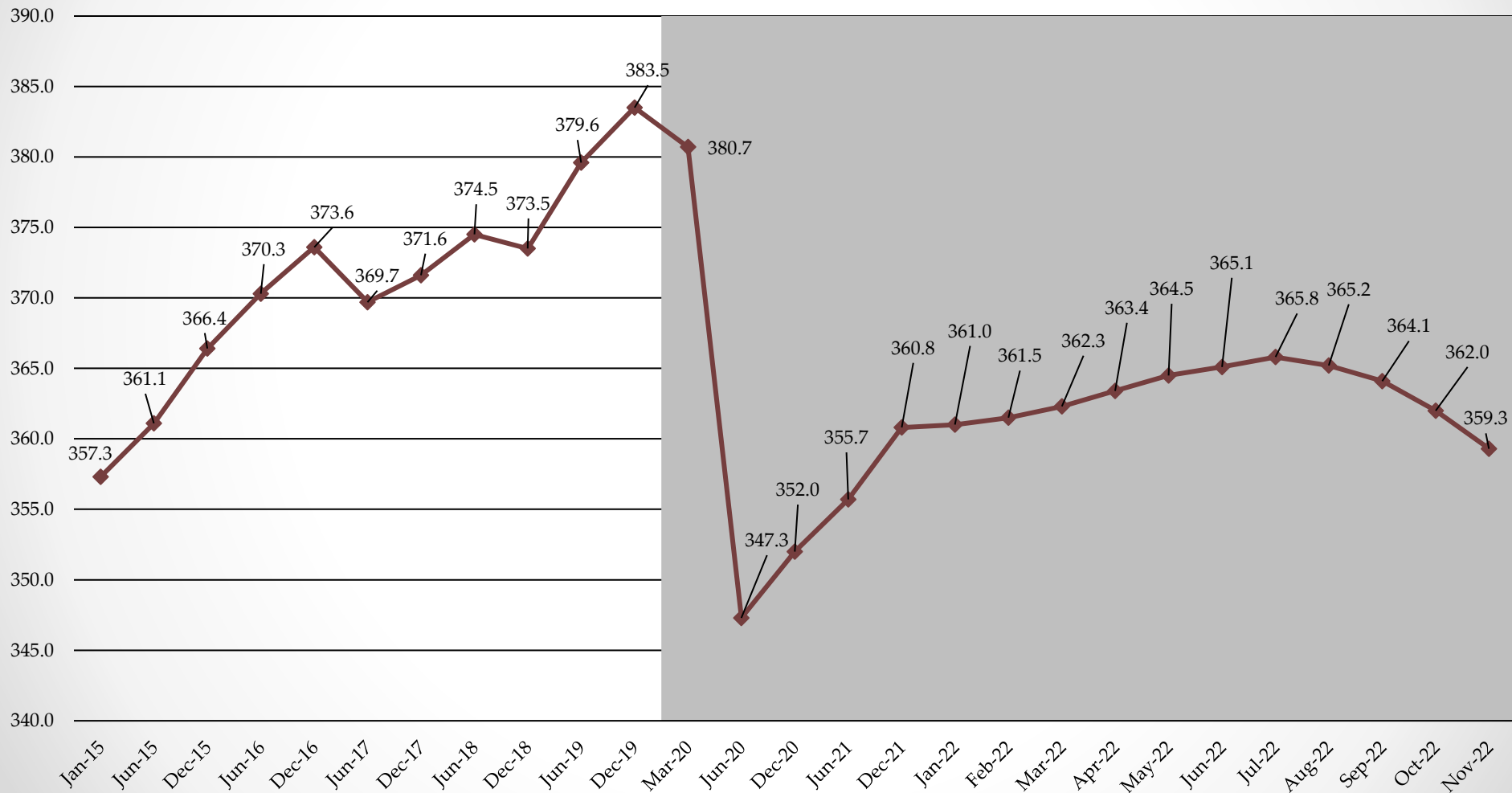




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**Employed DC Residents (Jan. 2015- Nov.22) (In Thousands)**

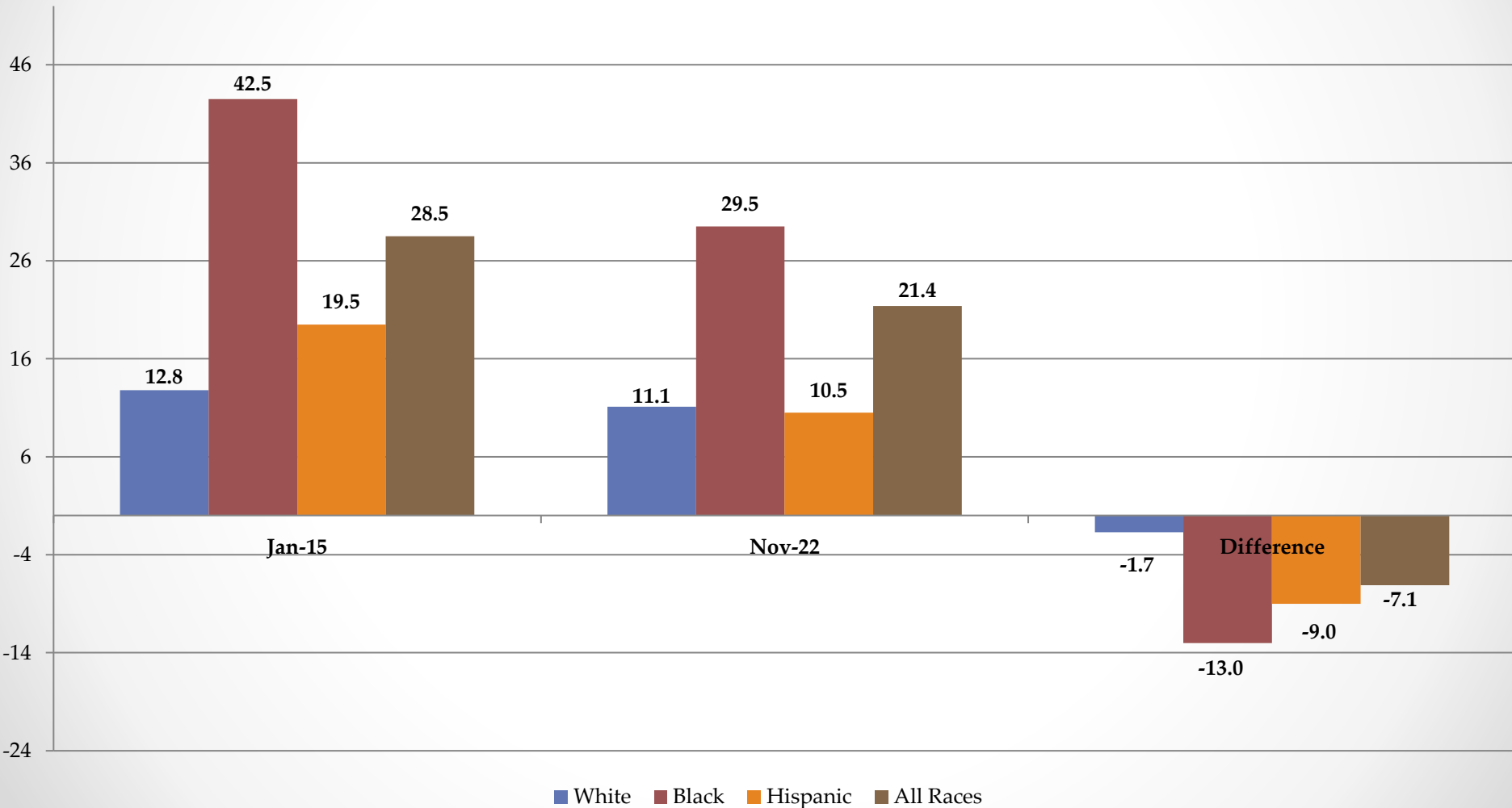




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Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - Nov. 2022)

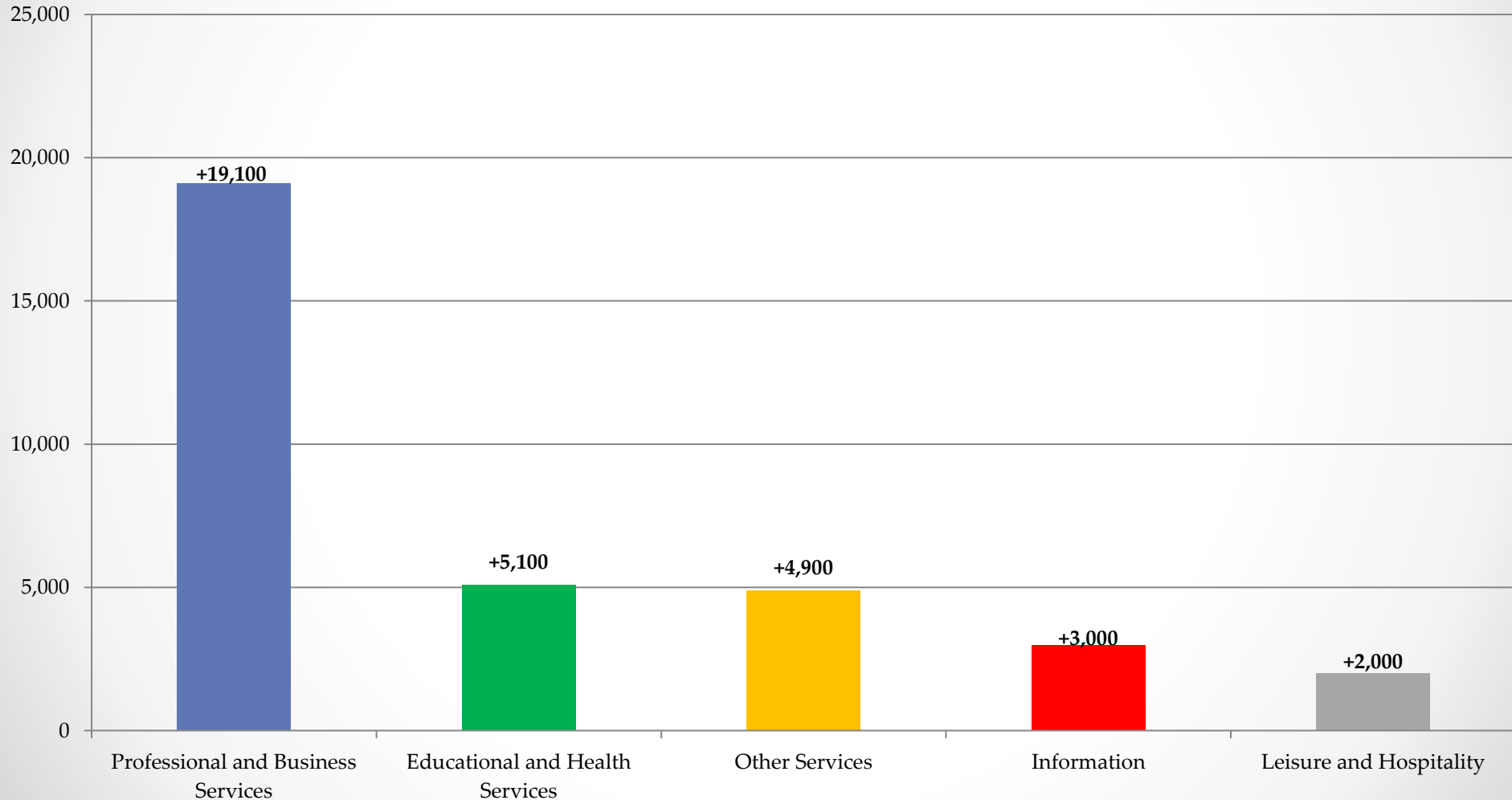




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Top 5 Industries with Highest Employment Increase (Jan.2015 – Nov. 2022)

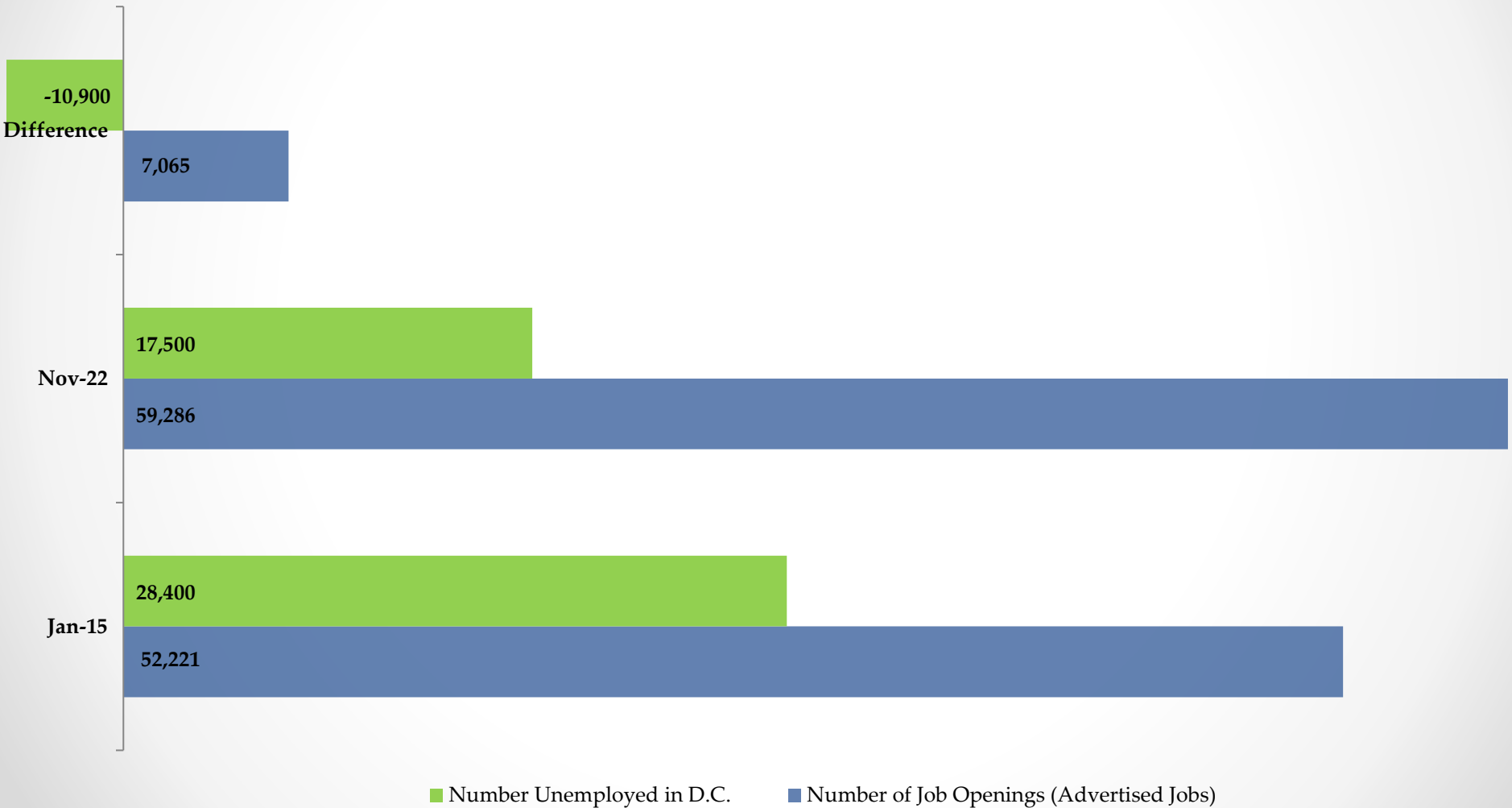




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## Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - Nov. 2022)

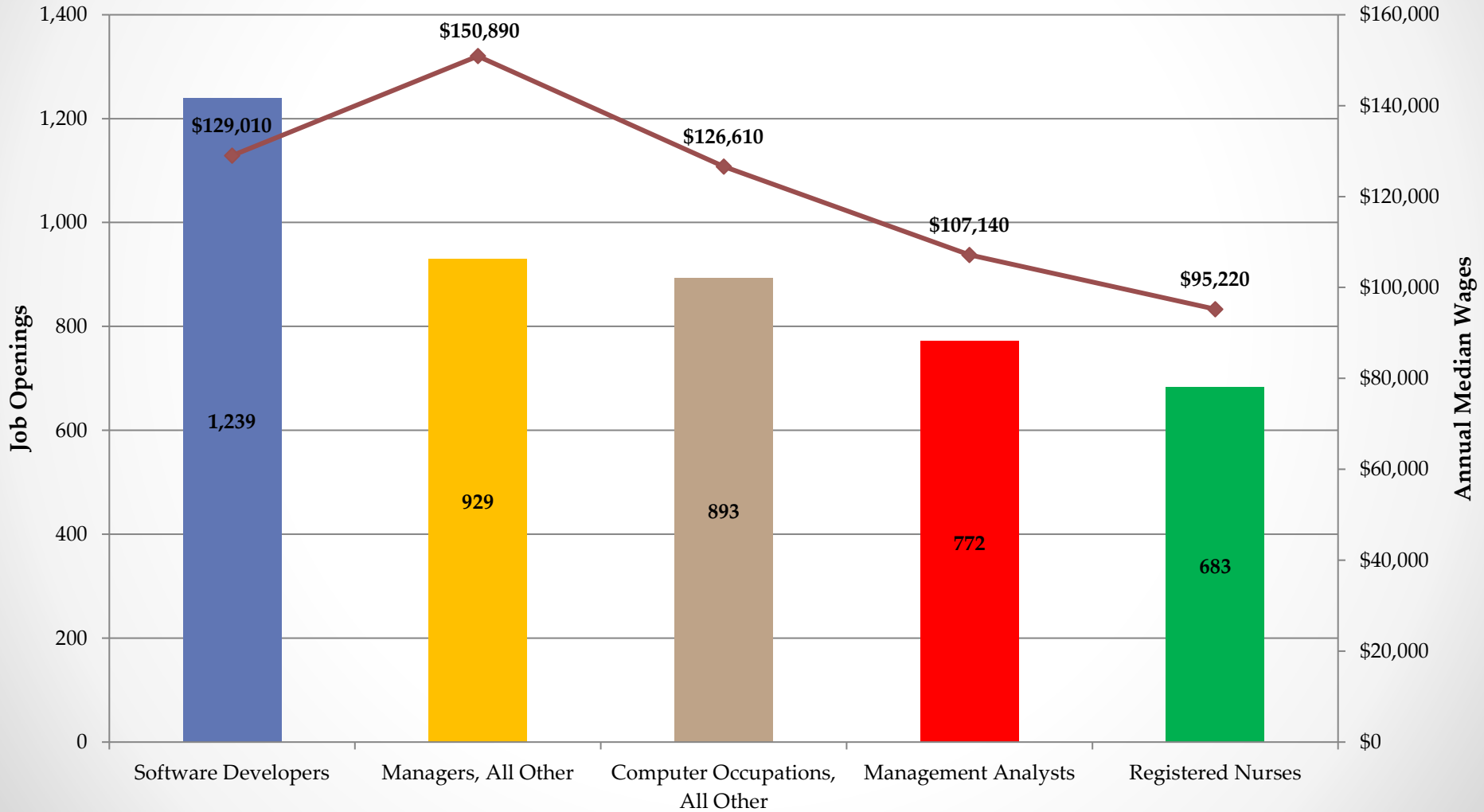




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**Top 5 Job Openings: January 2020 - November 2022 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)**

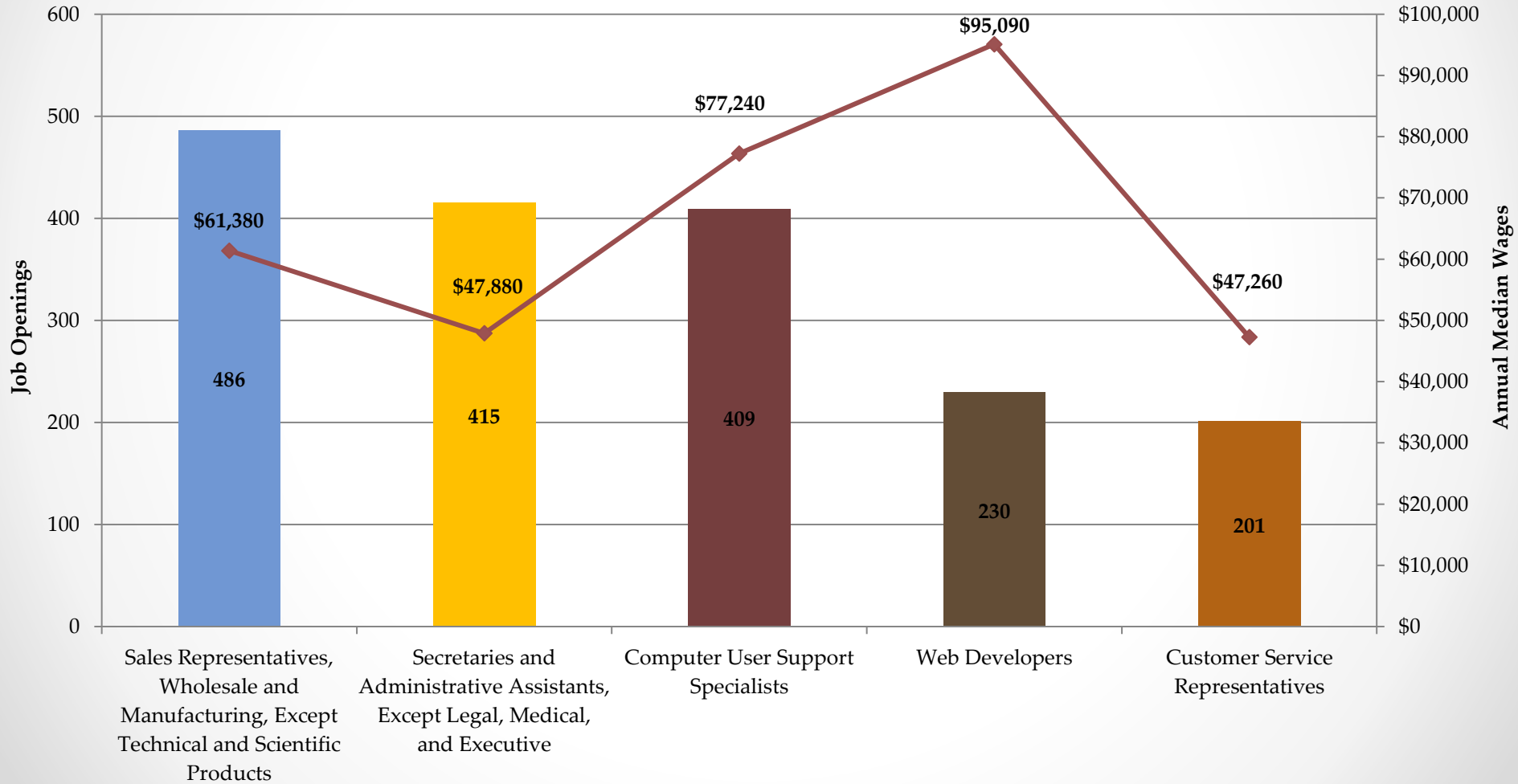




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**Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2020 - November 2022 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)**







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