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D.C. Labor Market Indicators: December 2018

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Highlights

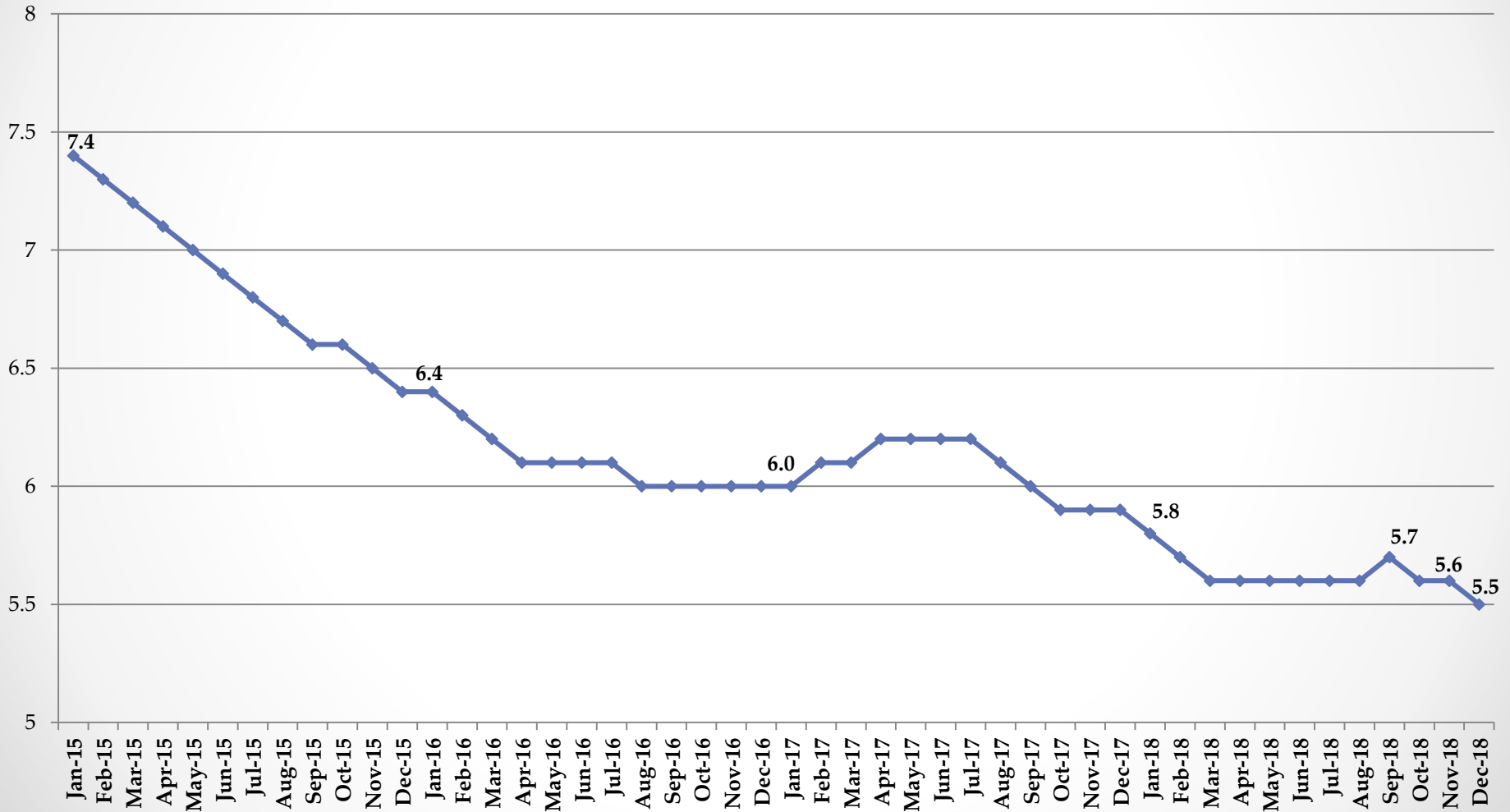
- From January 2015 to December 2018:
 - ❖ The unemployment rate in DC decreased by **1.9** percentage points (or **25.7%** decrease);
 - ❖ Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by **4.6** percentage points (**35.7%** decrease) and **4.7** percentage points (**29.2%** decrease) respectively;
 - ❖ Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by **25,900**;
 - ❖ Total number of jobs in DC increased by **43,600**;
 - ❖ Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants increased by **27.96%**;
 - ❖ Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by **6,300** people;
 - ❖ In DC there are **1.9** jobs available (advertised) for 1 unemployed DC resident;
 - ❖ The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by **22.1** weeks;
 - ❖ The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by **42,300** new jobs or **8.13%** increase from January 2015;
 - ❖ Professional and Business Services has the highest employment increase by industry with **10,800 since January 2015**;
 - ❖ The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers, Applications with an average monthly opening of **3,480**;
 - ❖ The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor's degree is Computer User Support Specialists with an average monthly opening of **1,875**.



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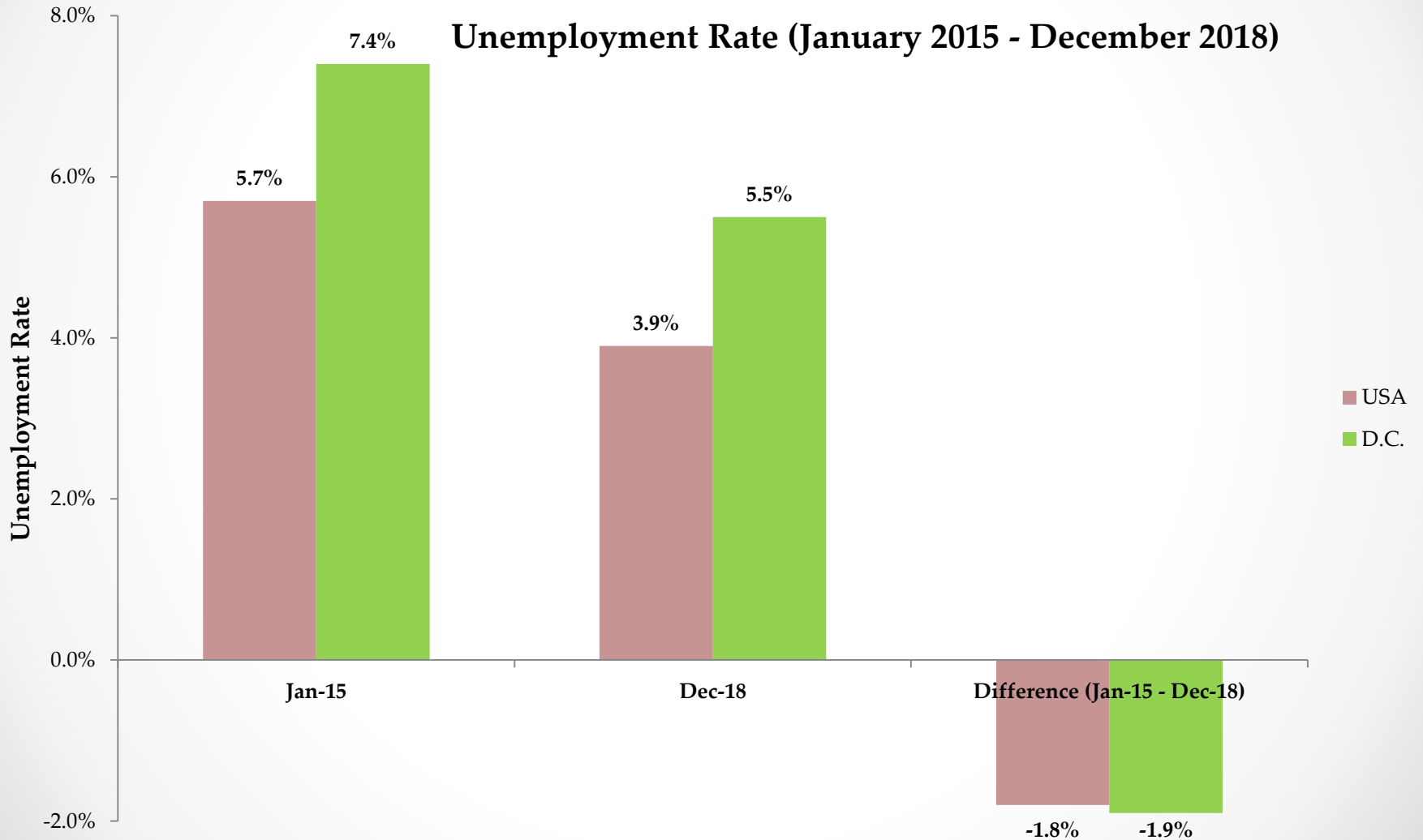
The District's Monthly Unemployment Rate: Jan. 2015 - Dec. 2018



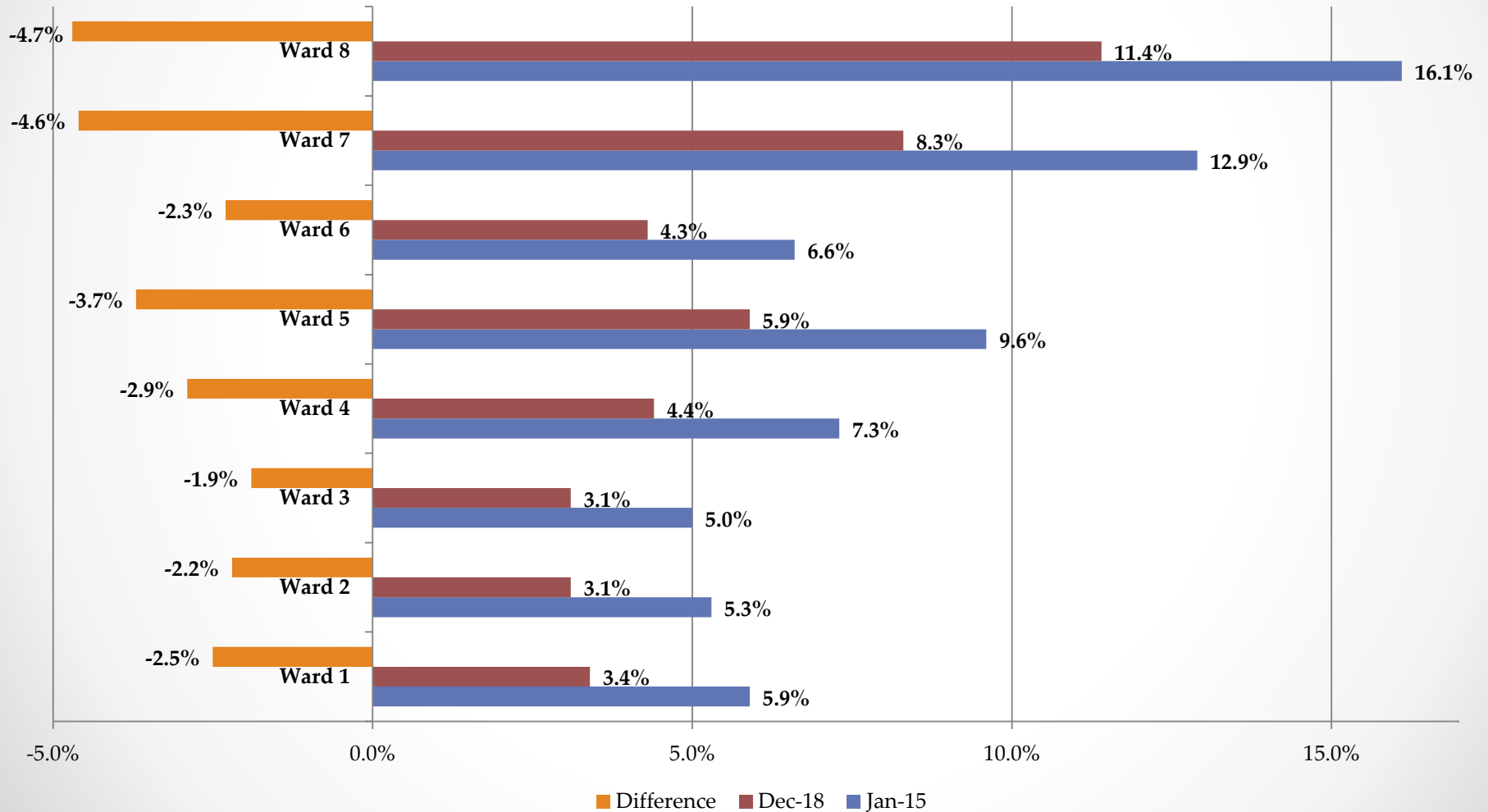


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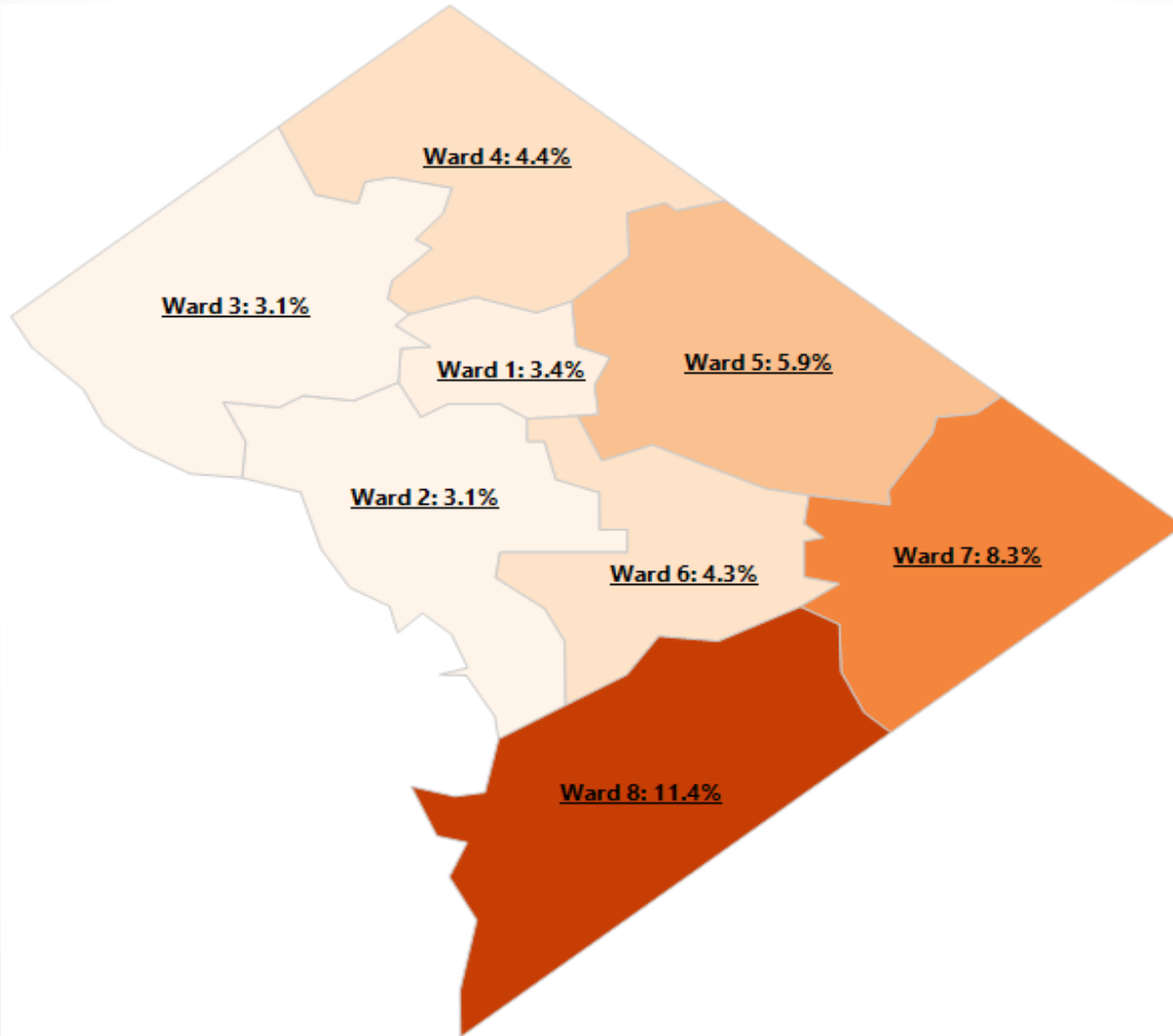
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Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - December 2018)



Unemployment Rate by Ward: December 2018





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Total Number of Jobs and Total Private Sector Jobs in DC (Jan. 2015 - Dec. 2018)

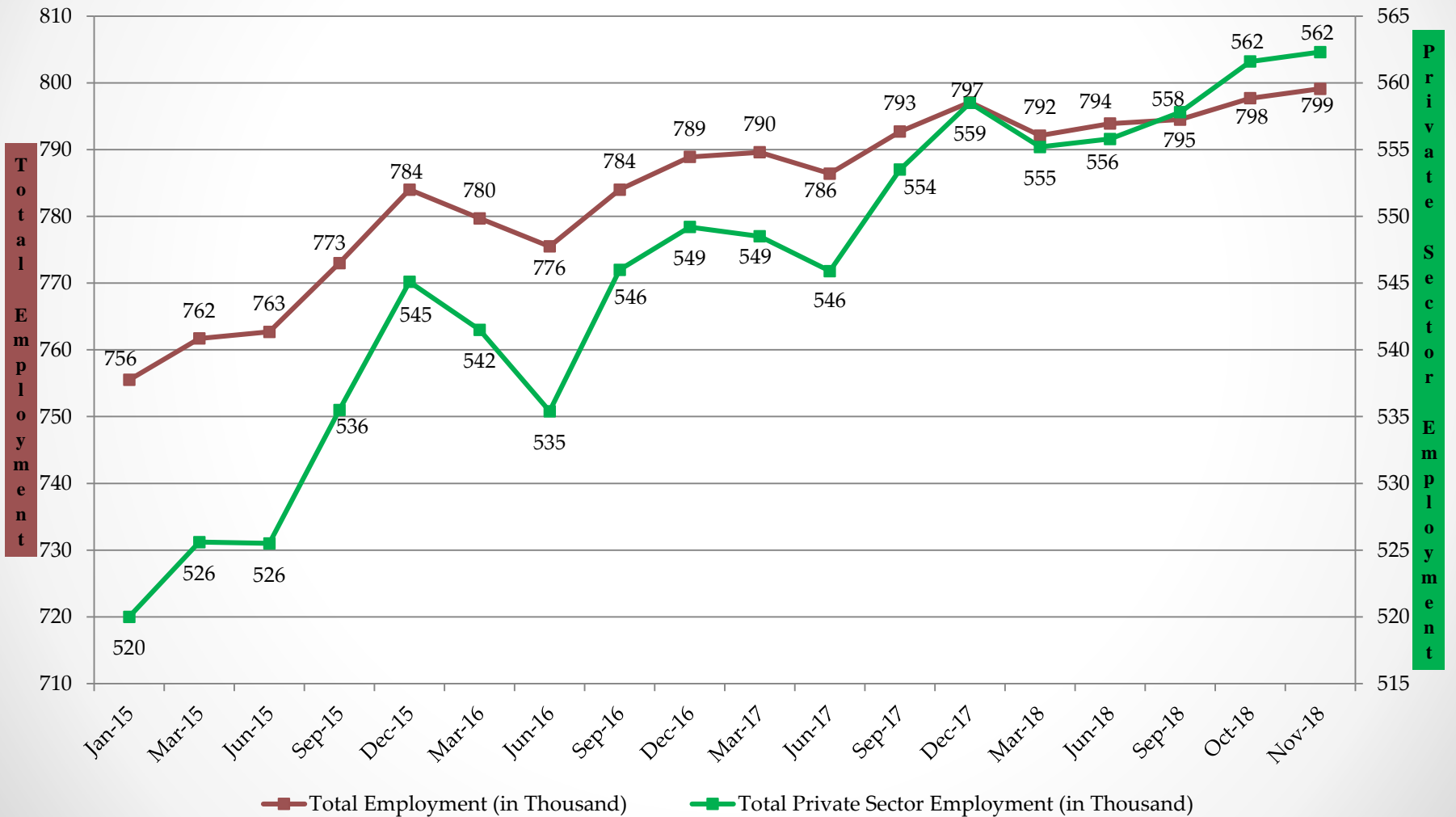




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Total Employment and Private Sector Employment in D.C. (Jan.2015 - Dec. 2018) (In Thousands)

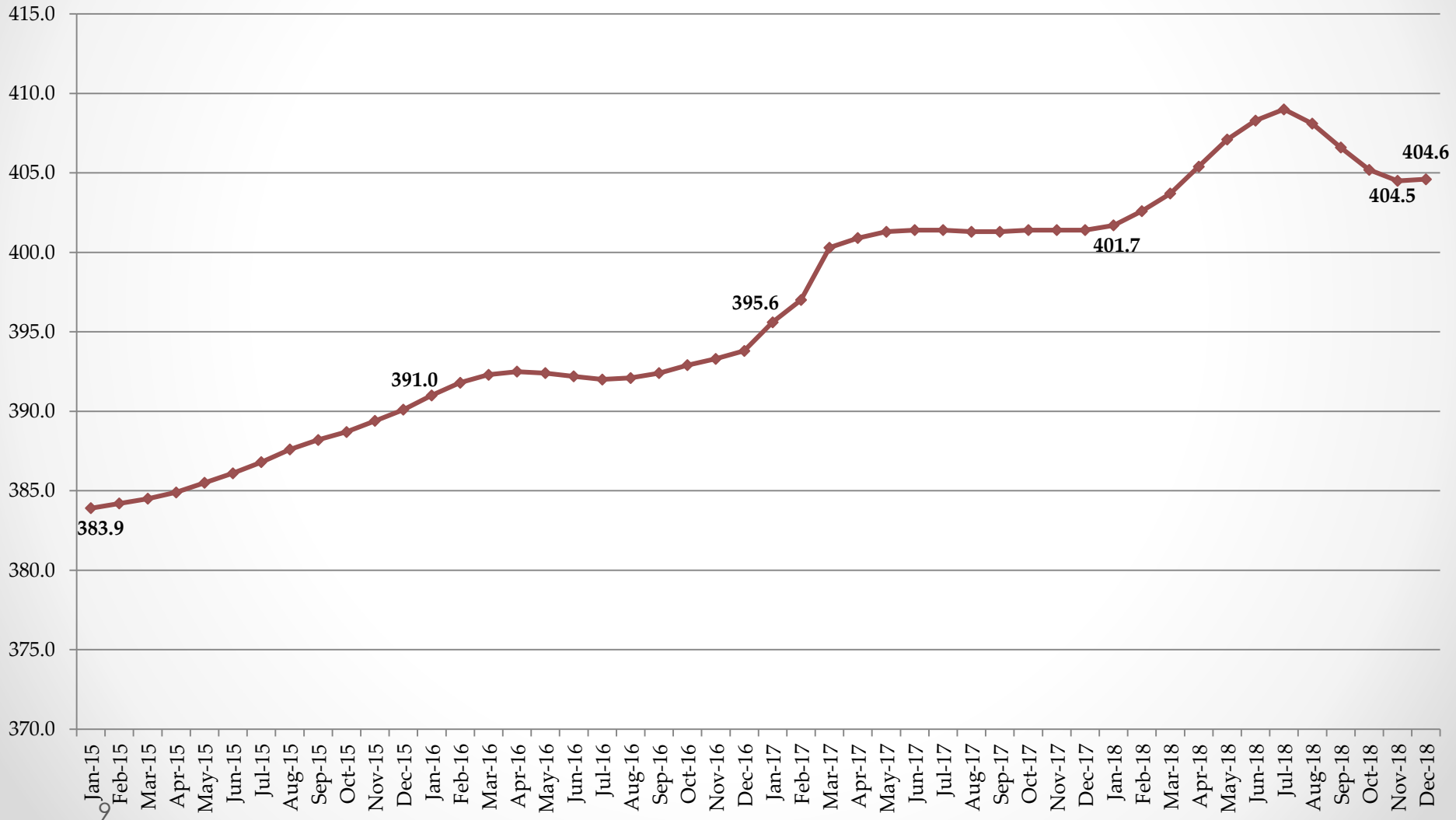




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The District's Labor Force (Jan. 2015 - Dec. 2018) (In Thousands)

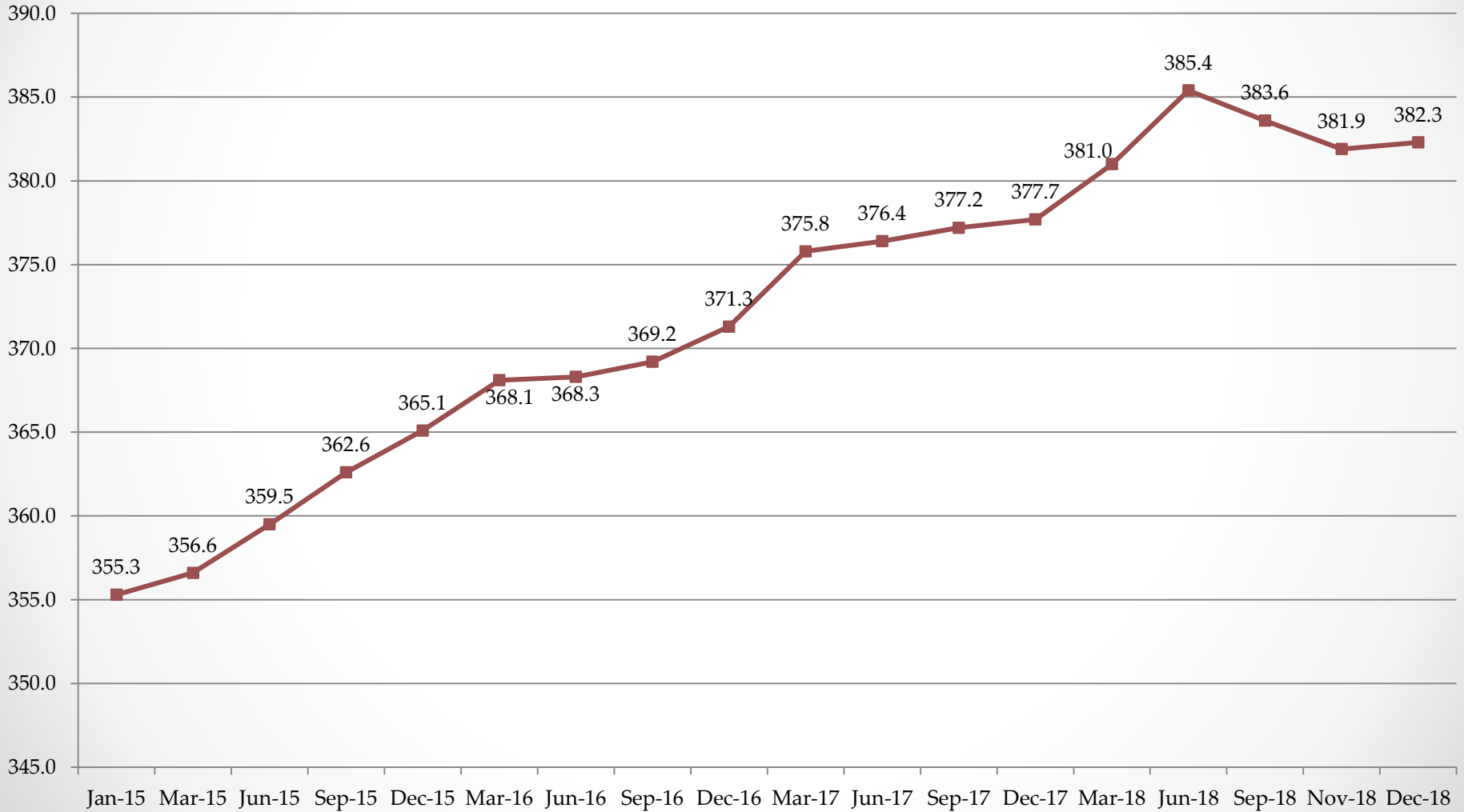




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Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 - Dec. 2018) (In Thousands)

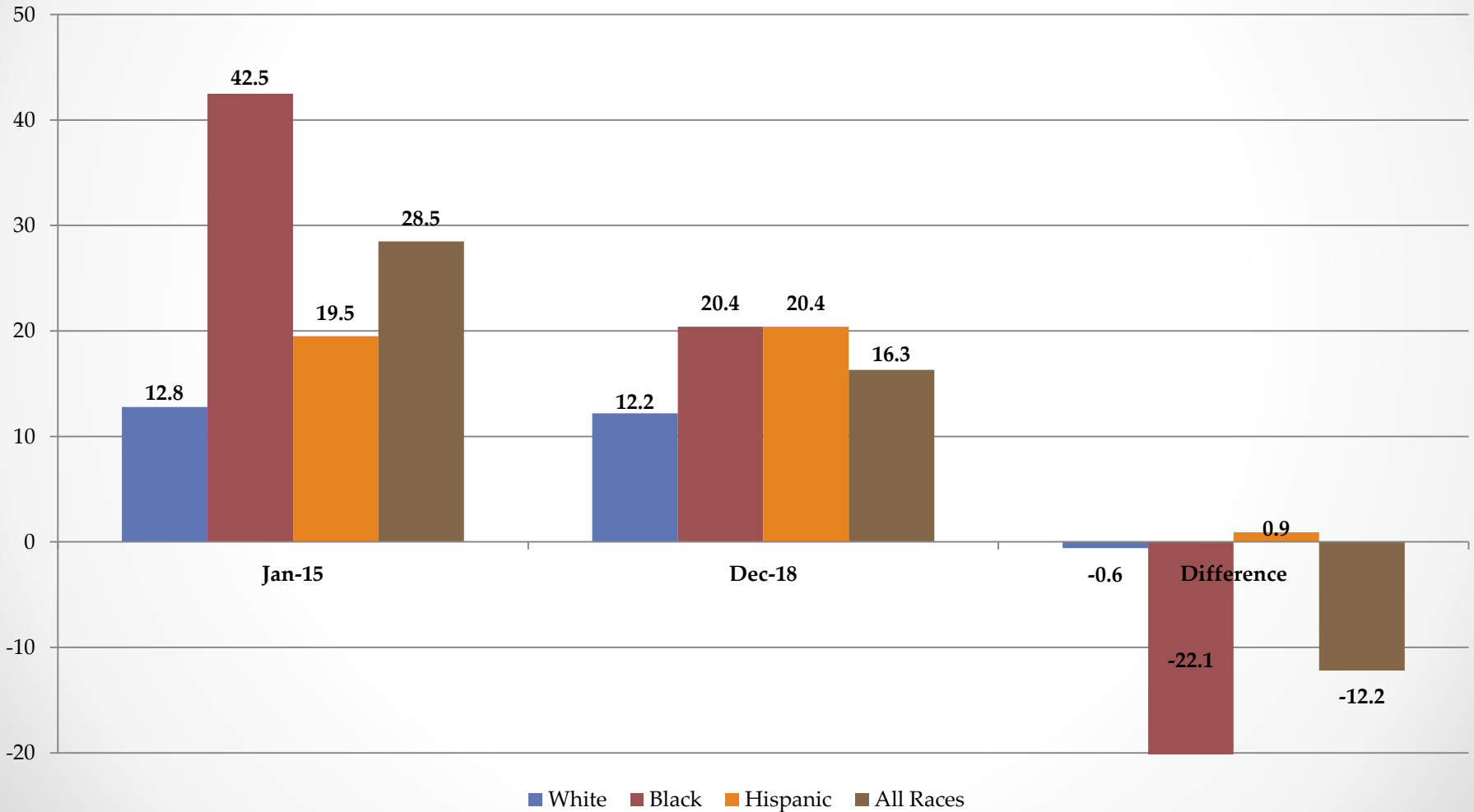




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Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - Dec. 2018)

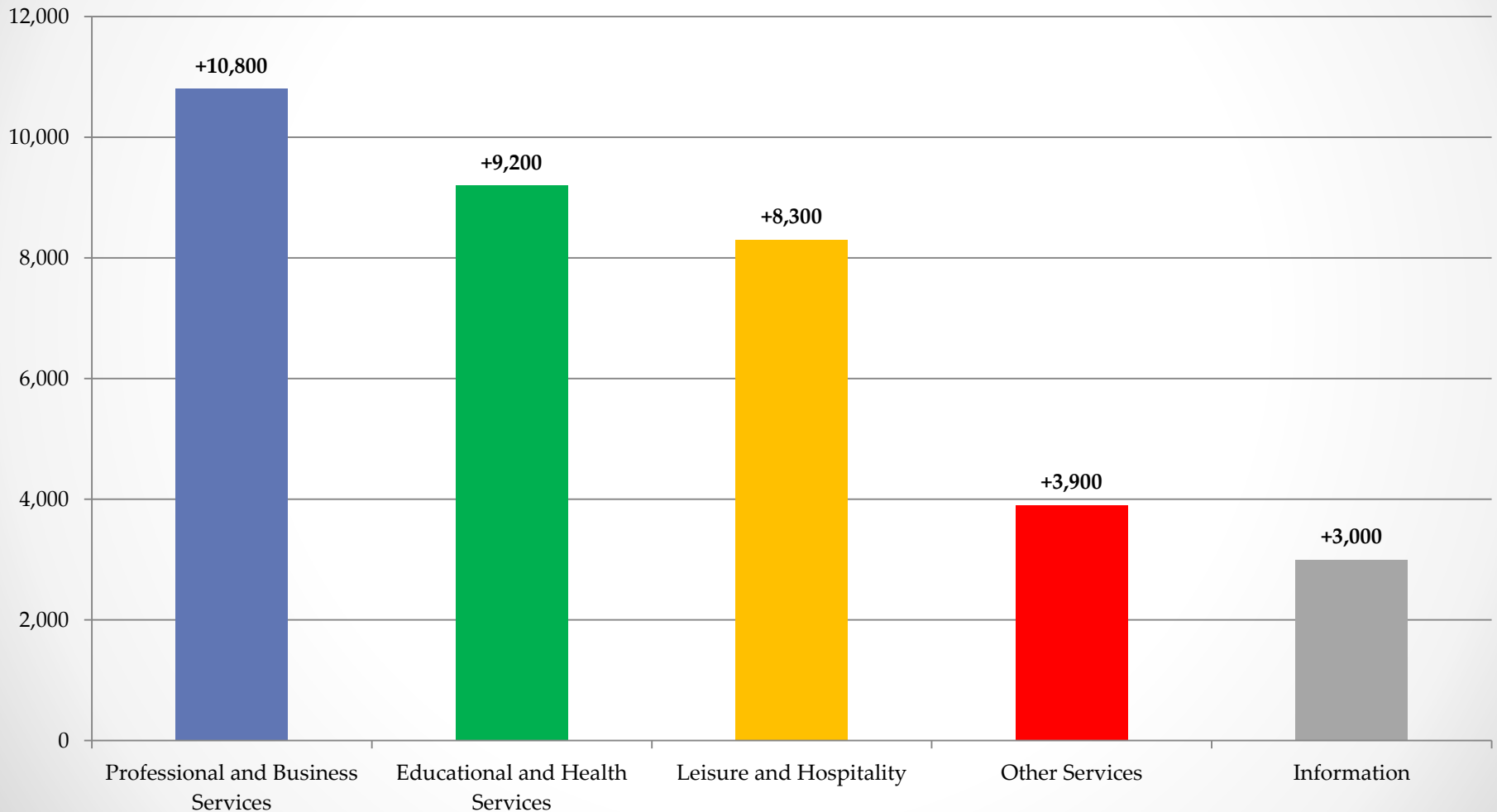




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Top 5 Industry with Highest Employment Increase (Jan.2015 – Dec. 2018)

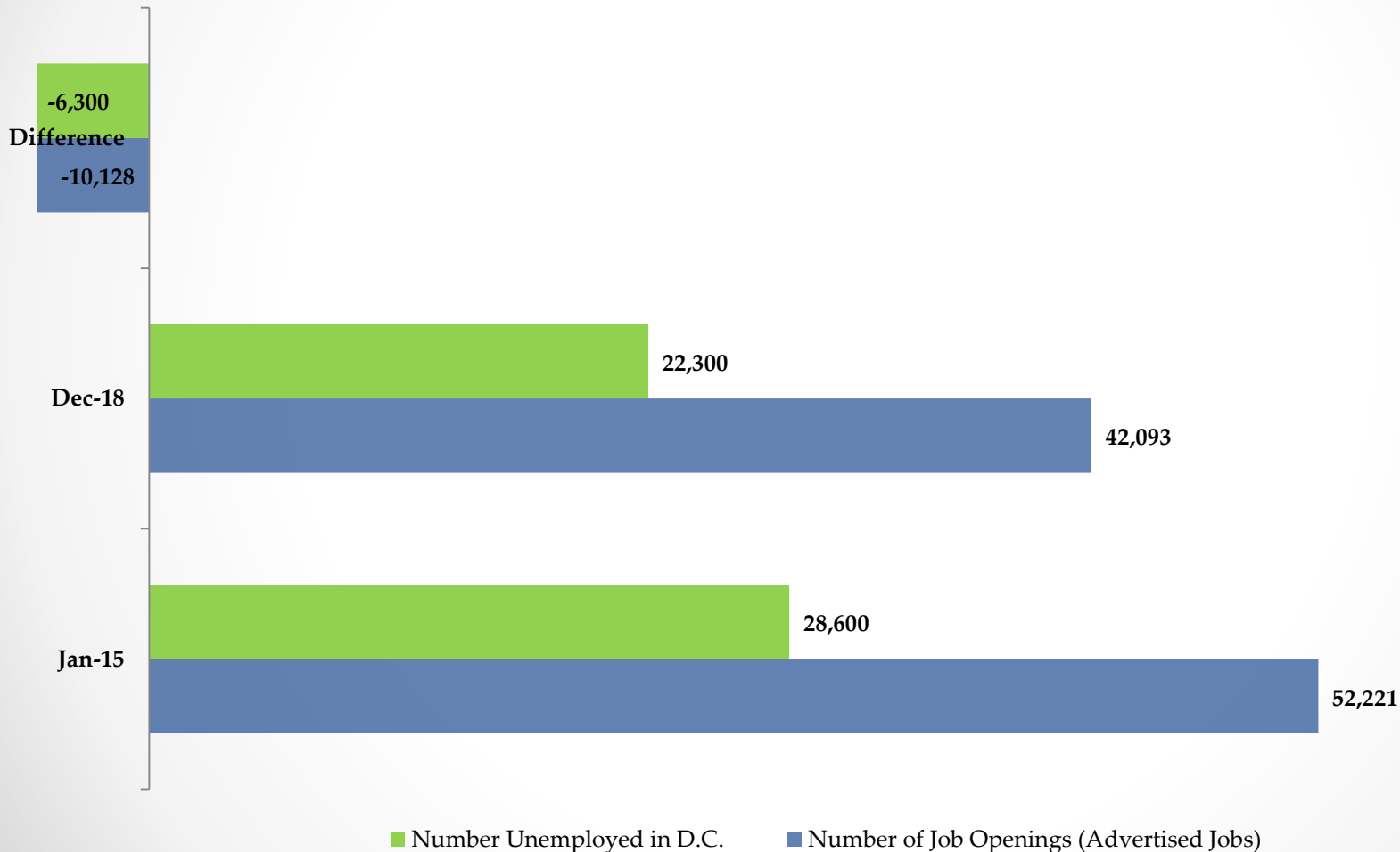




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Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - Dec. 2018)

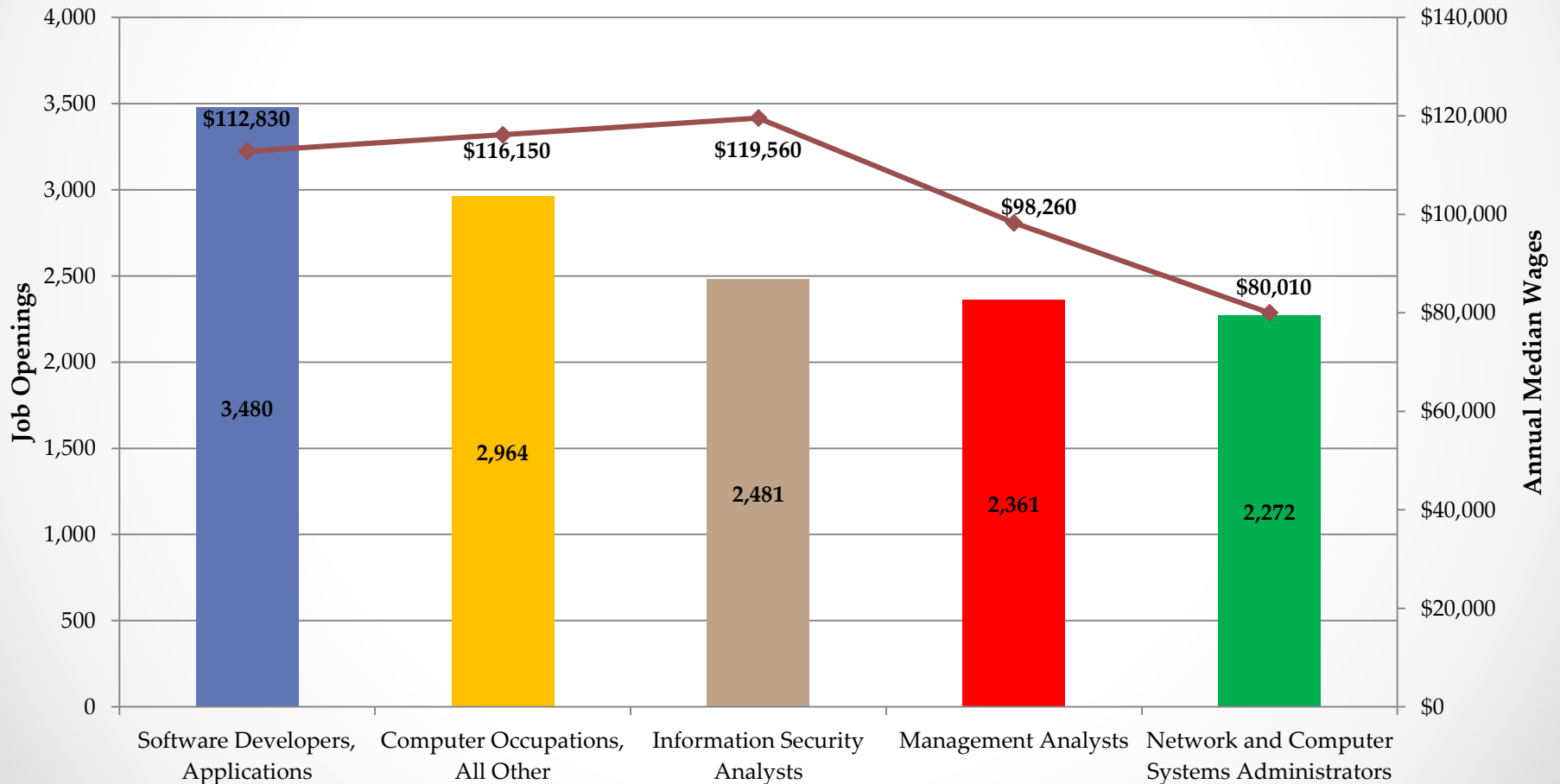




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Top 5 Job Openings: January 2017 - December 2018 (Average Monthly Unique Job Postings)

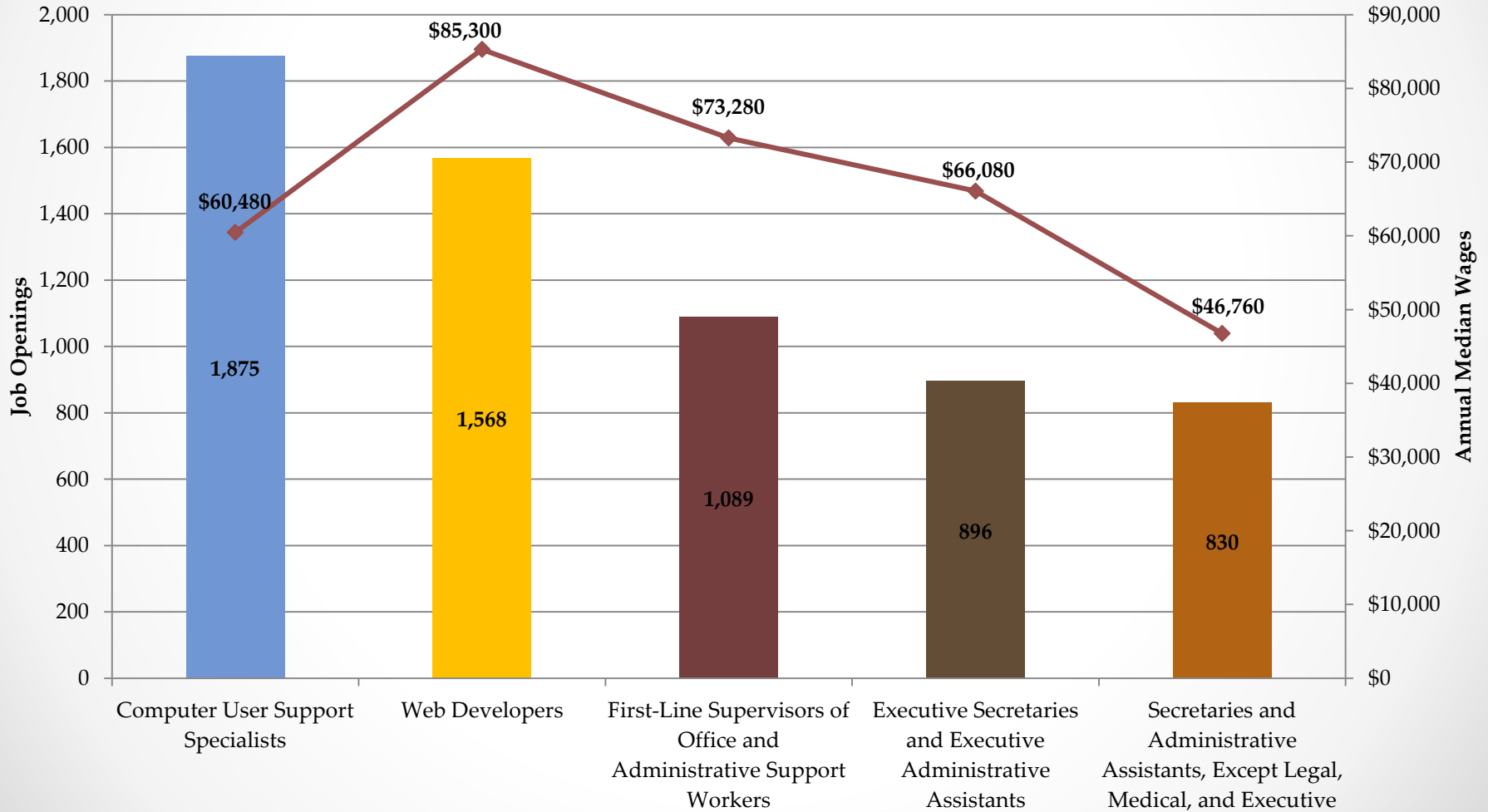




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Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2017 - December 2018 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)





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