



Department of Employment Services
Washington, DC's lead workforce development and labor agency

D.C. Labor Market Indicators: October 2019

Dr. Unique Morris-Hughes, Director

Ta-Tanisha Wallace, Chief Strategist for
Education and Workforce Innovation

Saikou A. Diallo, Chief Economist

**Prepared by the Office of Labor Market Research and
Performance**



Department of Employment Services

Washington, DC's lead workforce development and labor agency

Highlights

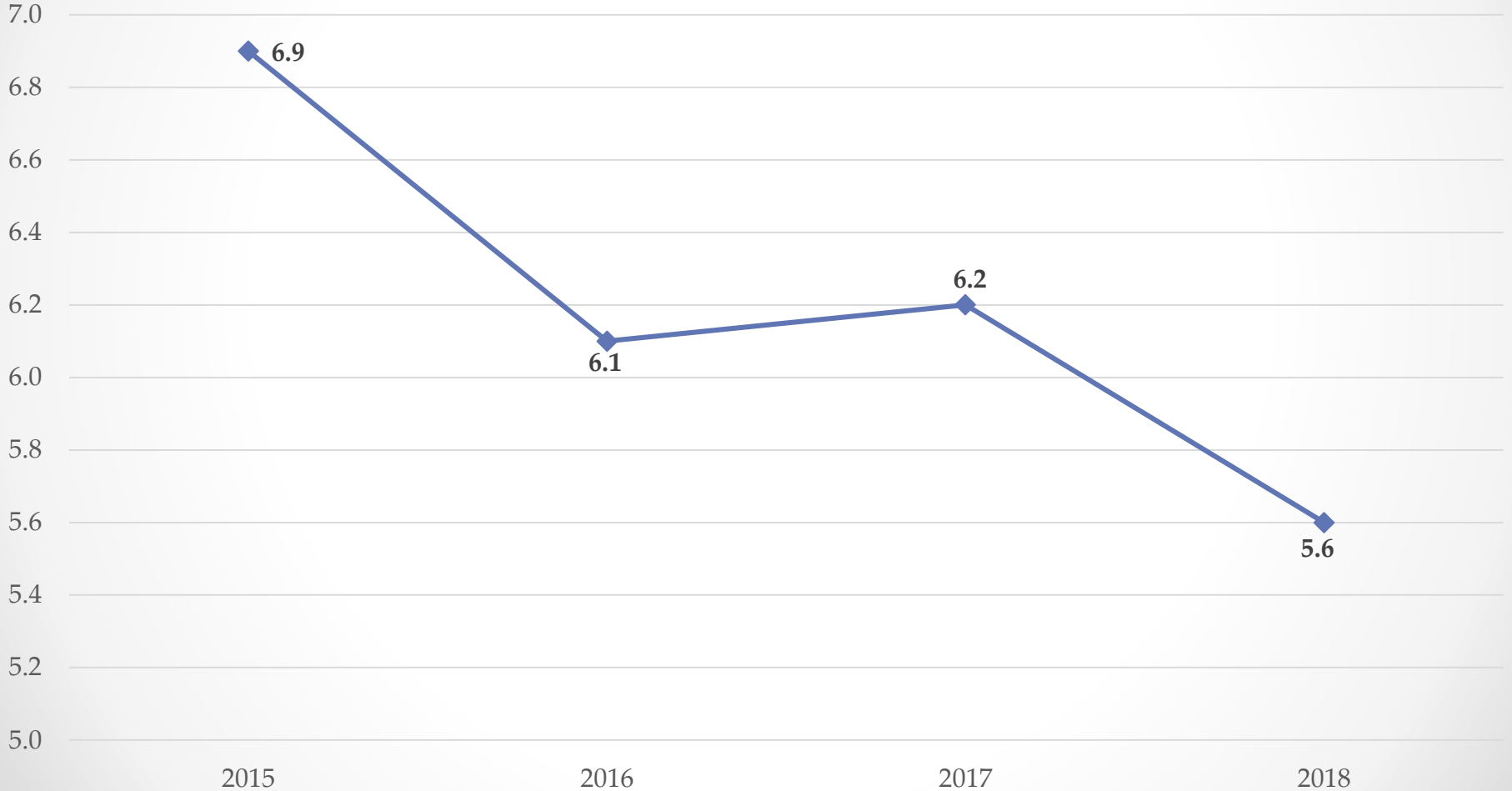
- From January 2015 to October 2019:
 - ❖ The unemployment rate in DC decreased by 2.0 percentage points (or **27.0%** decrease);
 - ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by **3.9** percentage points (**30.2%** decrease) and **4.3** percentage points (**26.7%** decrease) respectively;
 - ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by **33,000**;
 - ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by **49,800**;
 - ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants decreased by **10.07%**;
 - ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by **6,600** people;
 - ❖ In DC there are **2.3** jobs available (advertised) for **1** unemployed DC resident;
 - ❖ The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by **17.2** weeks;
 - ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by **49,000** new jobs or **9.42%** increase from January 2015;
 - ❖ Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase by industry with **15,000 since January 2015**;
 - ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers, Applications with an average monthly opening of **4,038**;
 - ❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor's degree is Computer User Support Specialists with an average monthly opening of **1,988**.



Department of Employment Services

Washington, DC's lead workforce development and labor agency

DC Annual Unemployment Rate (2015-2018)

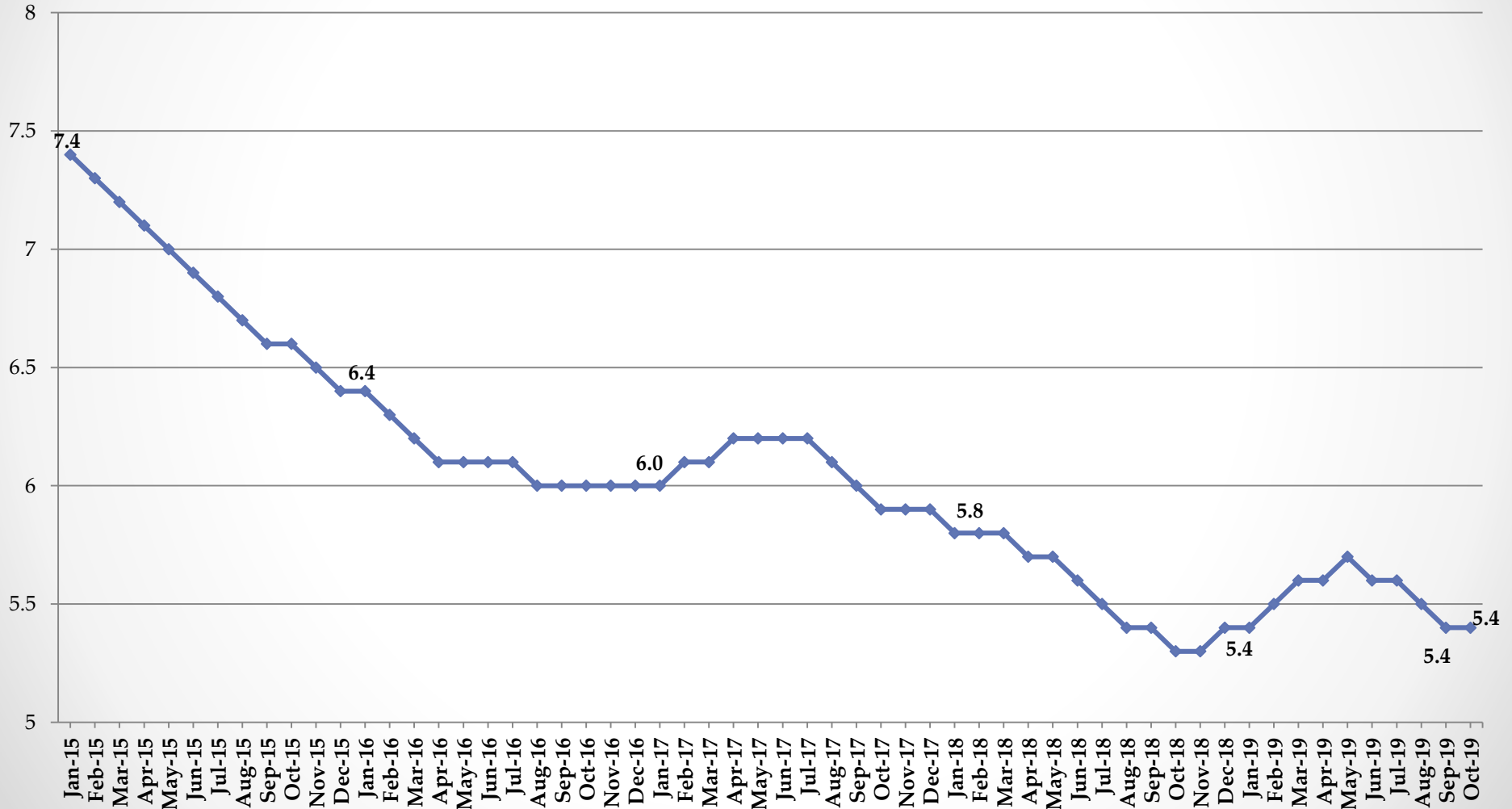




Department of Employment Services

Washington, DC's lead workforce development and labor agency

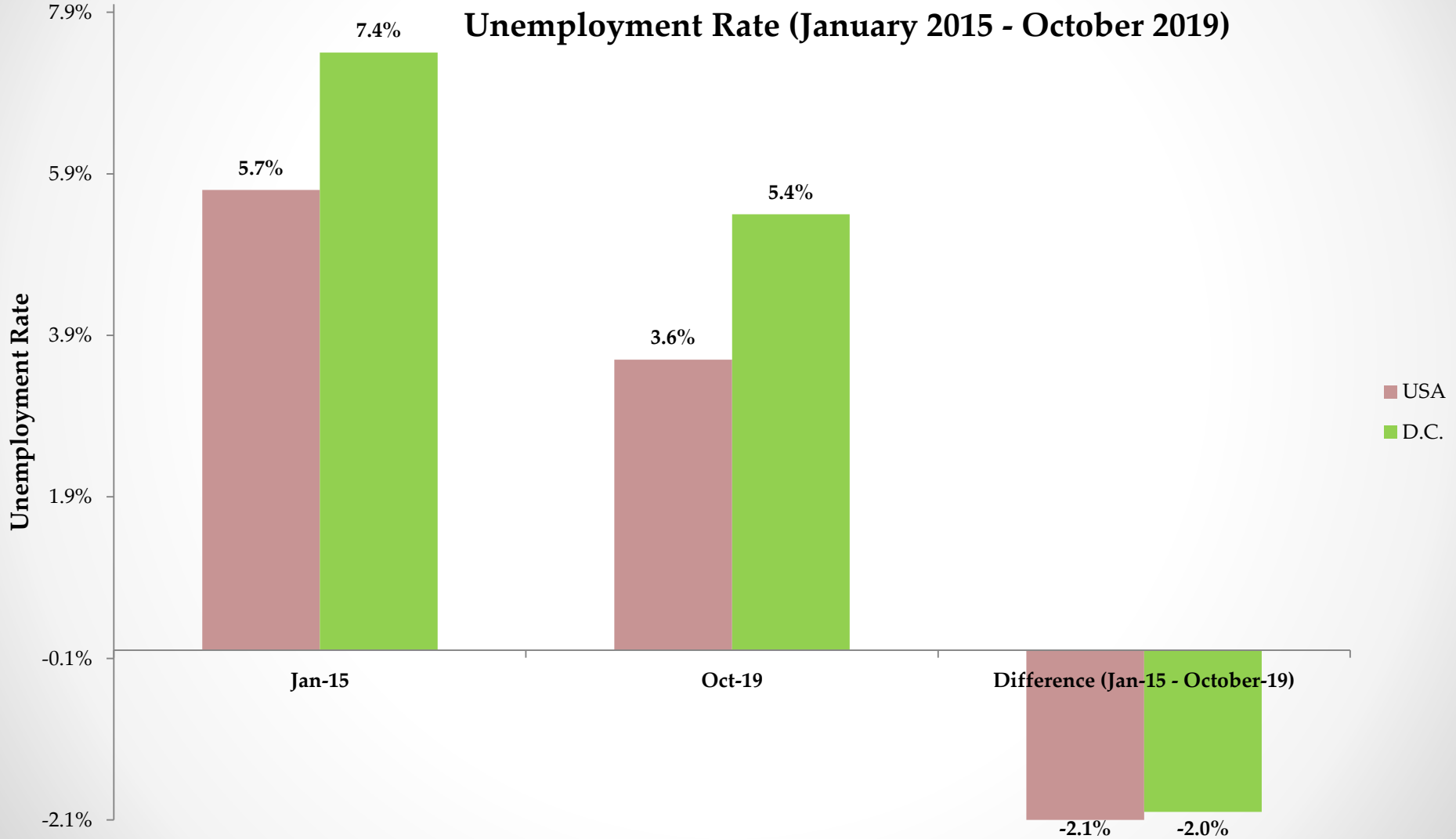
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Oct. 2019





Department of Employment Services

Washington, DC's lead workforce development and labor agency

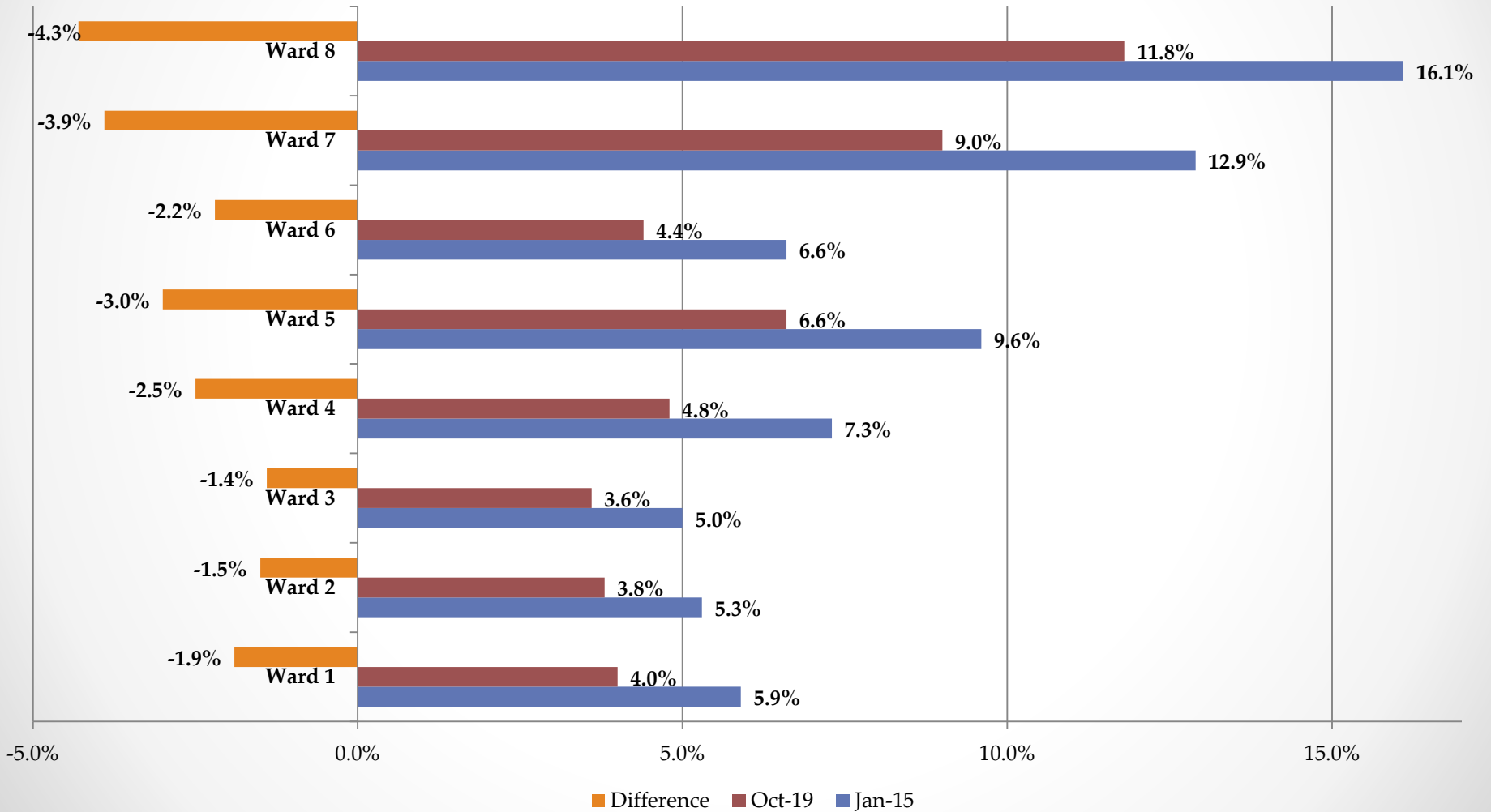




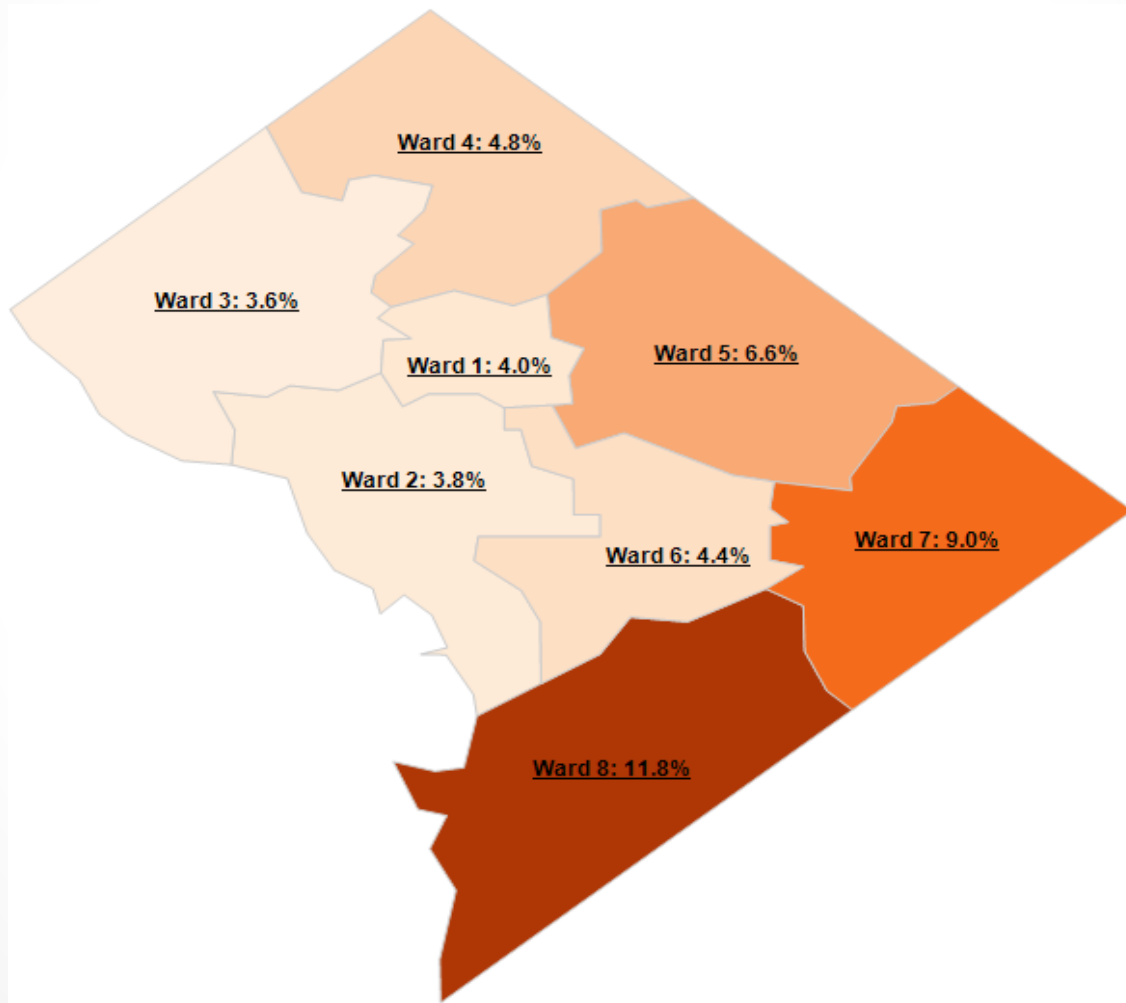
Department of Employment Services

Washington, DC's lead workforce development and labor agency

Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - October 2019)



Unemployment Rate by Ward: October 2019

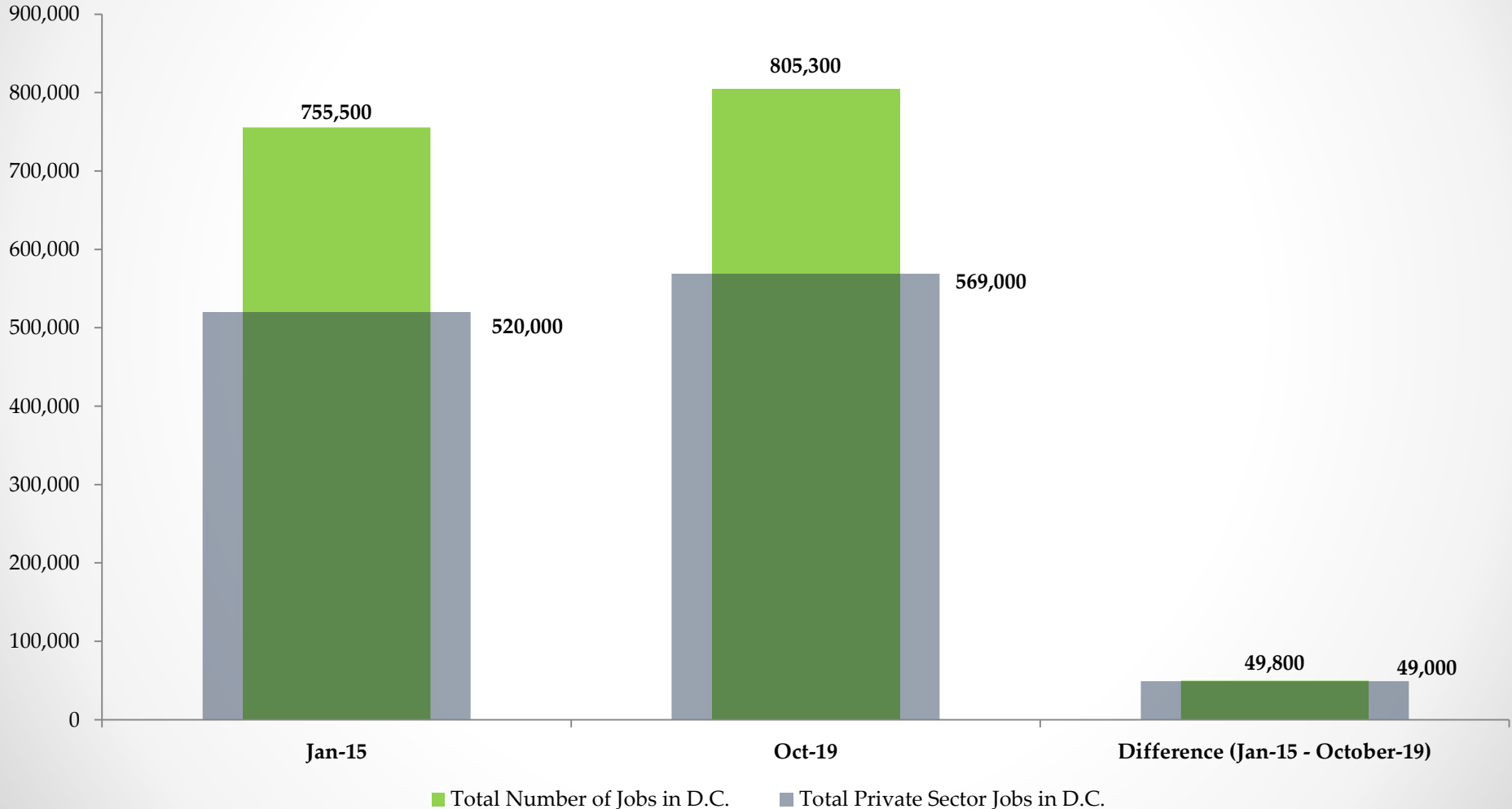




Department of Employment Services

Washington, DC's lead workforce development and labor agency

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

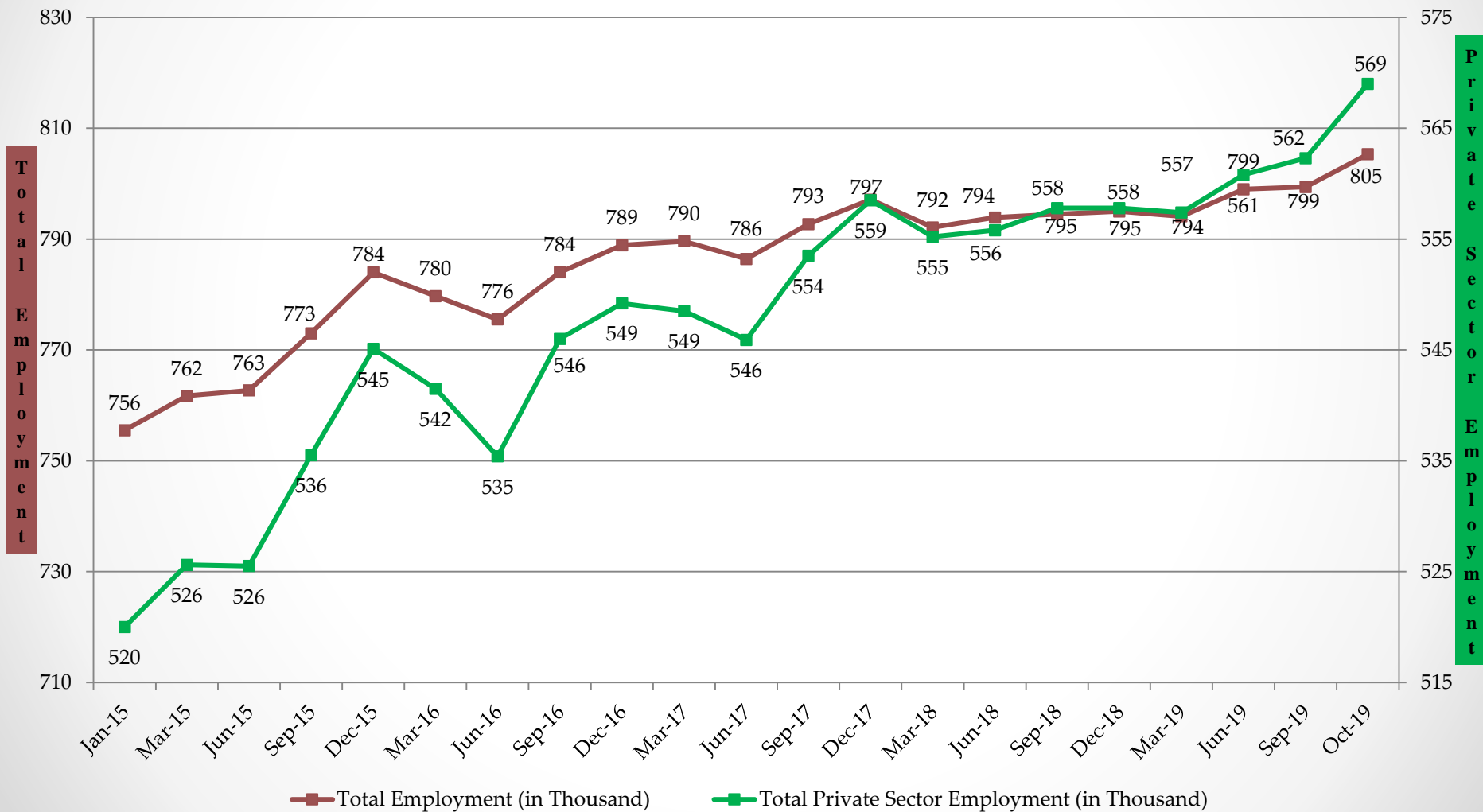




Department of Employment Services

Washington, DC's lead workforce development and labor agency

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

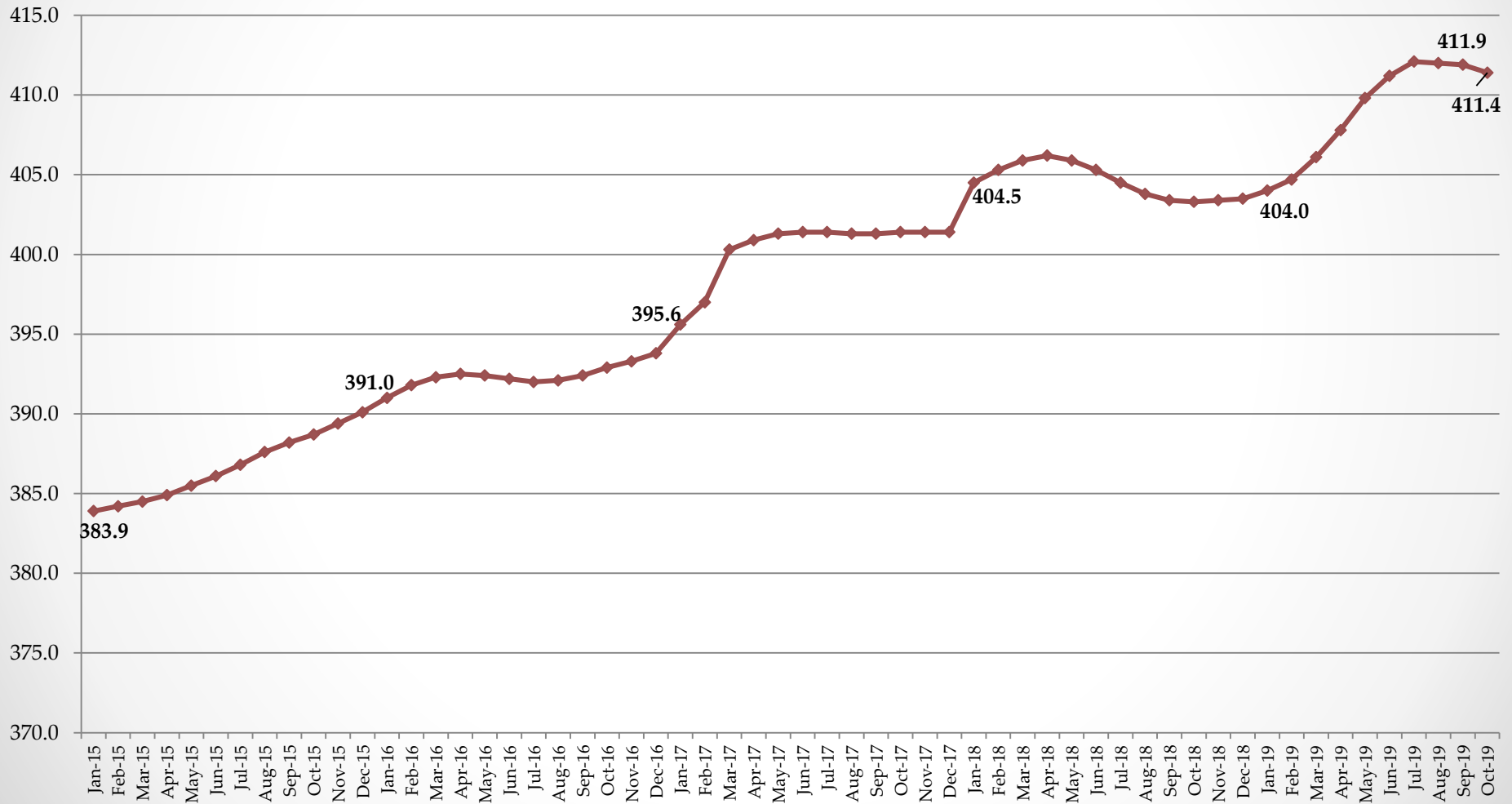




Department of Employment Services

Washington, DC's lead workforce development and labor agency

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

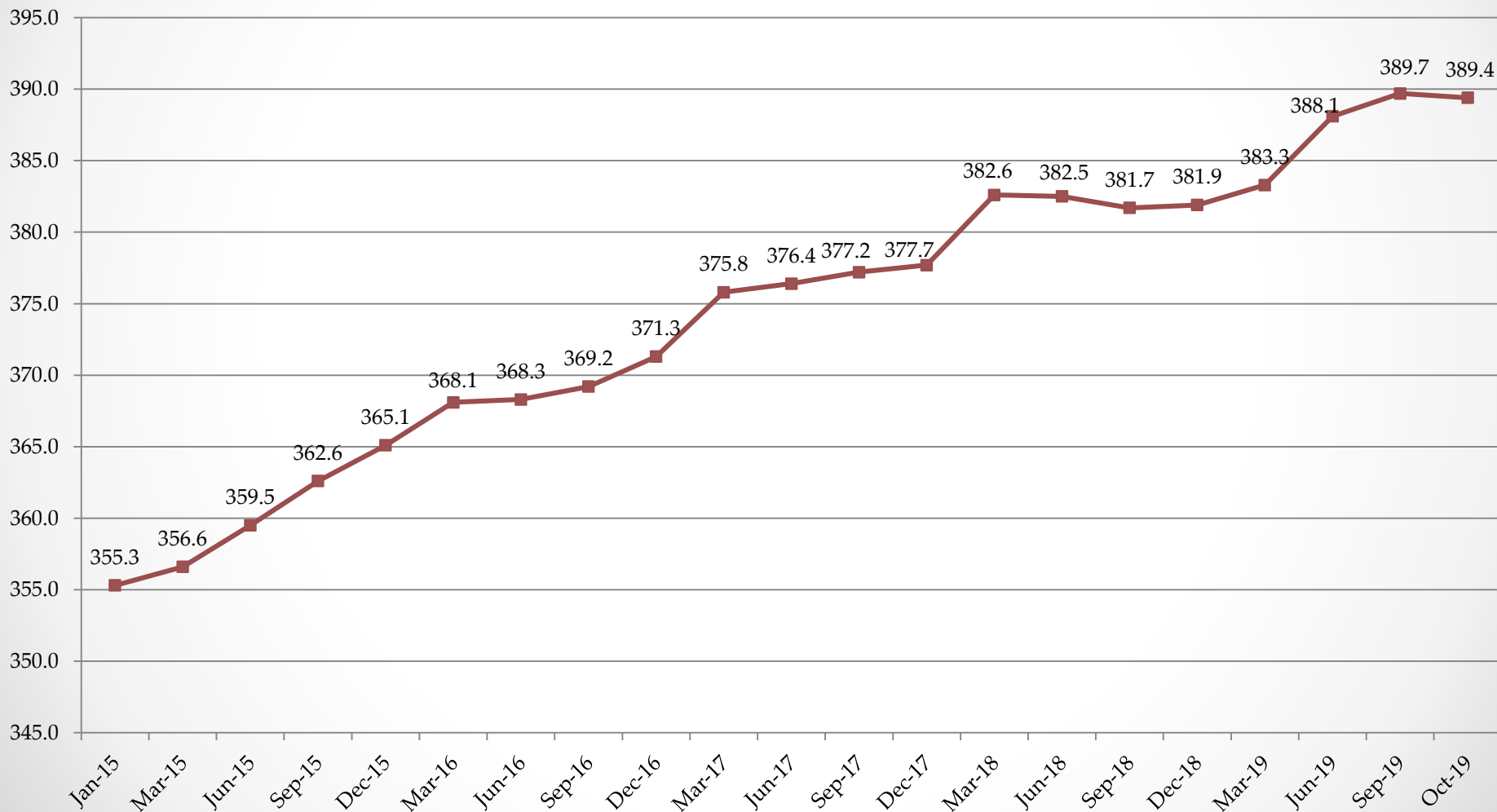




Department of Employment Services

Washington, DC's lead workforce development and labor agency

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

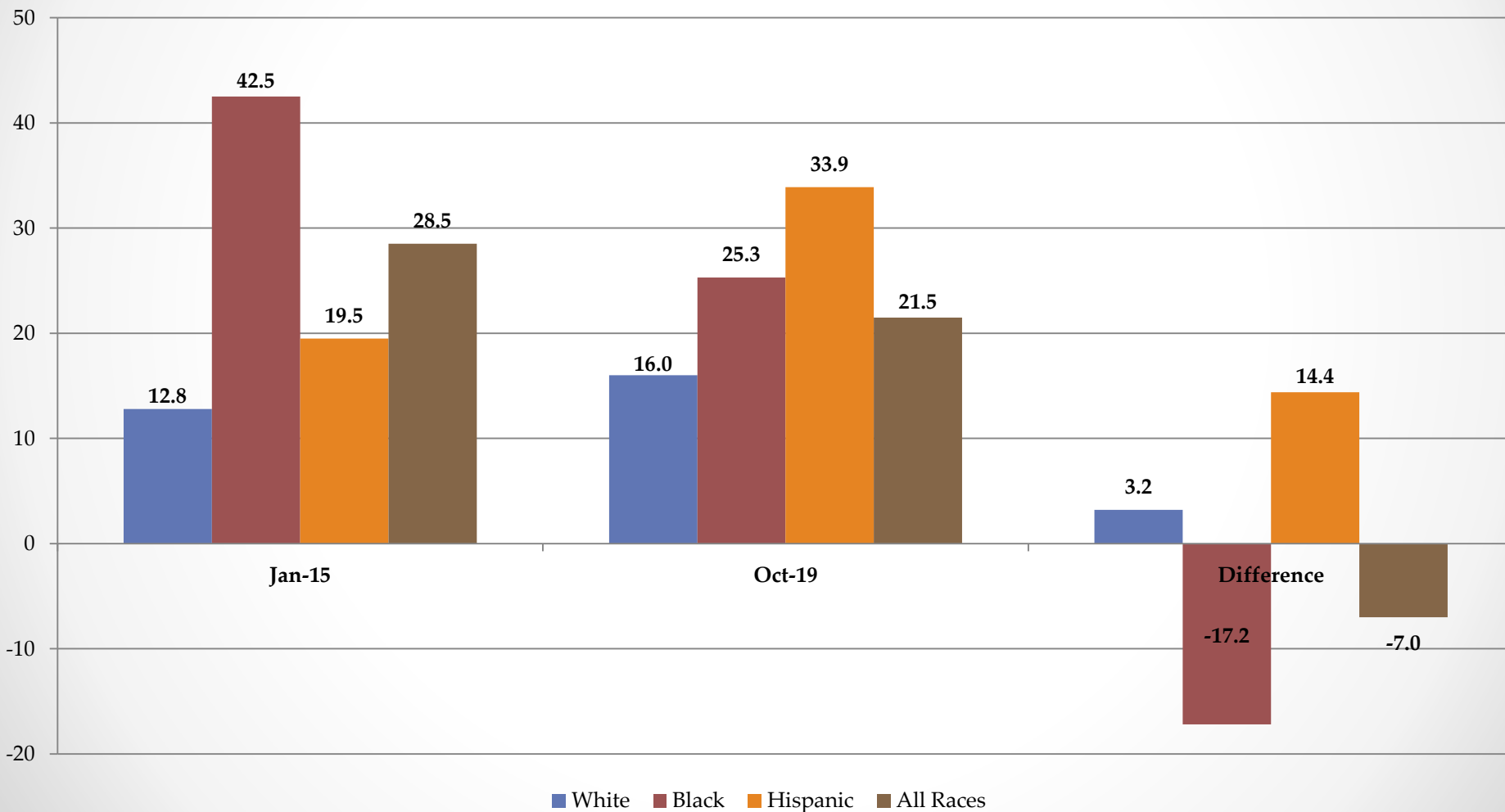




Department of Employment Services

Washington, DC's lead workforce development and labor agency

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

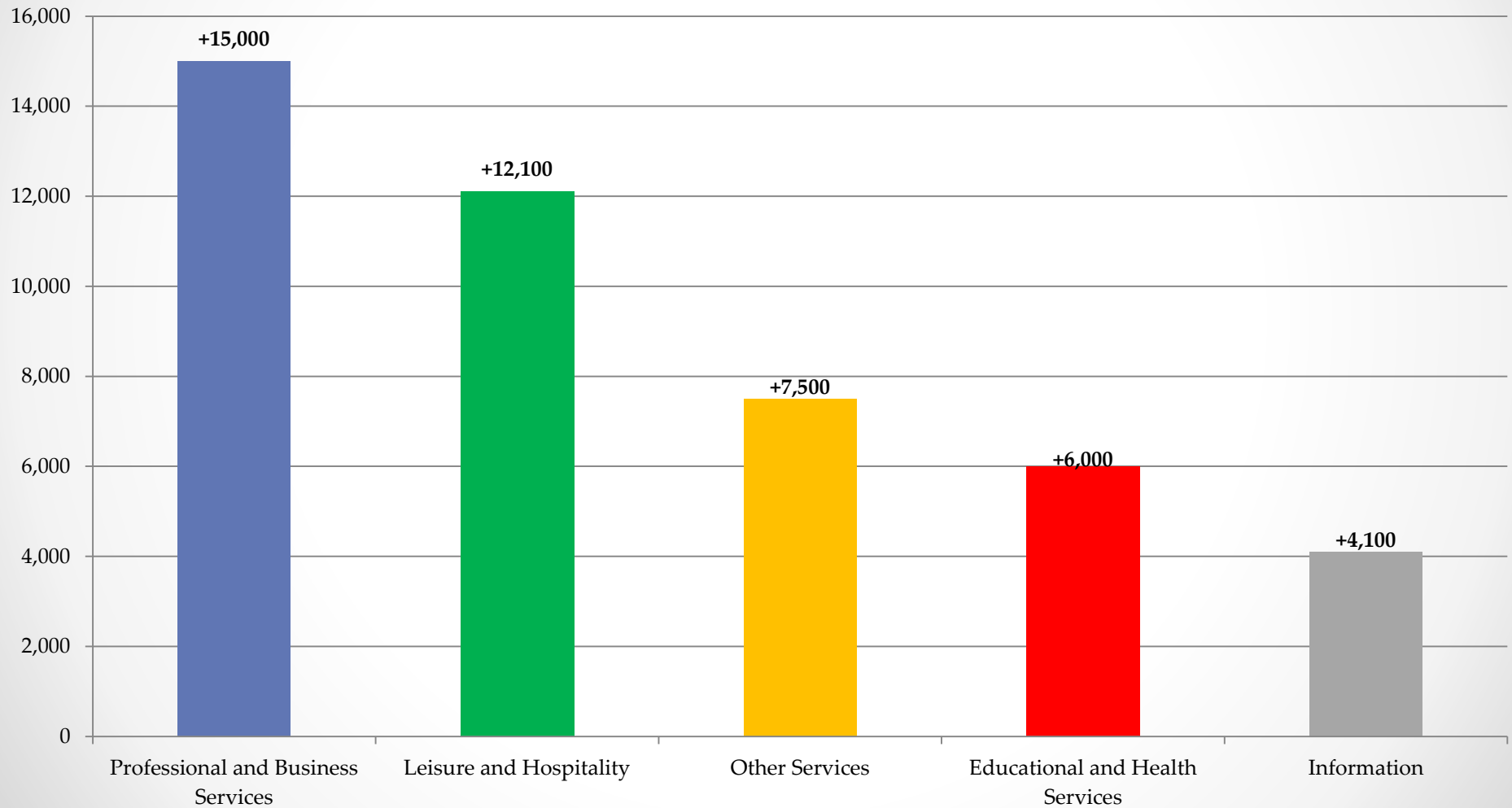




Department of Employment Services

Washington, DC's lead workforce development and labor agency

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

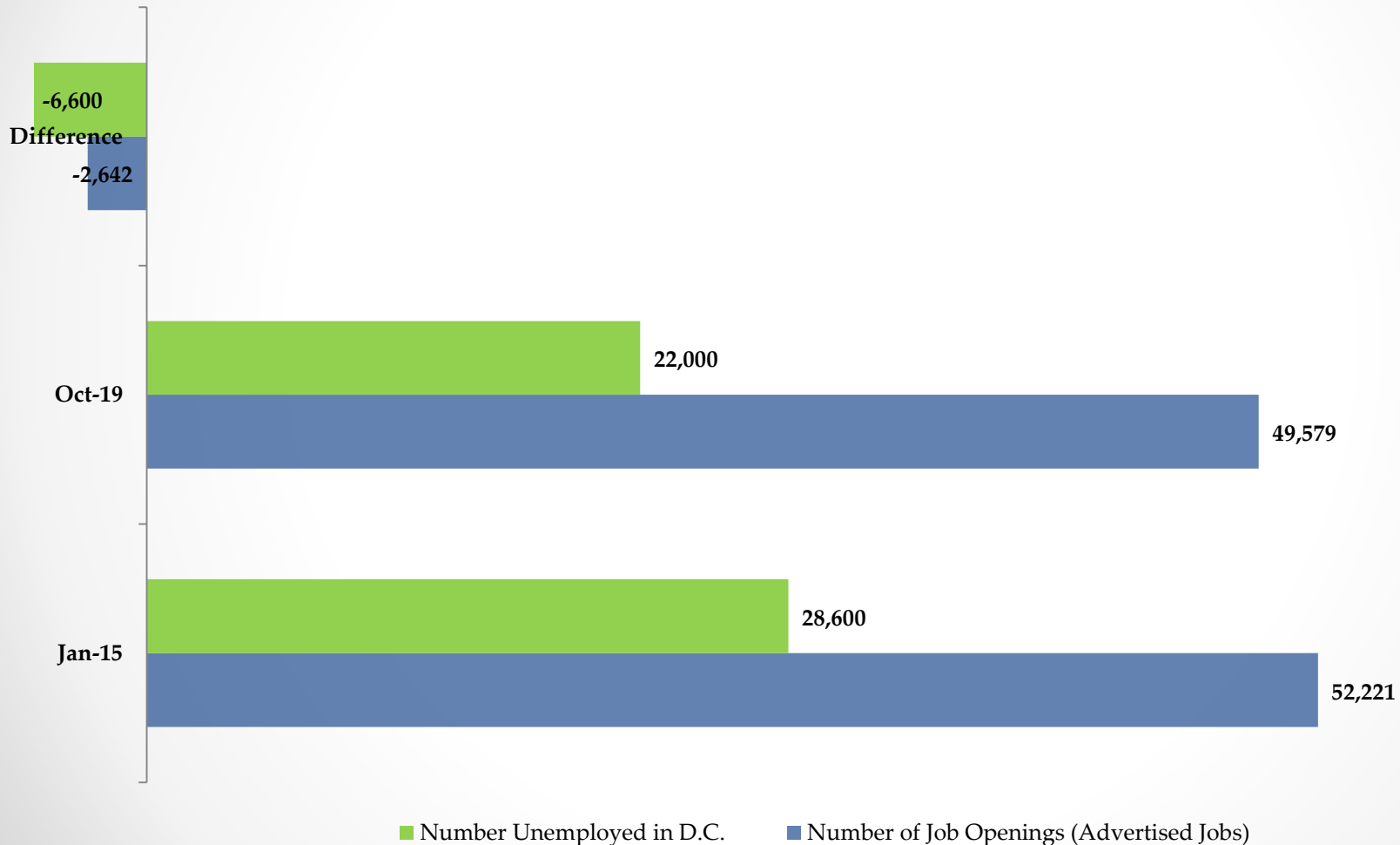




Department of Employment Services

Washington, DC's lead workforce development and labor agency

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

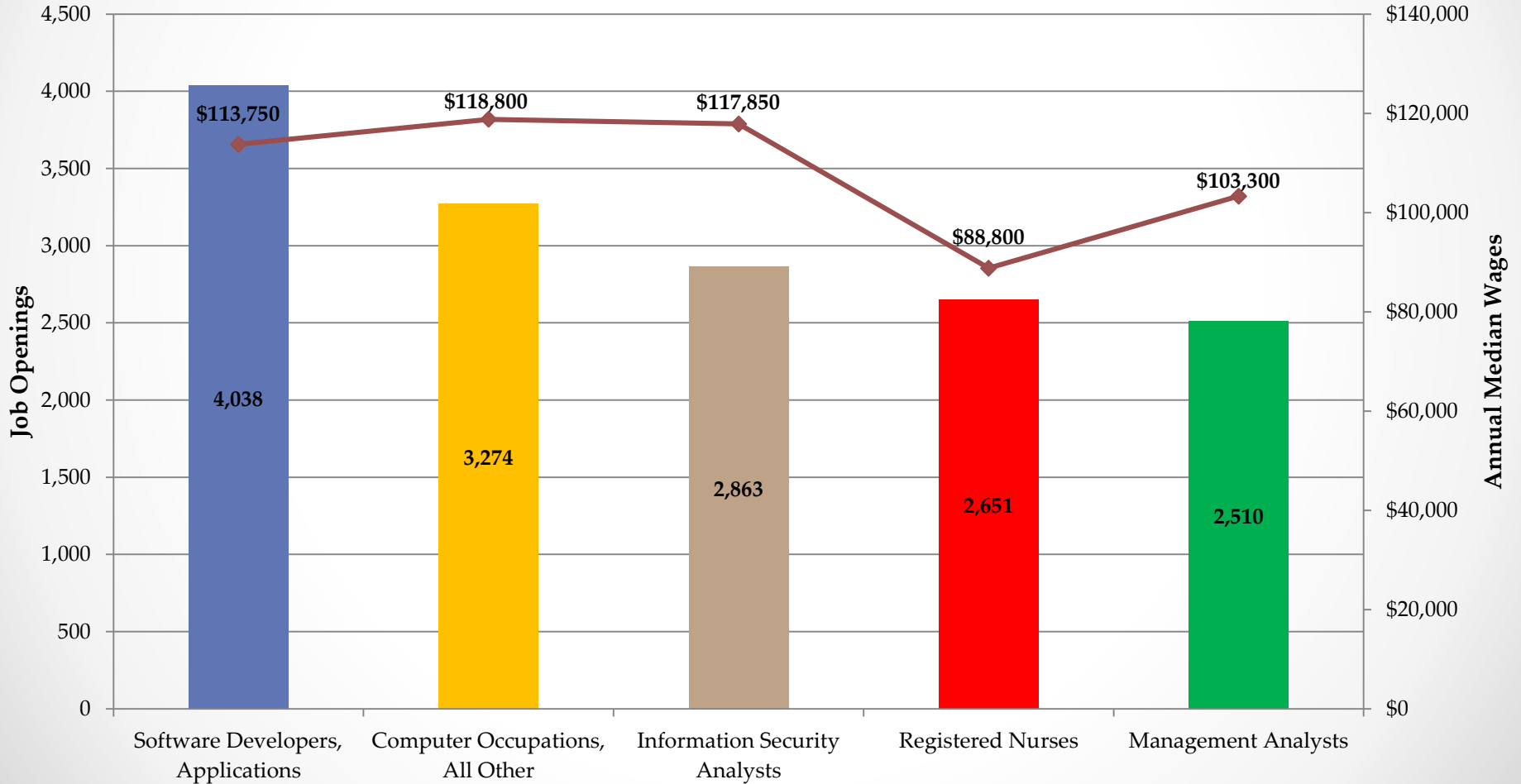




Department of Employment Services

Washington, DC's lead workforce development and labor agency

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

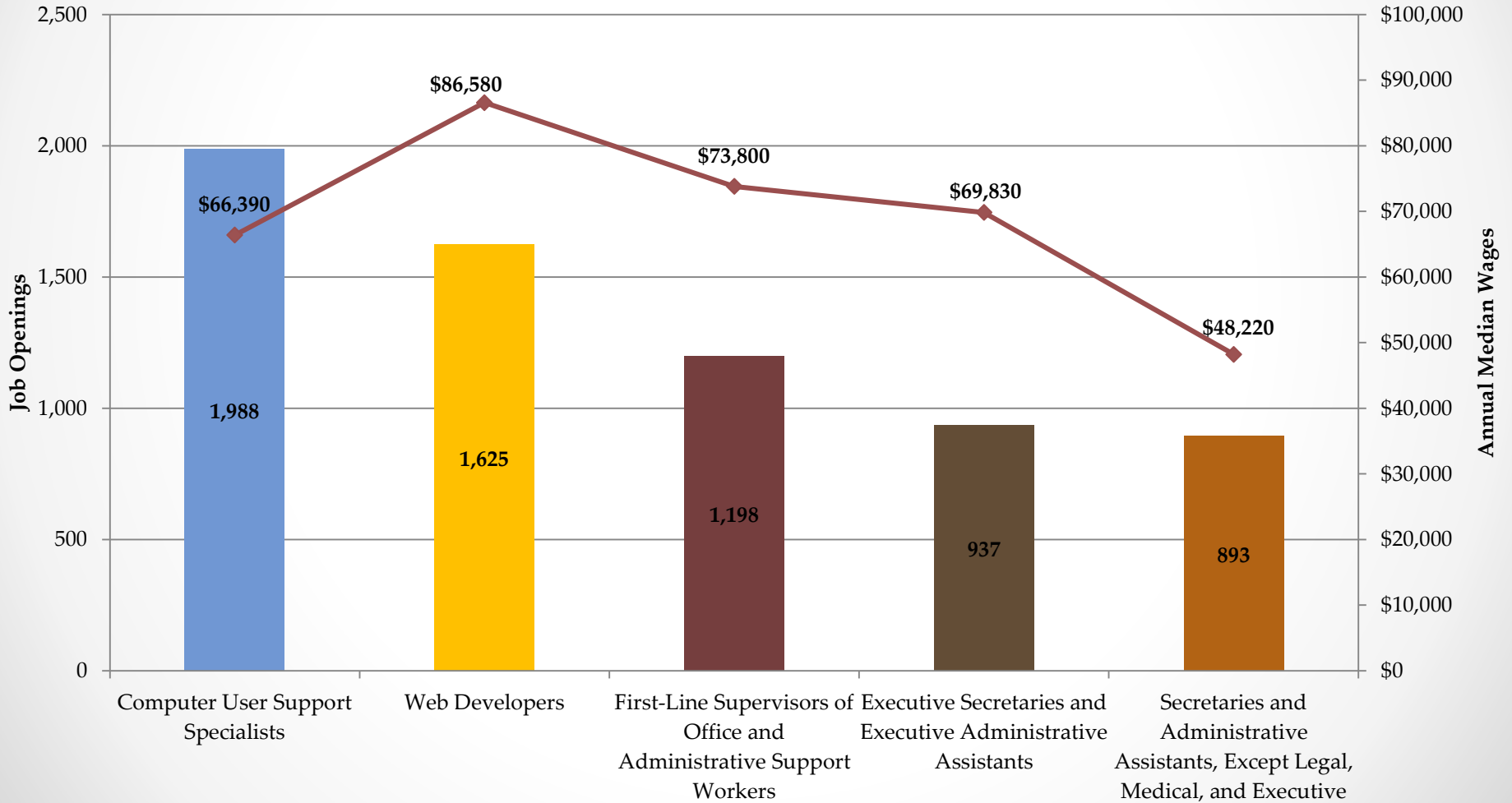




Department of Employment Services

Washington, DC's lead workforce development and labor agency

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





Department of Employment Services

Washington, DC's lead workforce development and labor agency

Contact Information

- Opeyemi Fasakin, Labor Economist
- Thomas Tsegaye, Labor Economist
- **Data Request:** <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/631658c092ef4395ab27b76716df8068>
- **Email:** Imi.does@dc.gov
- **Phone:** (202) 671-1633
- **Website:** www.does.dc.gov
- <http://does.dc.gov/page/labor-statistics>