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D.C. Labor Market Indicators: January 2015 - September 2023

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Highlights

From January 2015 to September 2023:

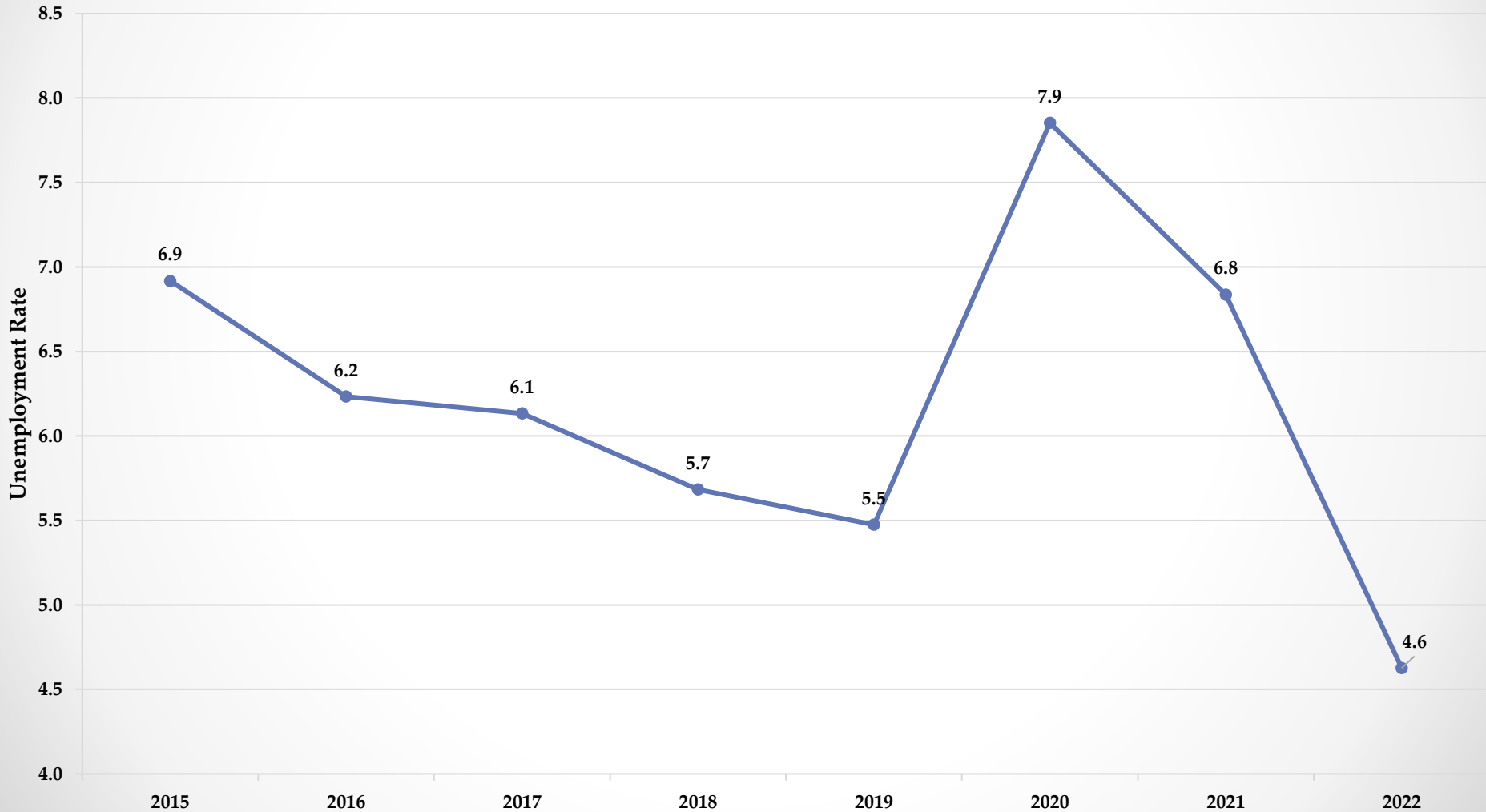
- ❖ The unemployment rate in DC decreased by **2.4** percentage points from **7.4%** to **5.0%**;
- ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by **4.0** percentage points (**12.9%** to **8.9%**) and **5.4** percentage points (**16.1%** to **10.7%**) respectively;
- ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by **17,800**;
- ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by **31,900**;
- ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants decreased by **11.52%**;
- ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by **8,800** people;
- ❖ The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by **19.3** weeks;
- ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by **33,200** jobs (**6.48%** increase);
- ❖ Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase among industries with employment increased by **17,700**;
- ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers with an average monthly opening of **1,103** jobs;
- ❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor's degree is Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal Medical & Executive with an average monthly opening of **444** jobs.



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DC Annual Average Unemployment Rate (2015-2022)

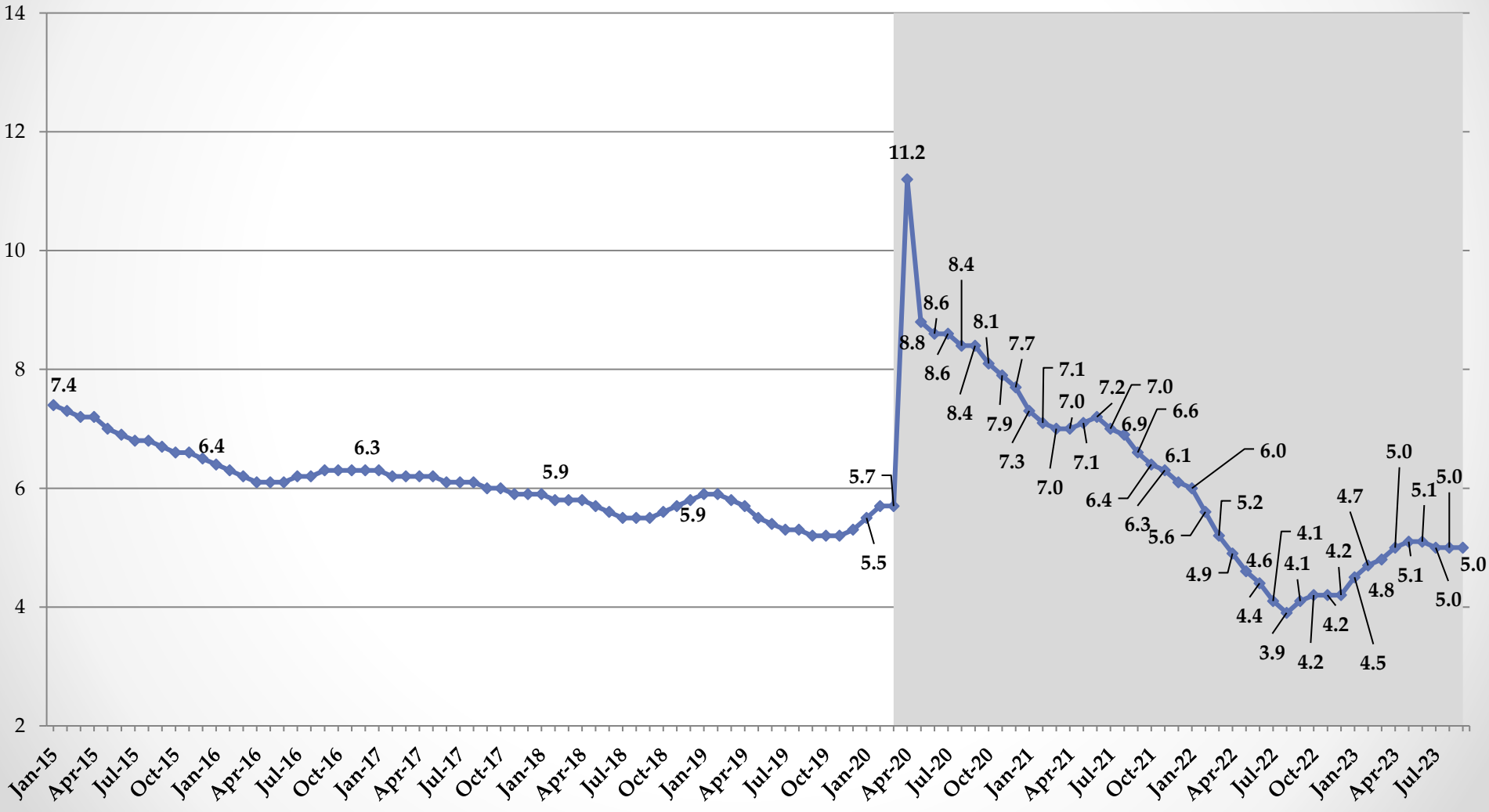




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The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Sept. 2023

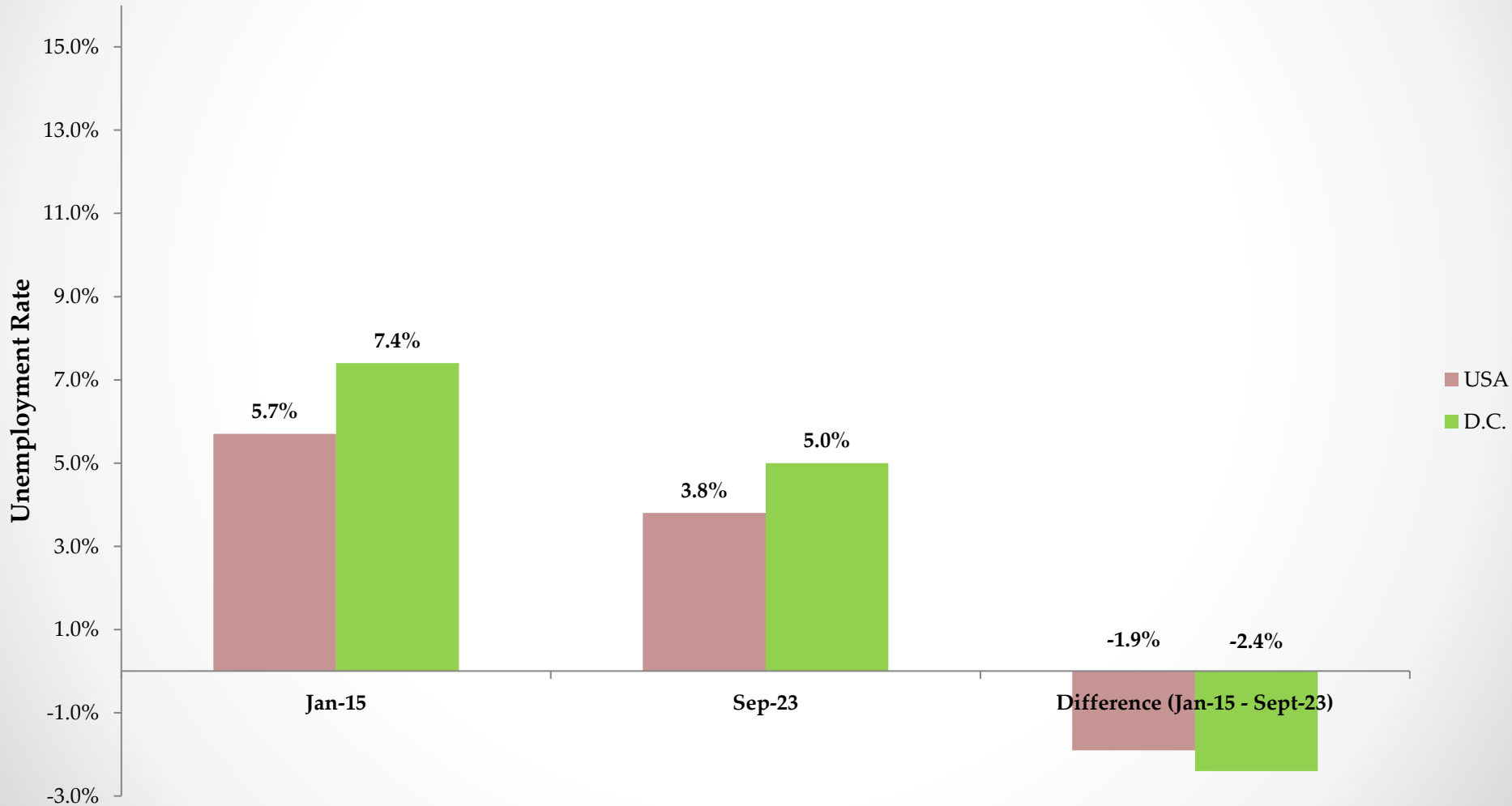




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Unemployment Rate (January 2015 - September 2023)

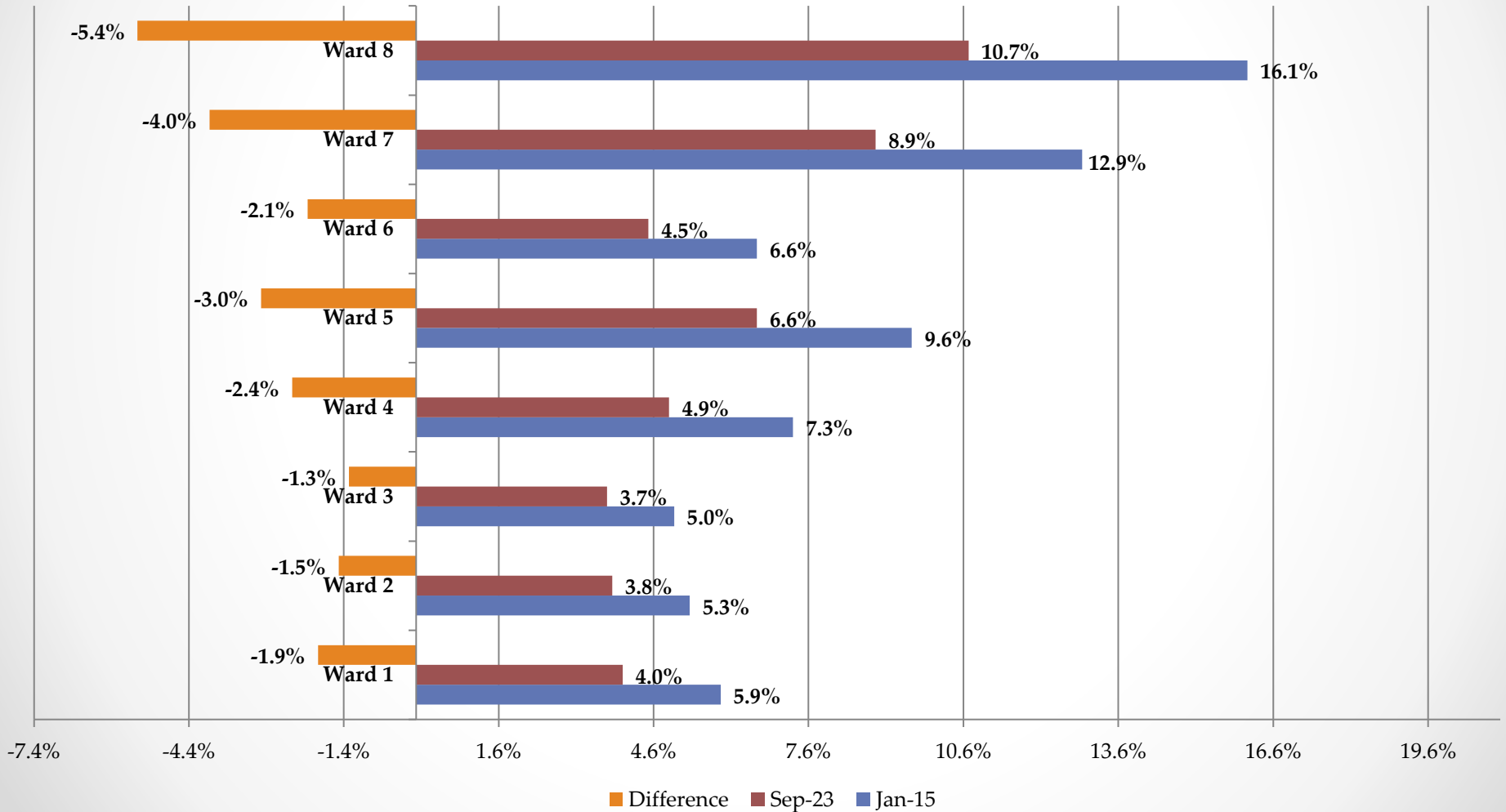




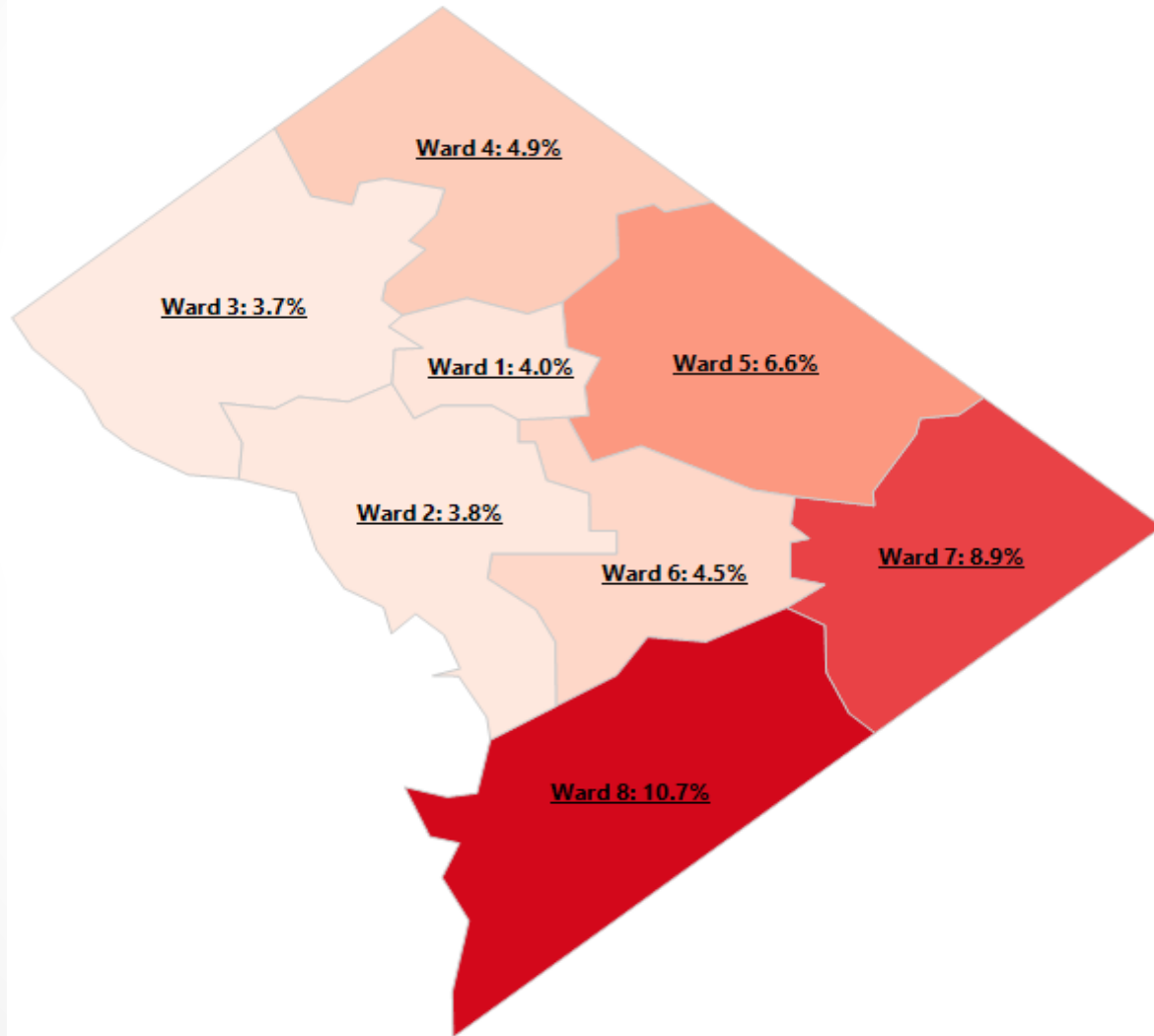
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Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - September 2023)



Unemployment Rate by Ward: September 2023

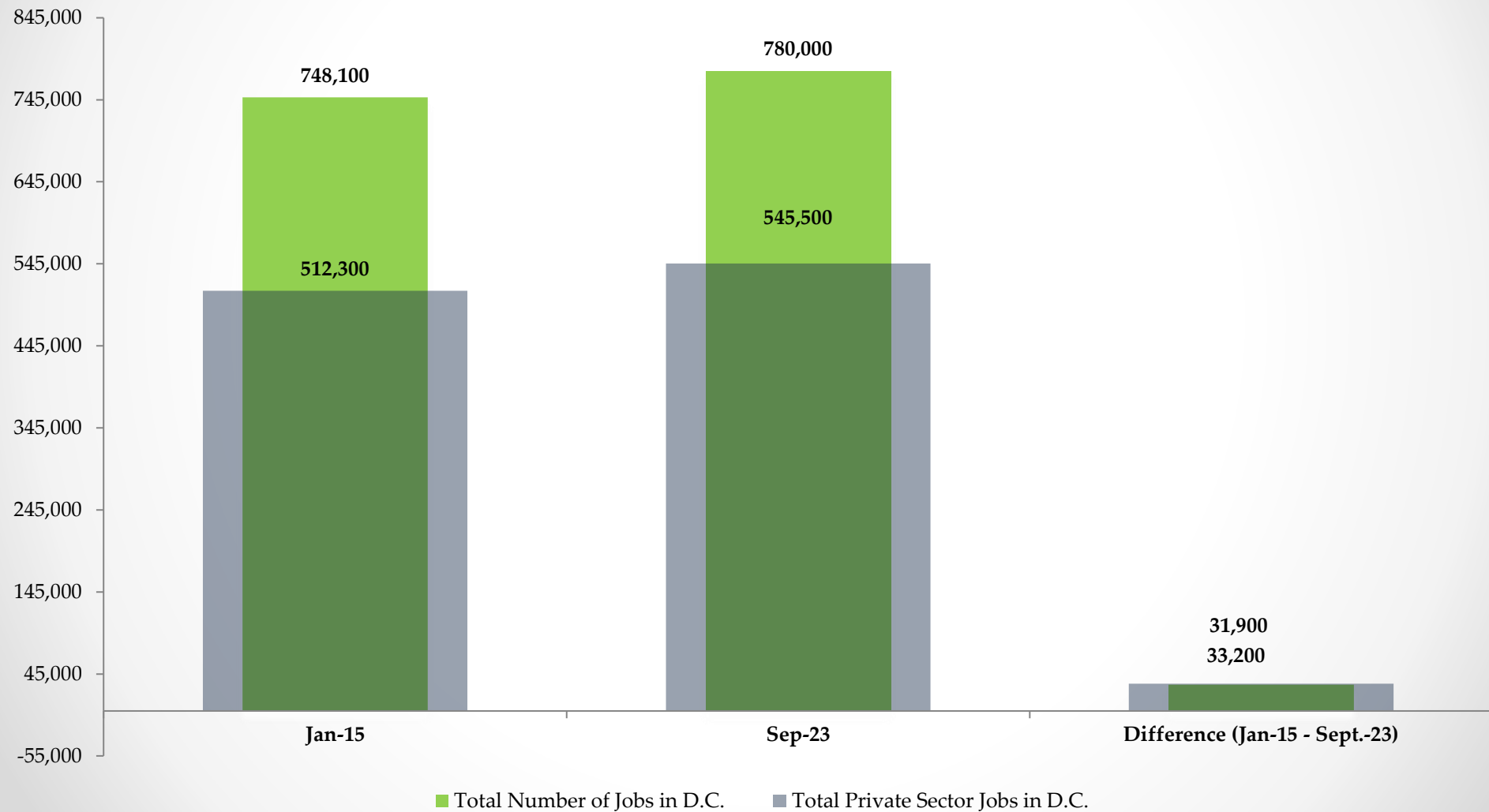




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Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Sept. 2023)

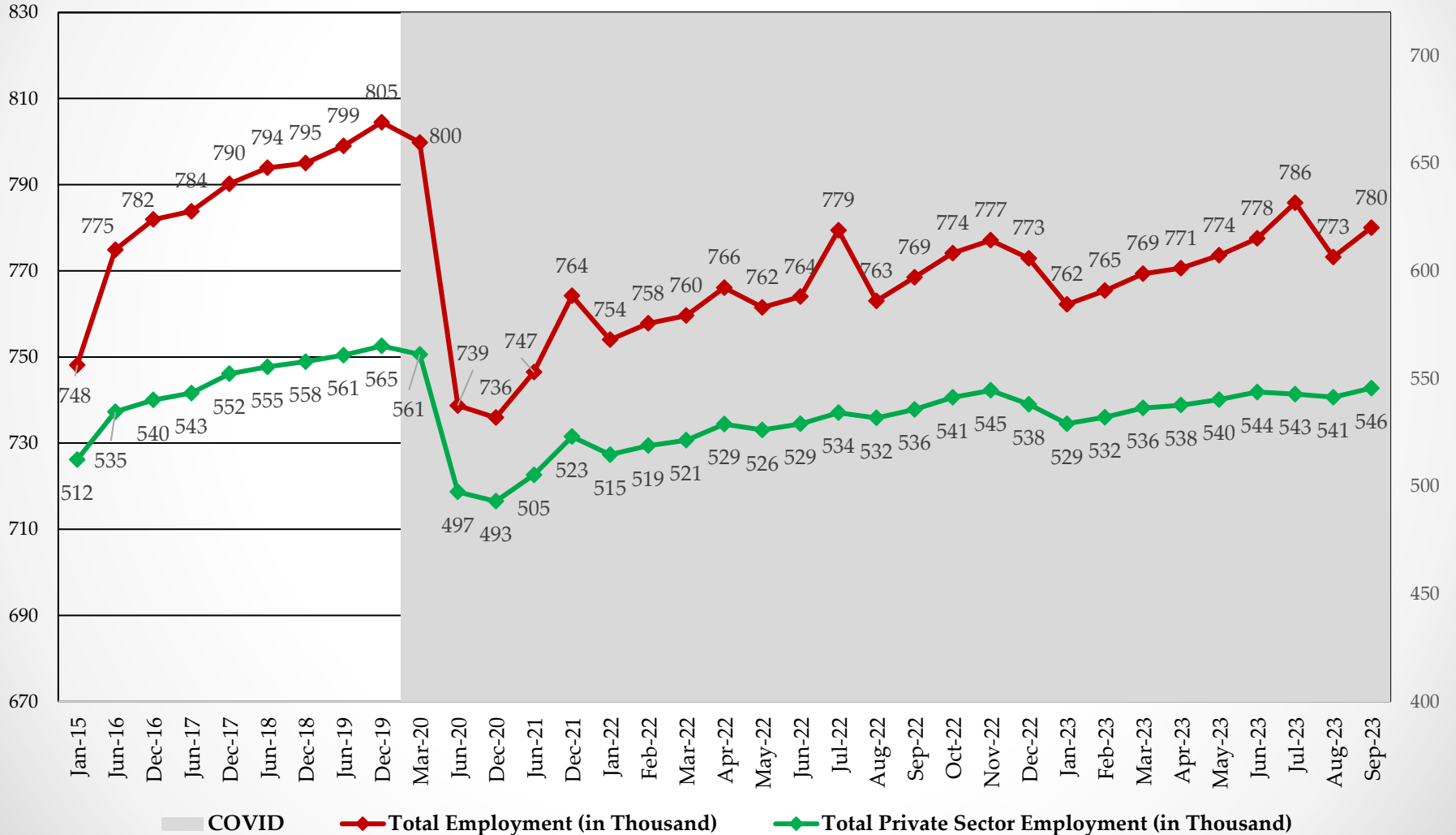




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Total Employment and Private Sector in D.C. (Jan. 2015 - Sept. 23) (In Thousands)

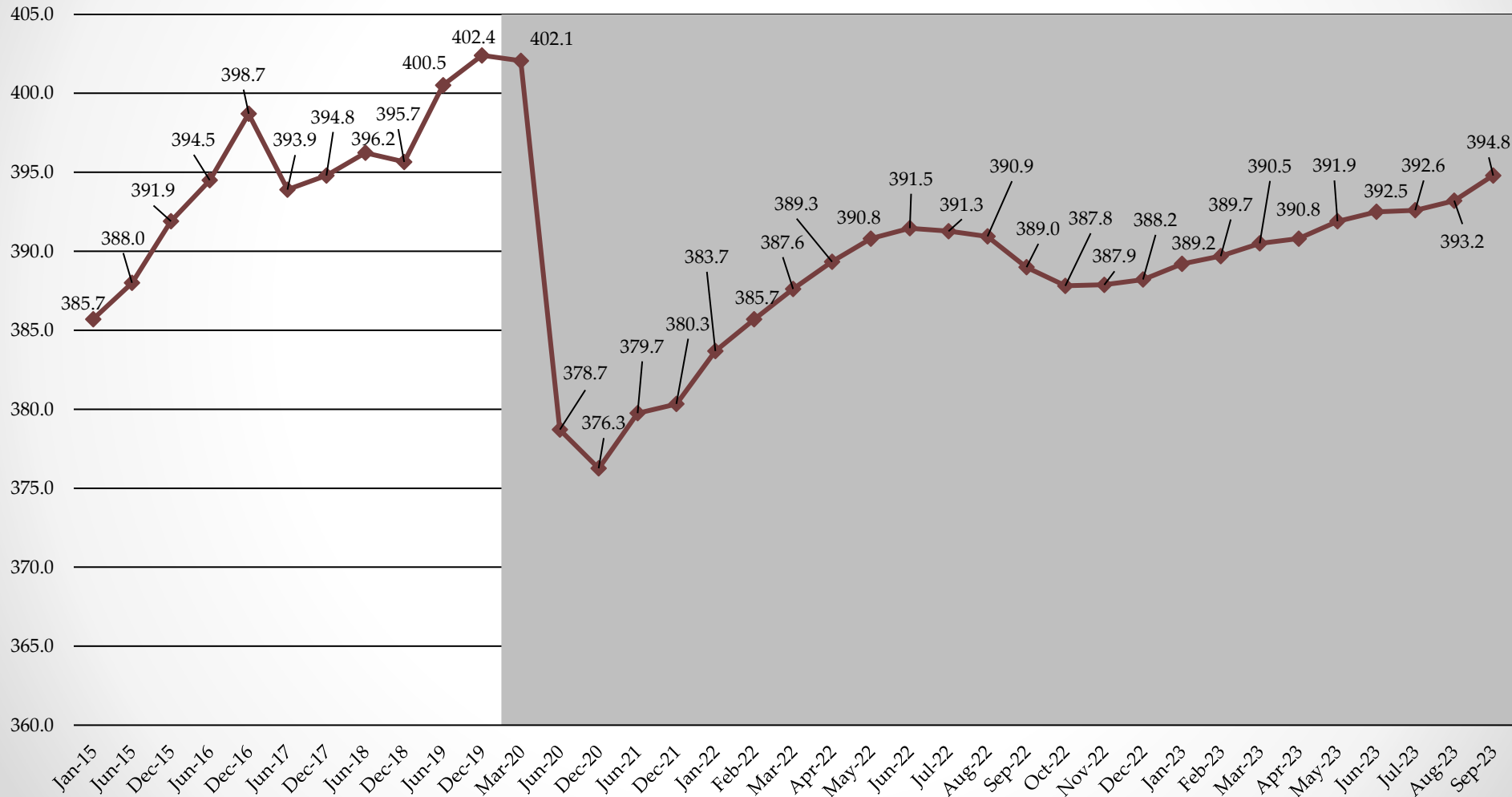




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The District's Labor Force (Jan. 2015- Sept. 23) (In Thousands)

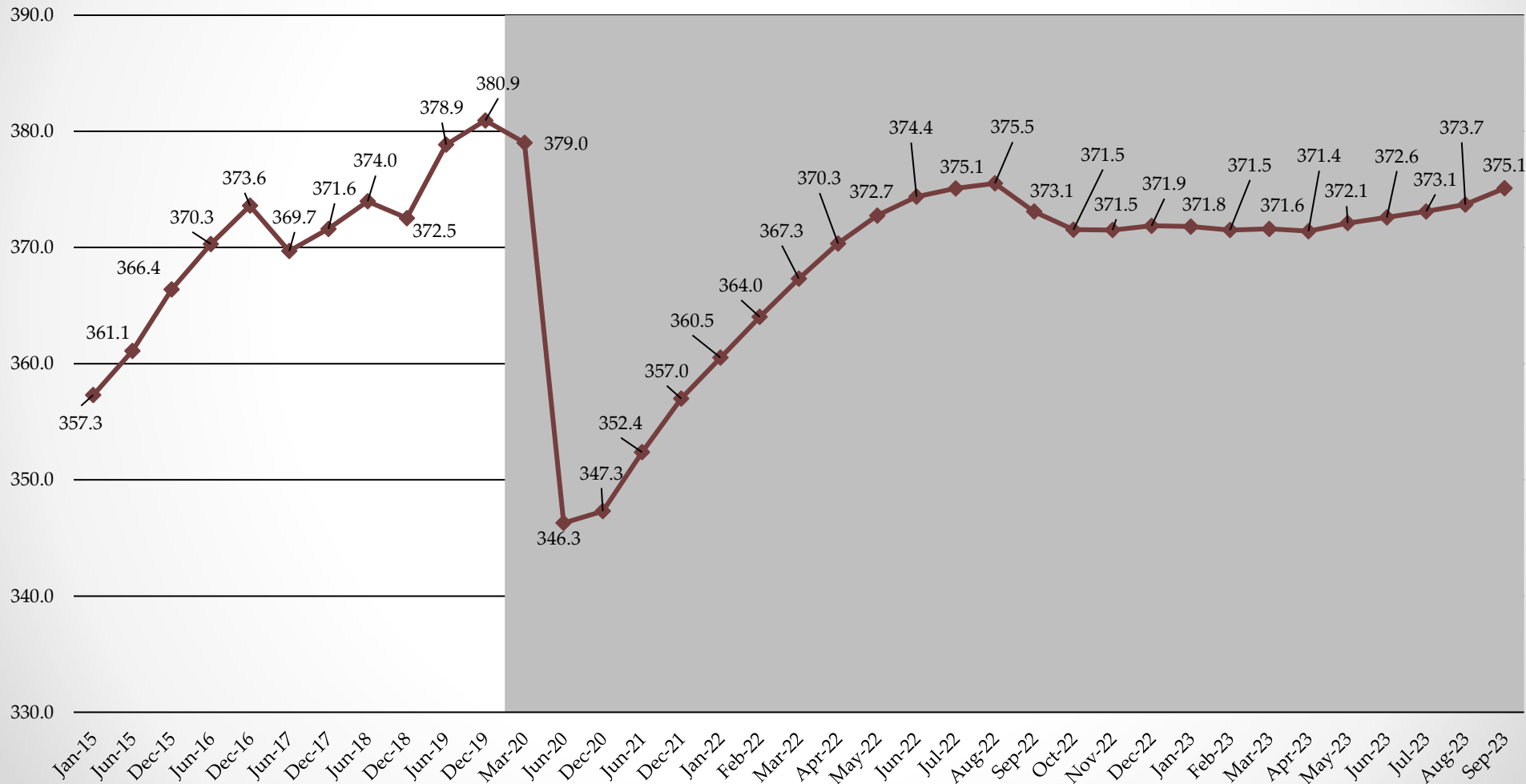




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Employed DC Residents (Jan. 2015- Sept. 23) (In Thousands)

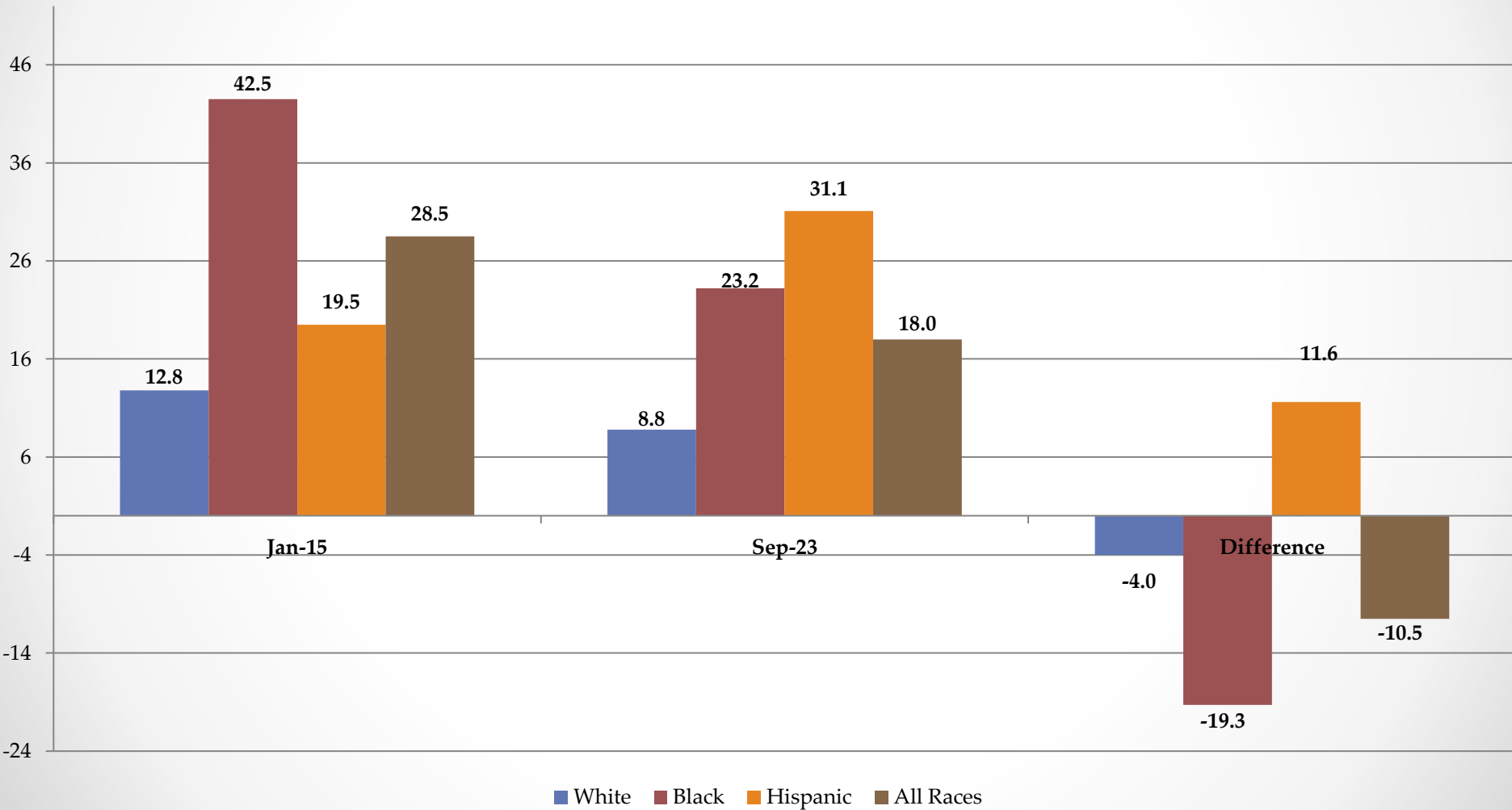




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Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - Sept. 2023)

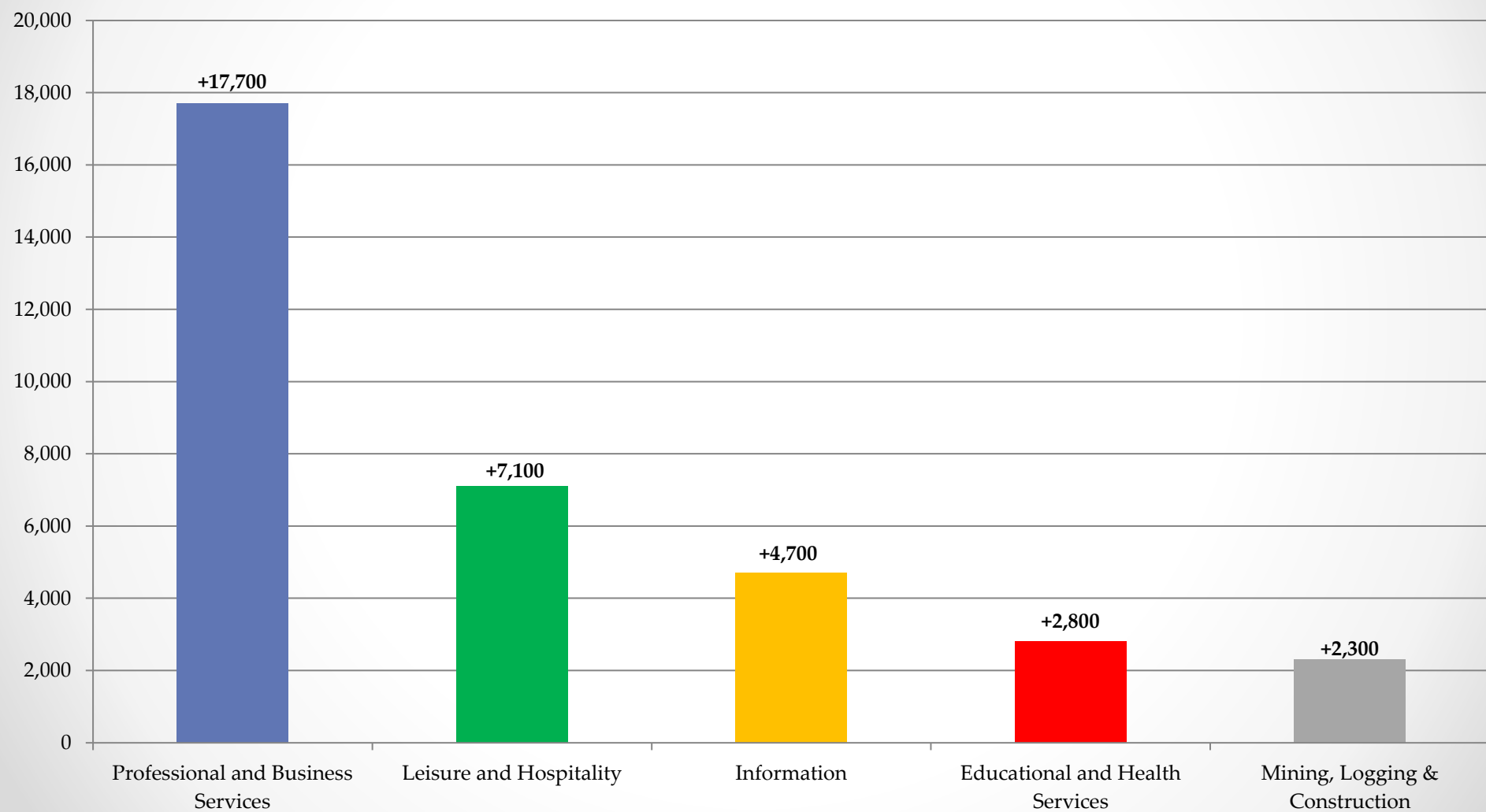




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Top 5 Industries with Highest Employment Increase (Jan.2015 – Sept. 2023)

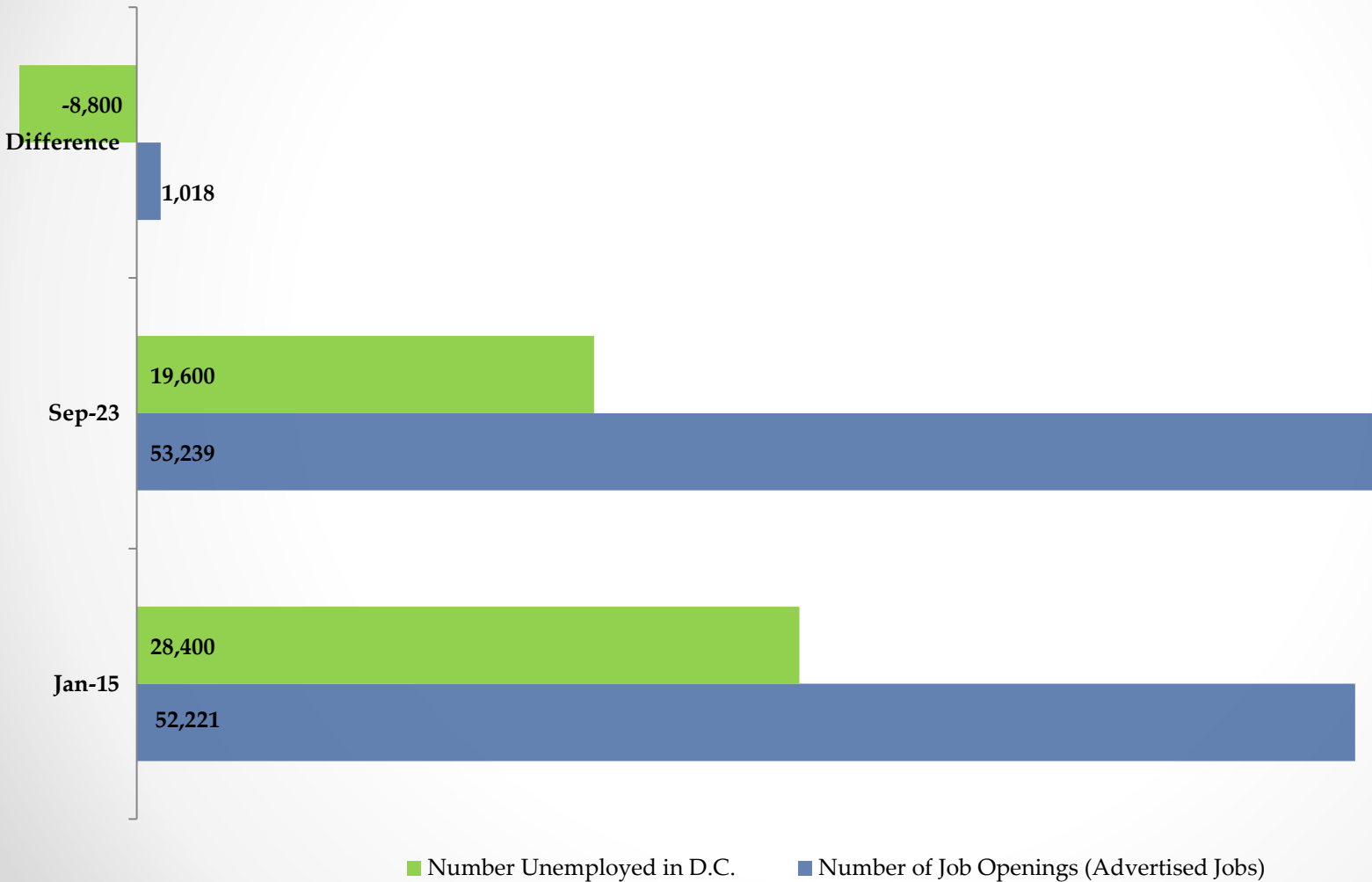




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Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - Sept. 2023)

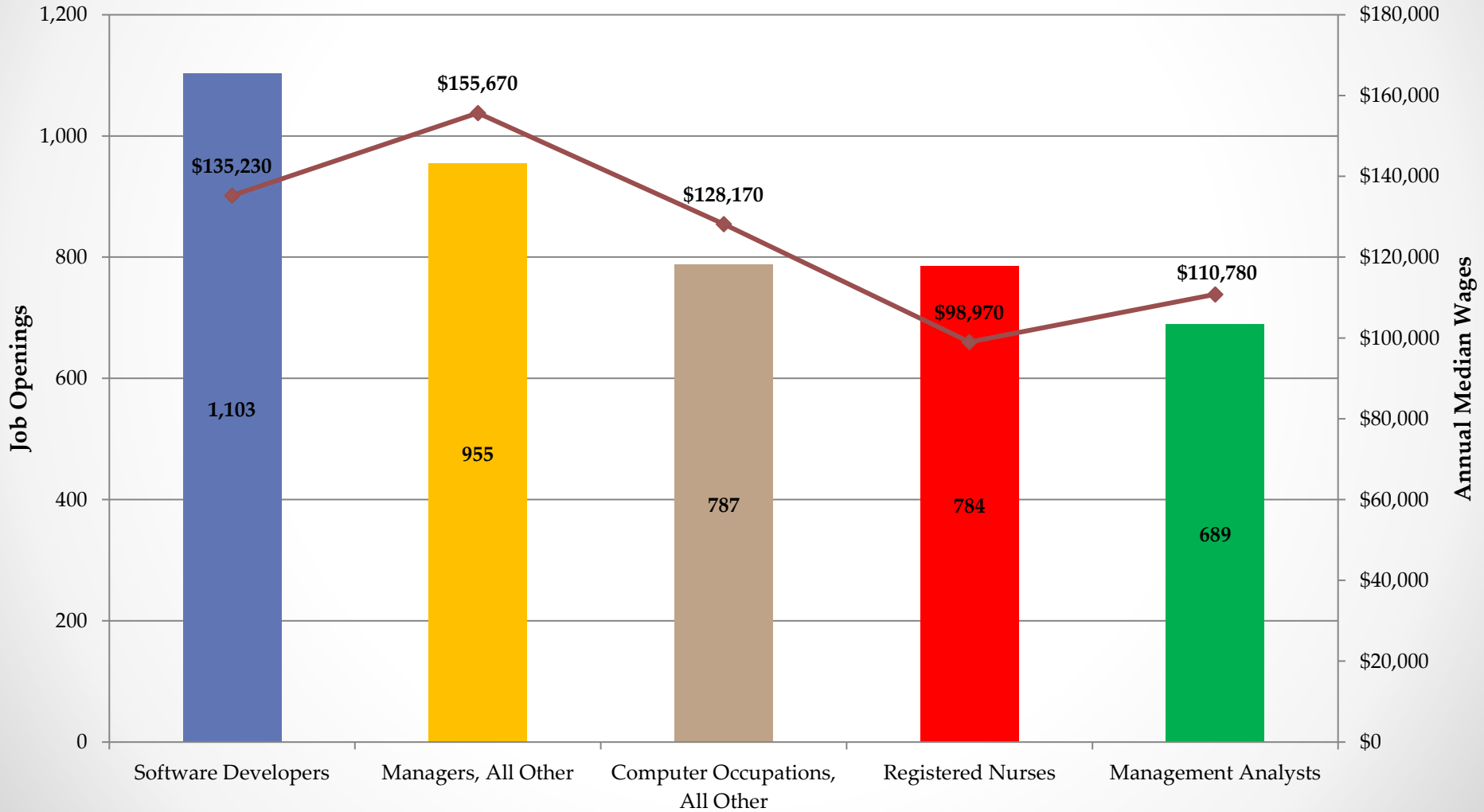




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Top 5 Job Openings: January 2022 - September 2023 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

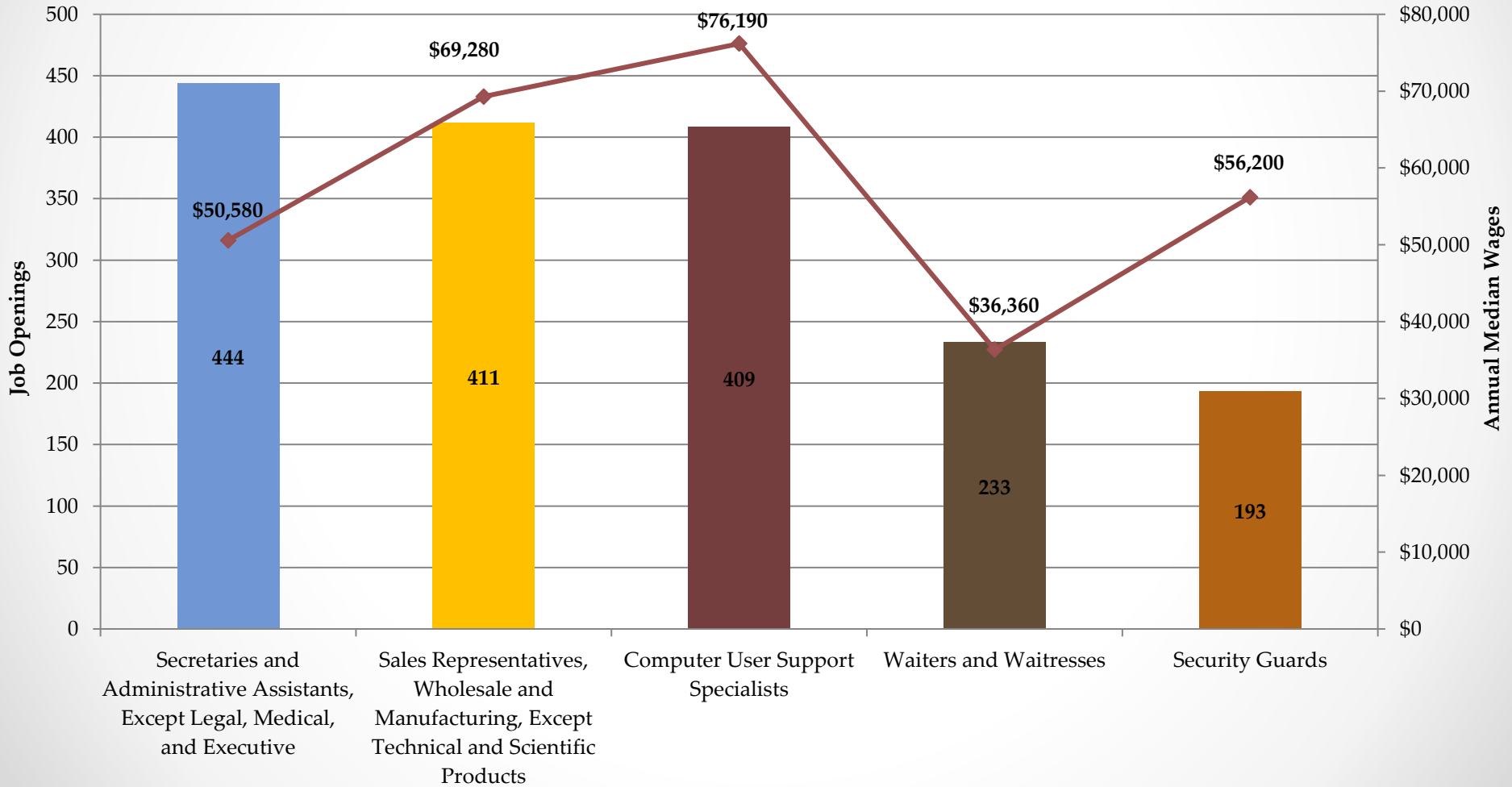




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Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2022 - September 2023 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)





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