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D.C. Labor Market Indicators: July 2019

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Highlights

- From January 2015 to July 2019:
  - The unemployment rate in DC decreased by **1.8** percentage points (or **24.3%** decrease);
  - Unemployment rate in Ward 7 and Ward 8 decreased by **2.9** percentage points (**22.5%** decrease) and **3.0** percentage points (**18.6%** decrease) respectively;
  - Total number of DC residents that are employed increased by **32,700**;
  - Total number of jobs in DC increased by **55,500**;
  - Initial monthly unemployment insurance benefits claimants increased by **25.98%;**
  - Total number of unemployed DC residents decreased by **5,600** people;
  - In DC there are **2.1** jobs available (advertised) for **1** unemployed DC resident;
  - The average weekly median duration of unemployment for Black and African American decreased by **20.4** weeks;
  - The private sector total number of payroll jobs in the District increased by **44,300** new jobs or **8.52%** increase from January 2015;
  - Leisure and Hospitality has the highest employment increase by industry with **13,400 since January 2015**;
  - The highest in-demand occupation is Software Developers, Applications with an average monthly opening of **3,799**;
  - The highest in-demand occupation requiring less than a bachelor's degree is Computer User Support Specialists with an average monthly opening of **1,910**.

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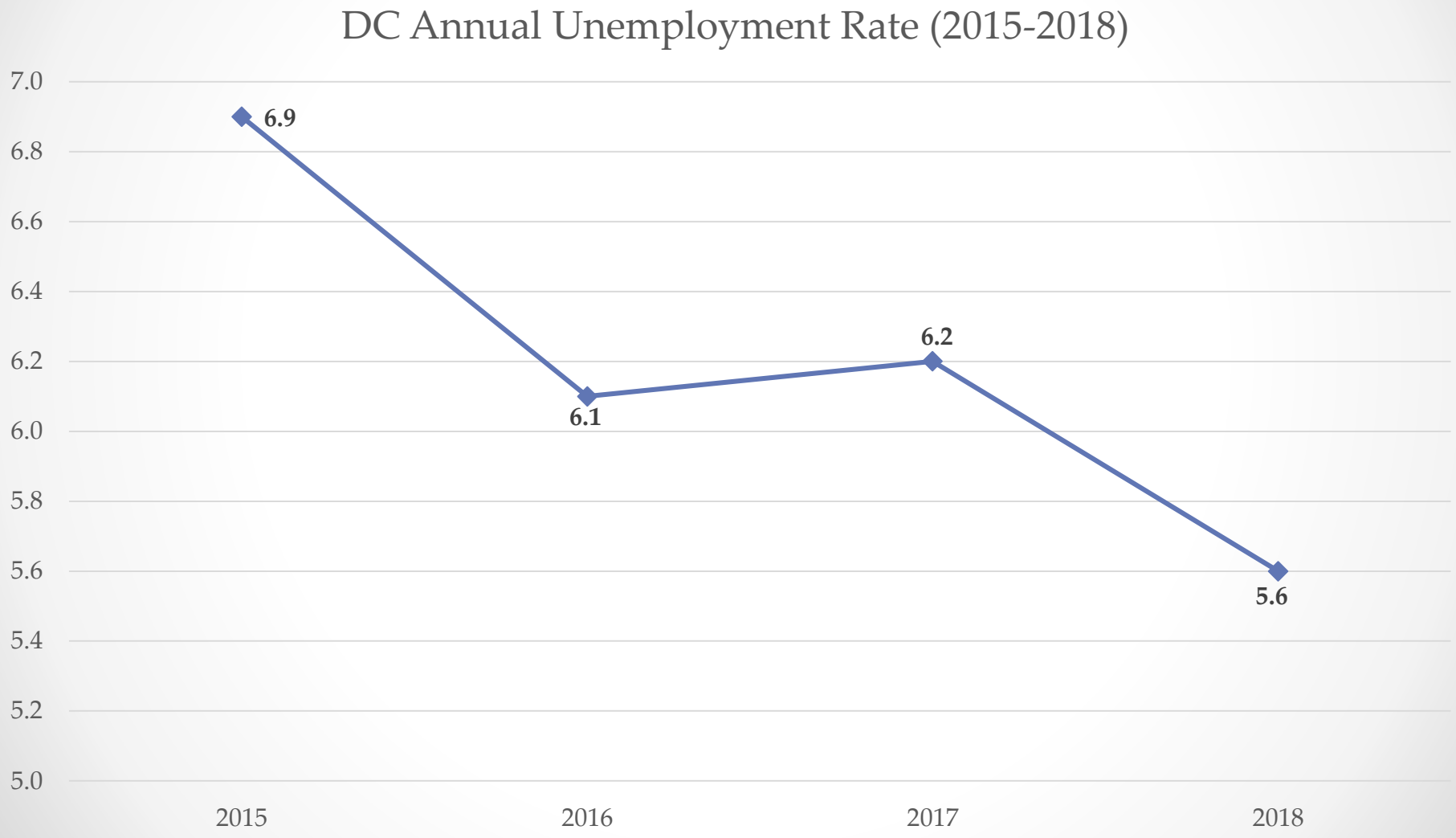

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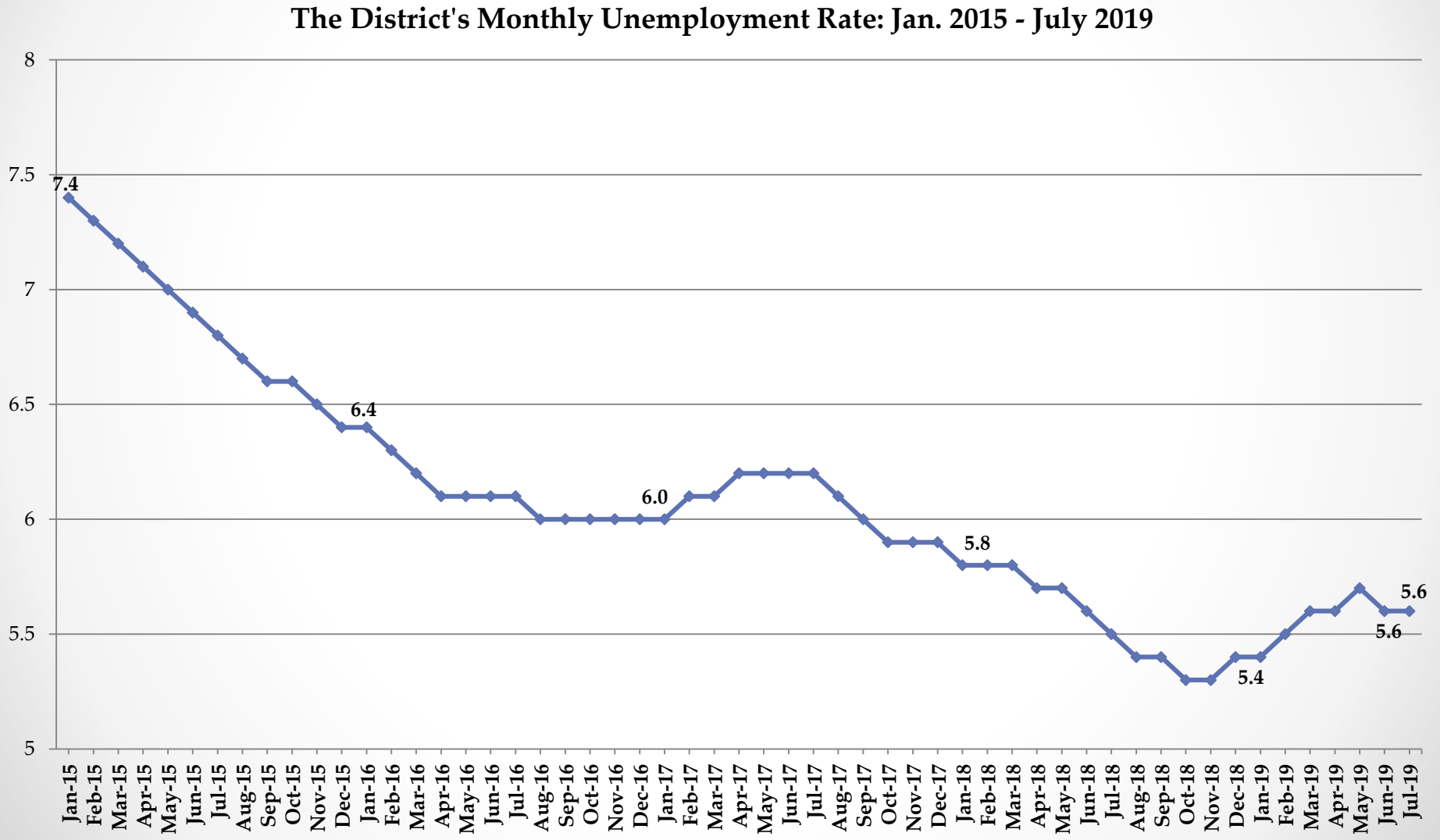

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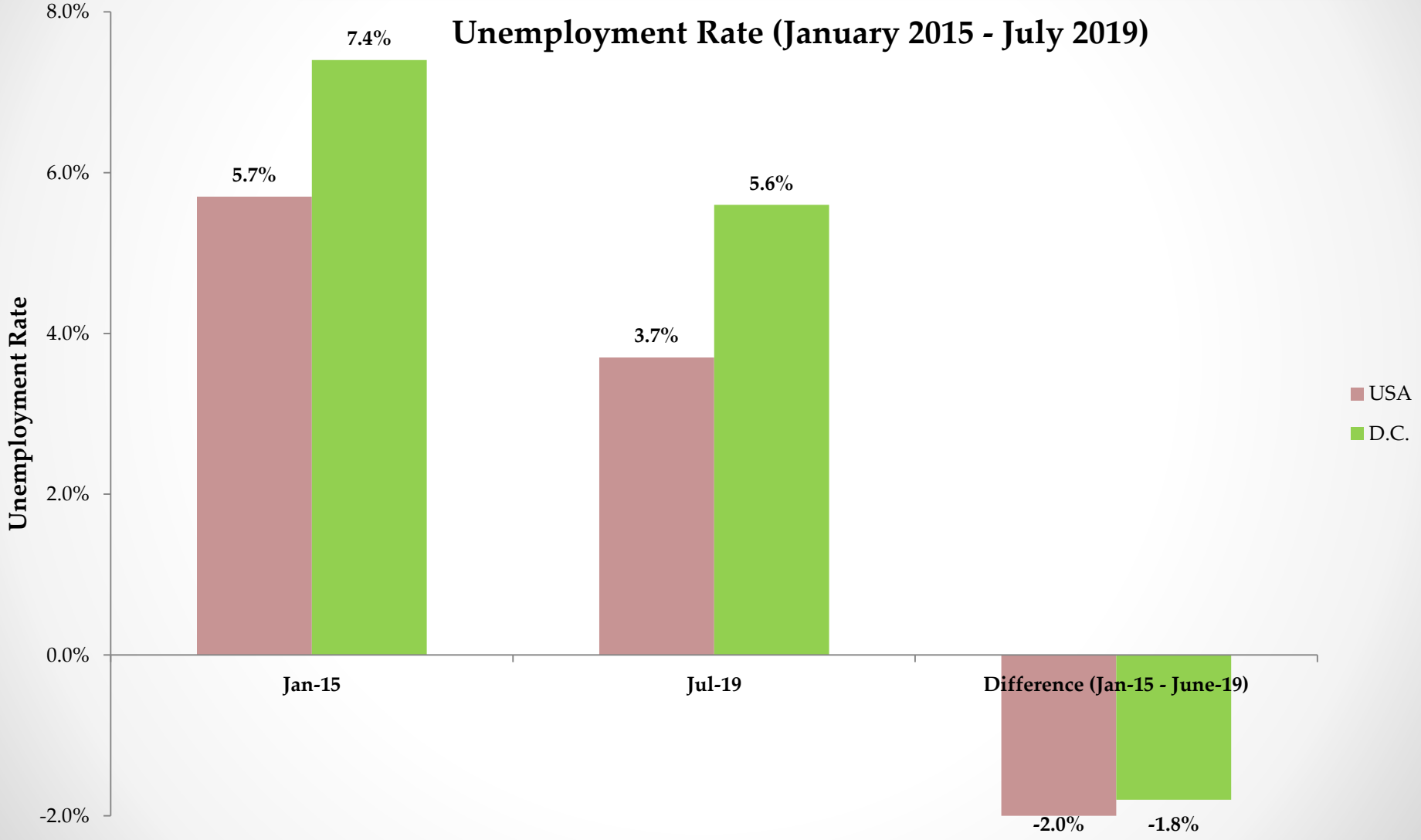

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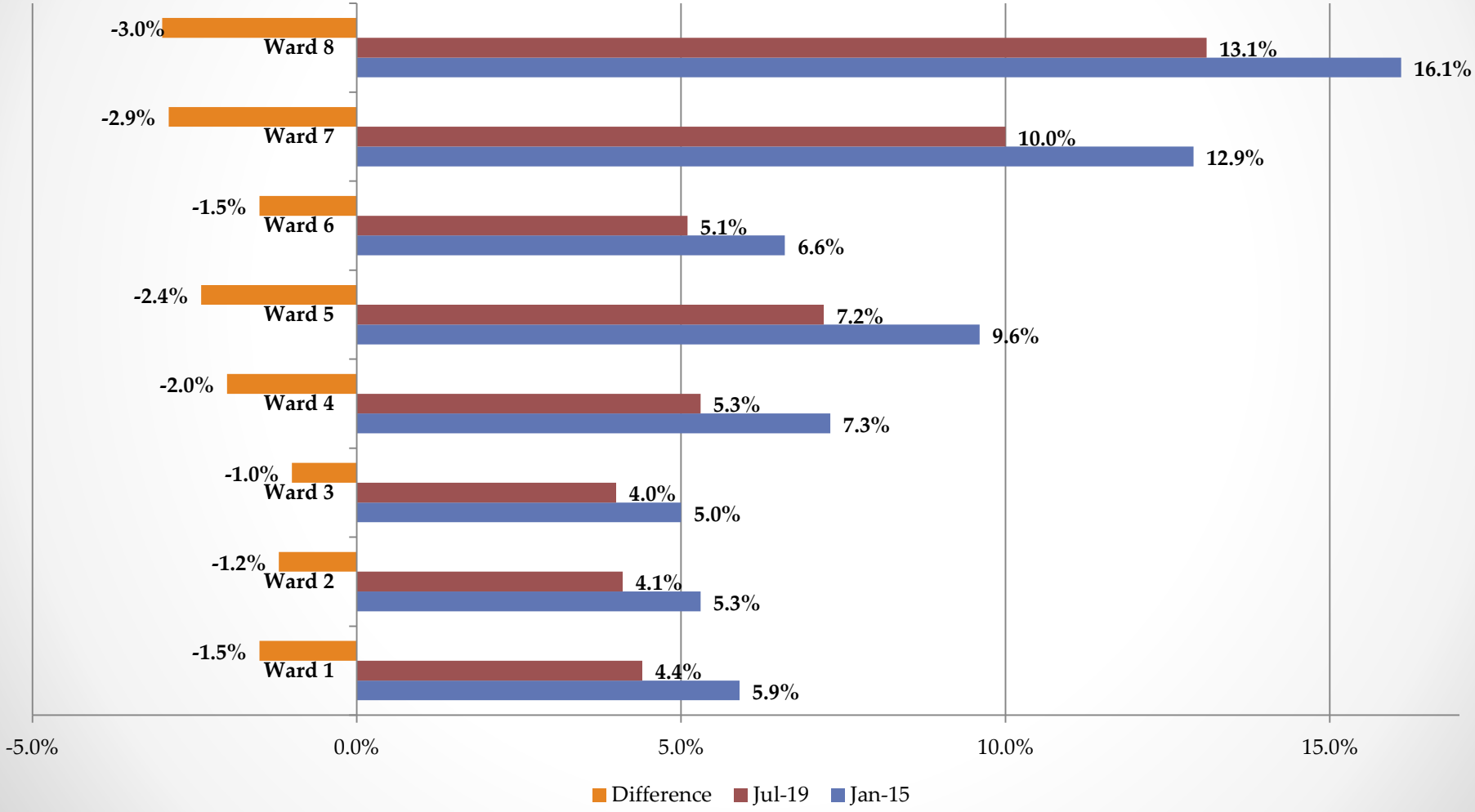
Unemployment Rate by Ward (January 2015 - July 2019)



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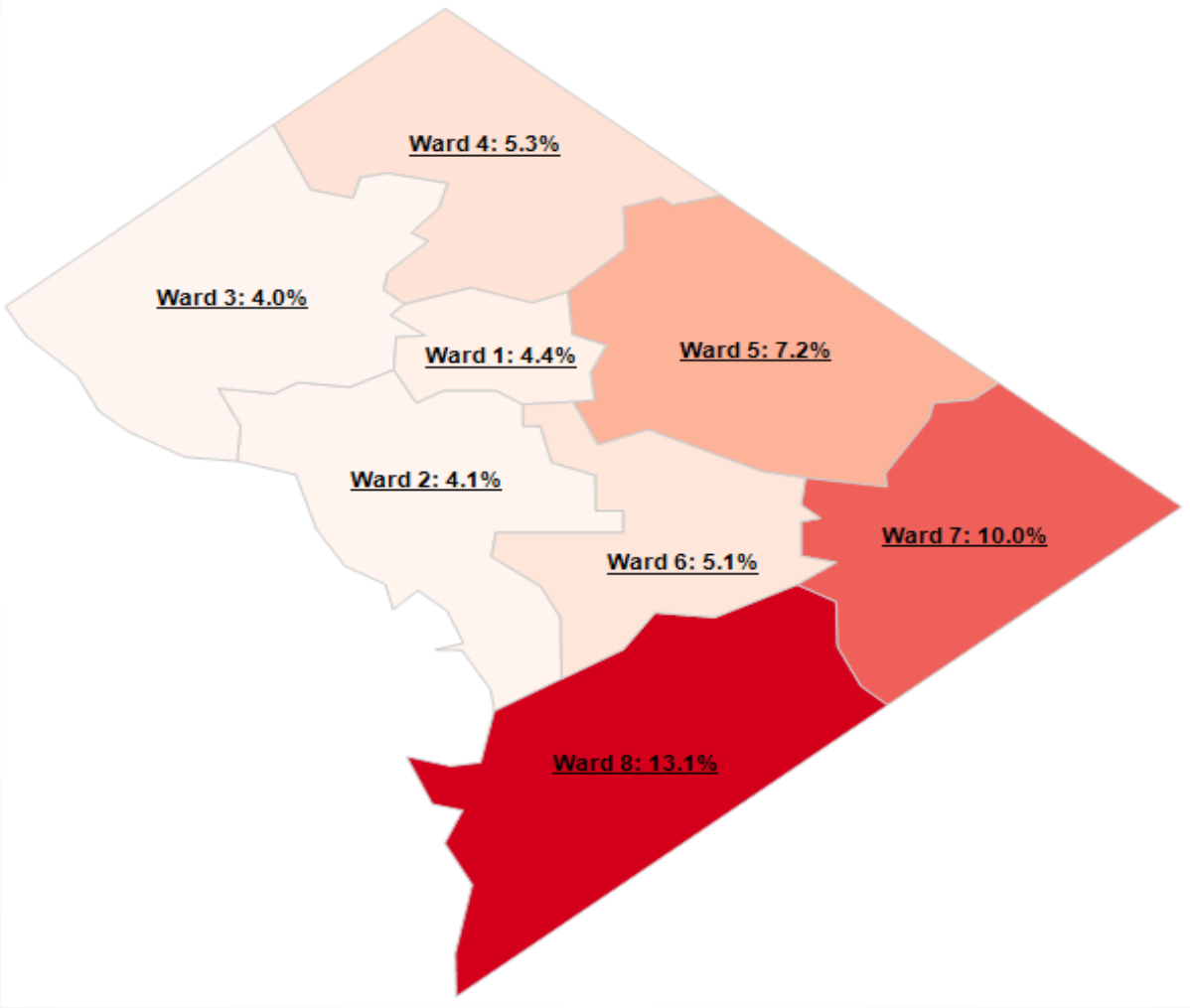

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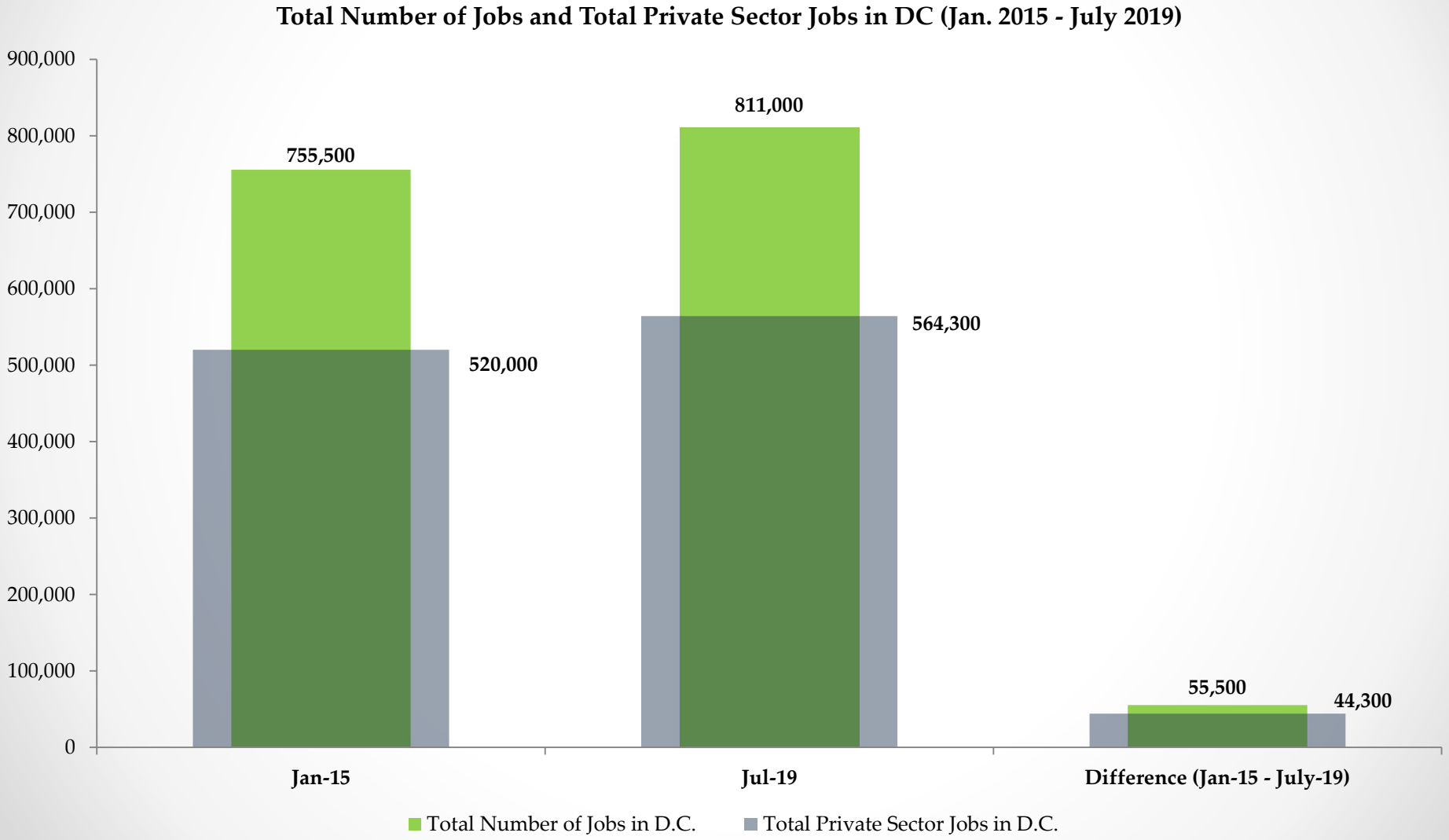

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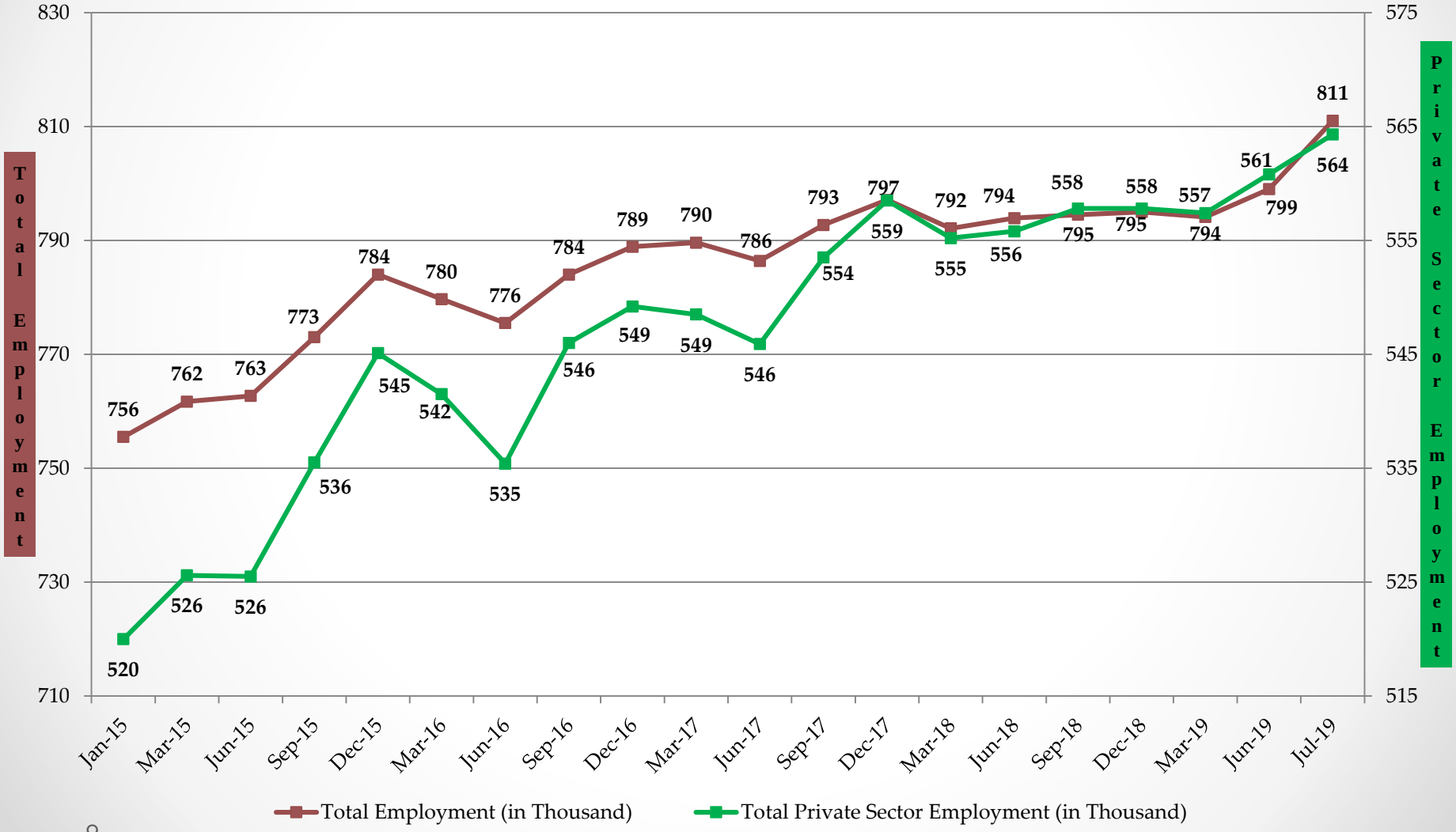
Total Employment and Private Sector Employment in D.C. (Jan.2015 - July 2019) (In Thousands)



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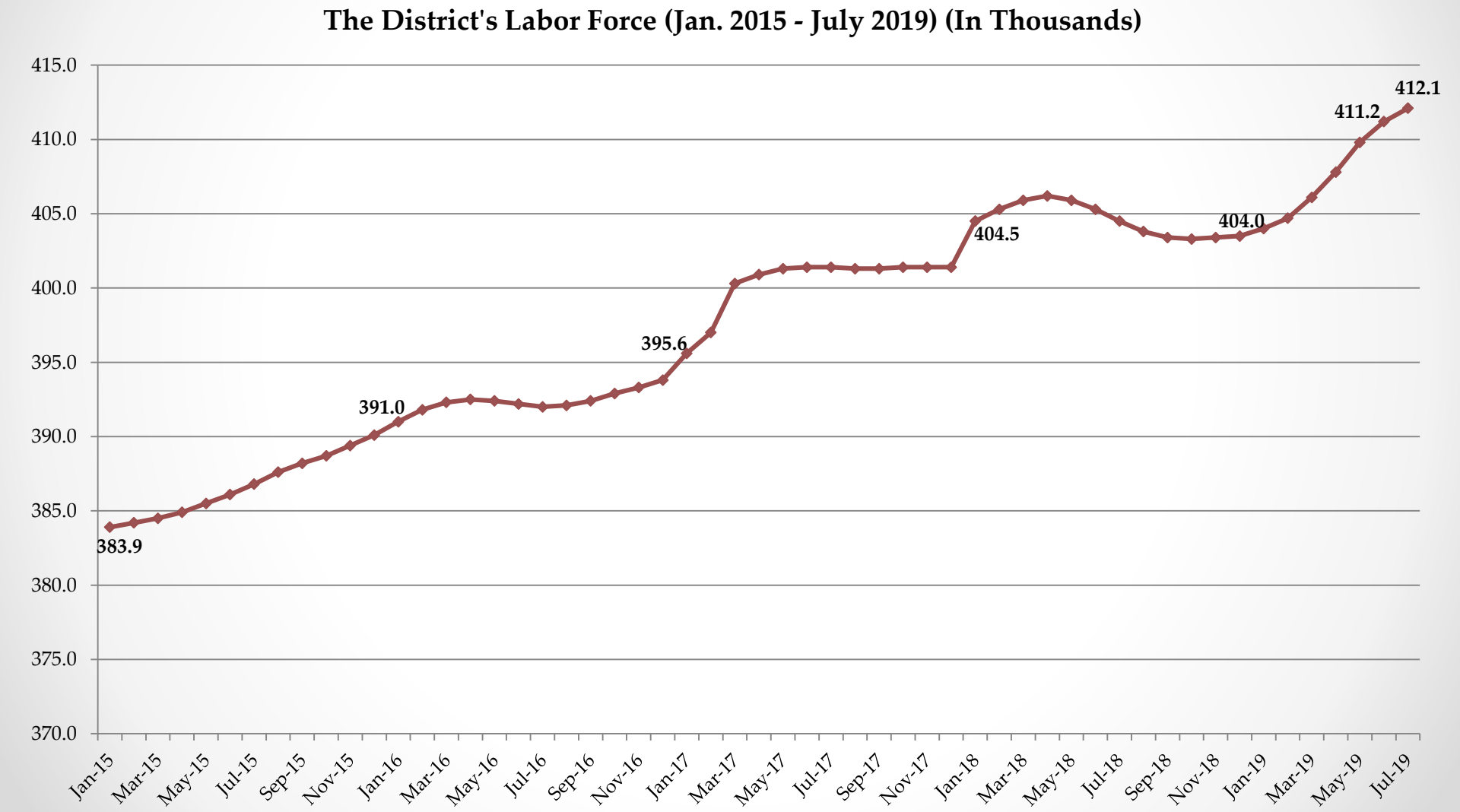

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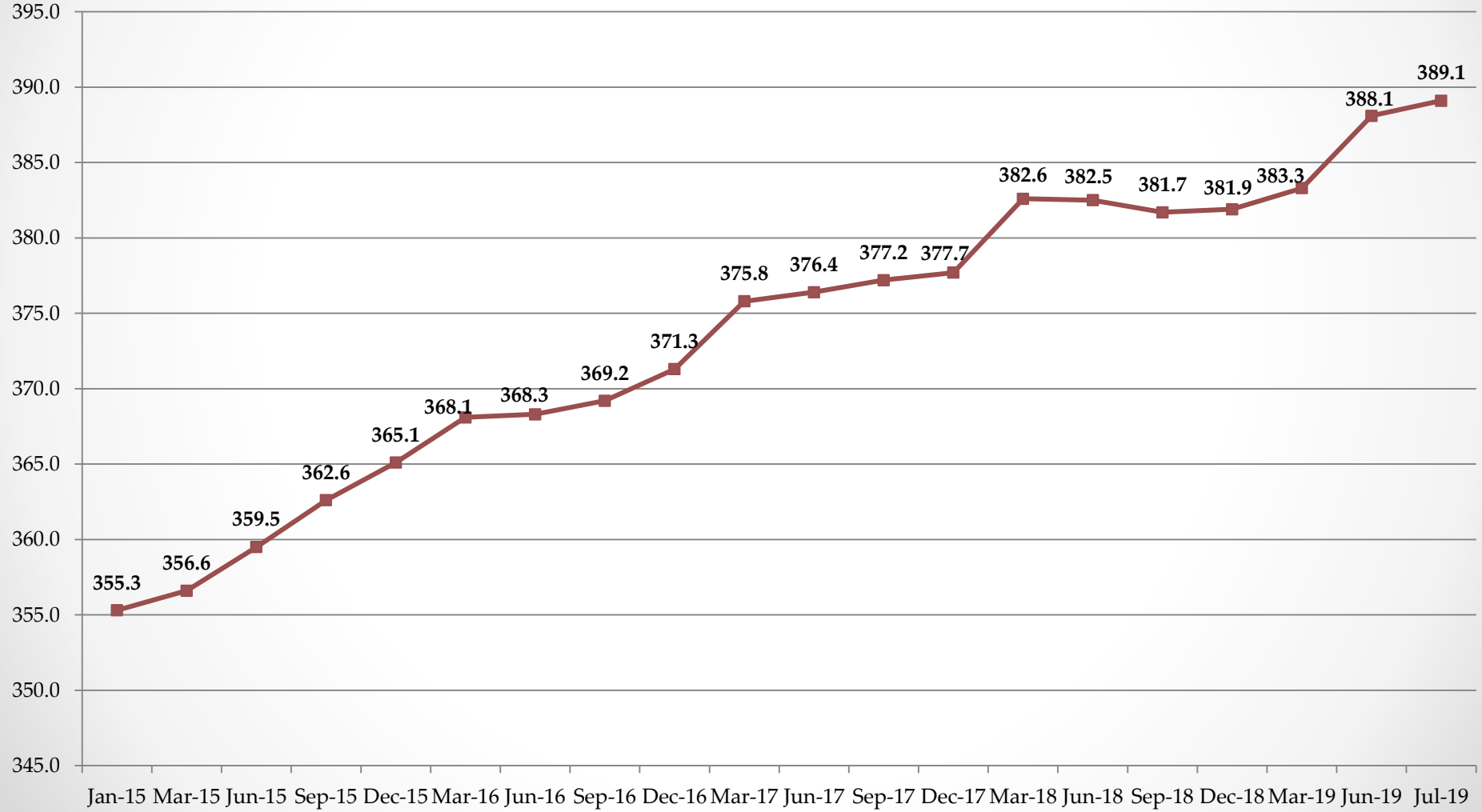
Employed D.C. Residents (Jan. 2015 - July 2019) (In Thousands)



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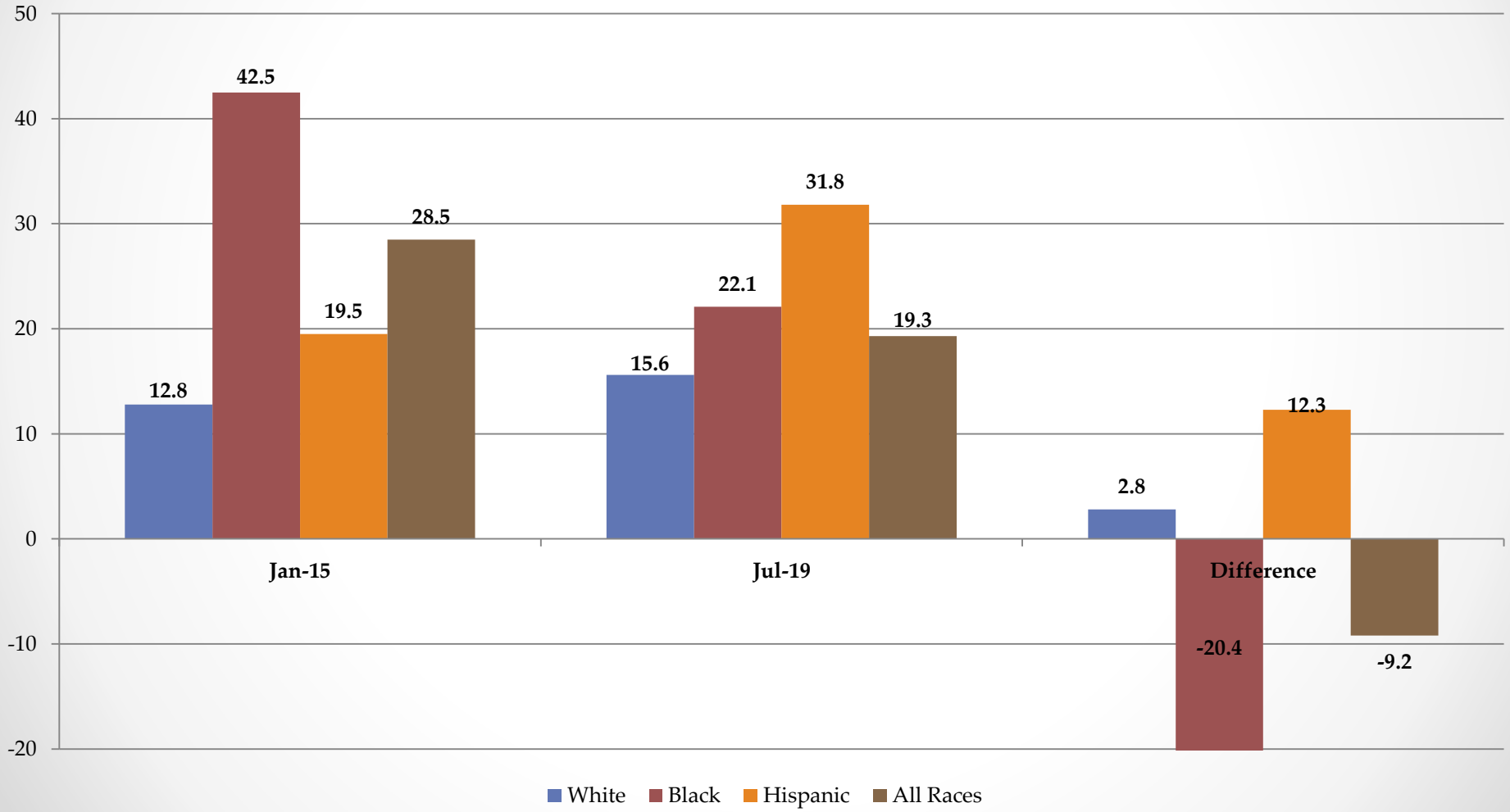
Median Duration of Unemployment (in weeks) (Jan. 2015 - July 2019)



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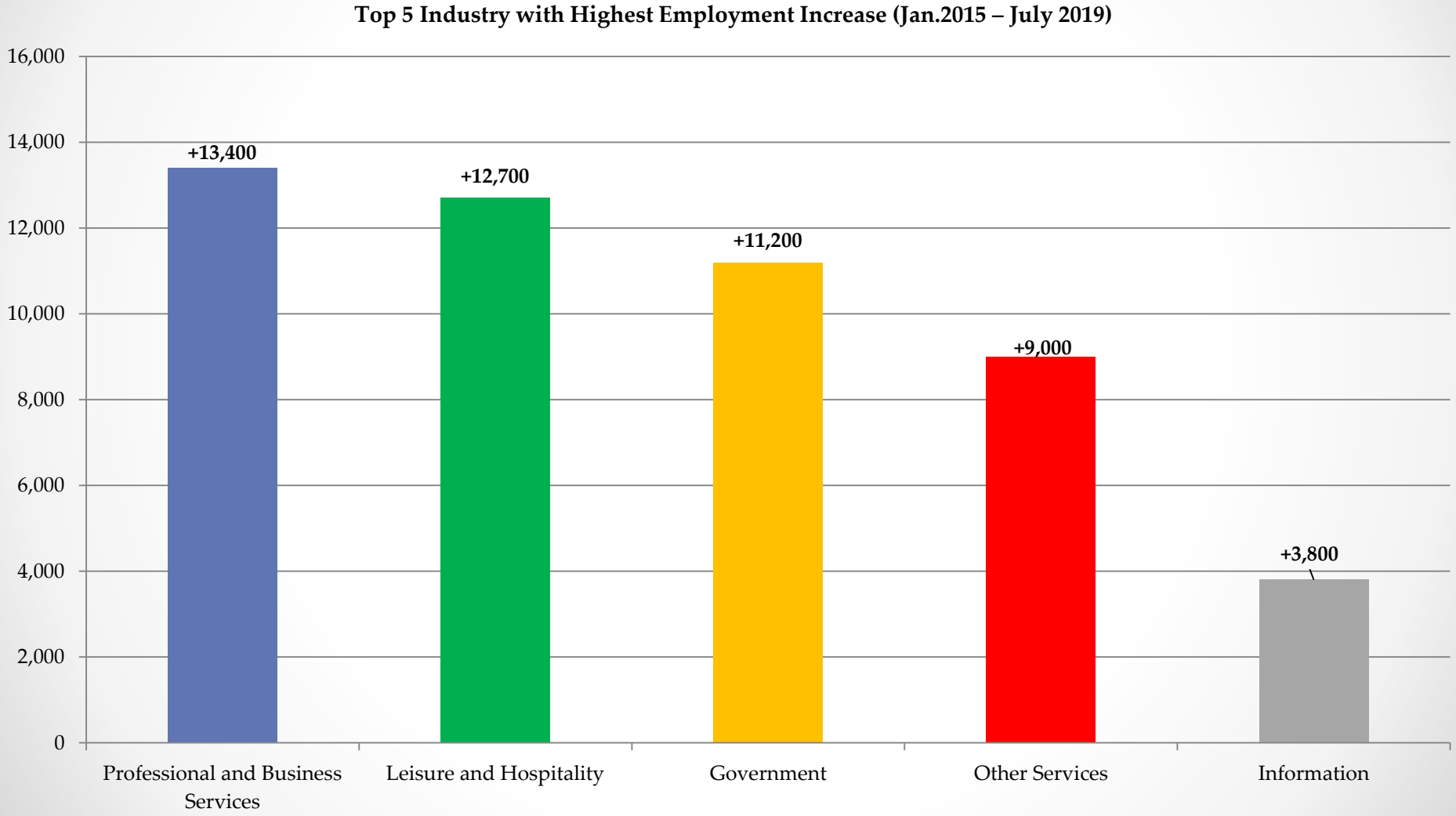

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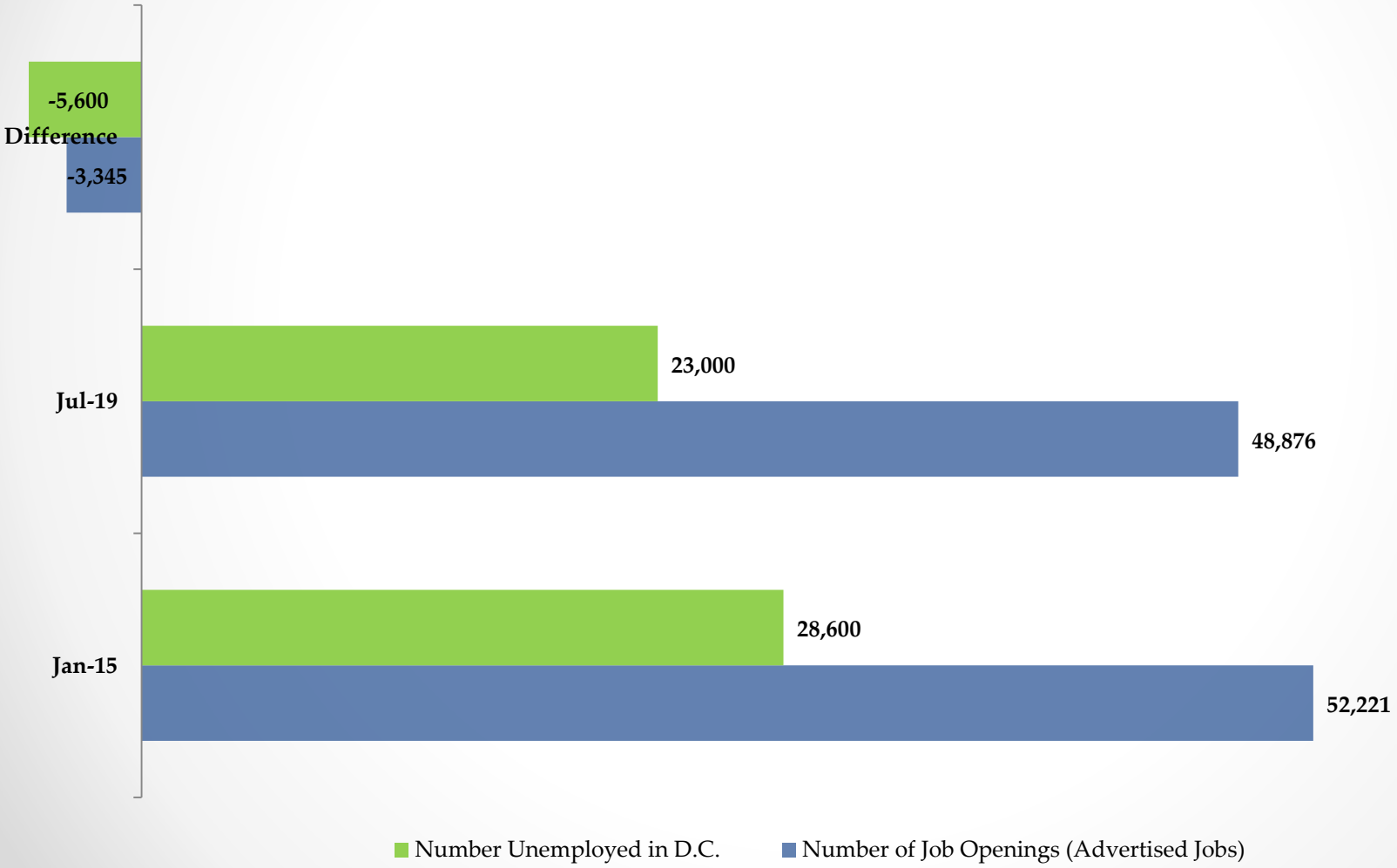
Job Openings vs. Number of Unemployed DC Residents (Jan. 2015 - July 2019)



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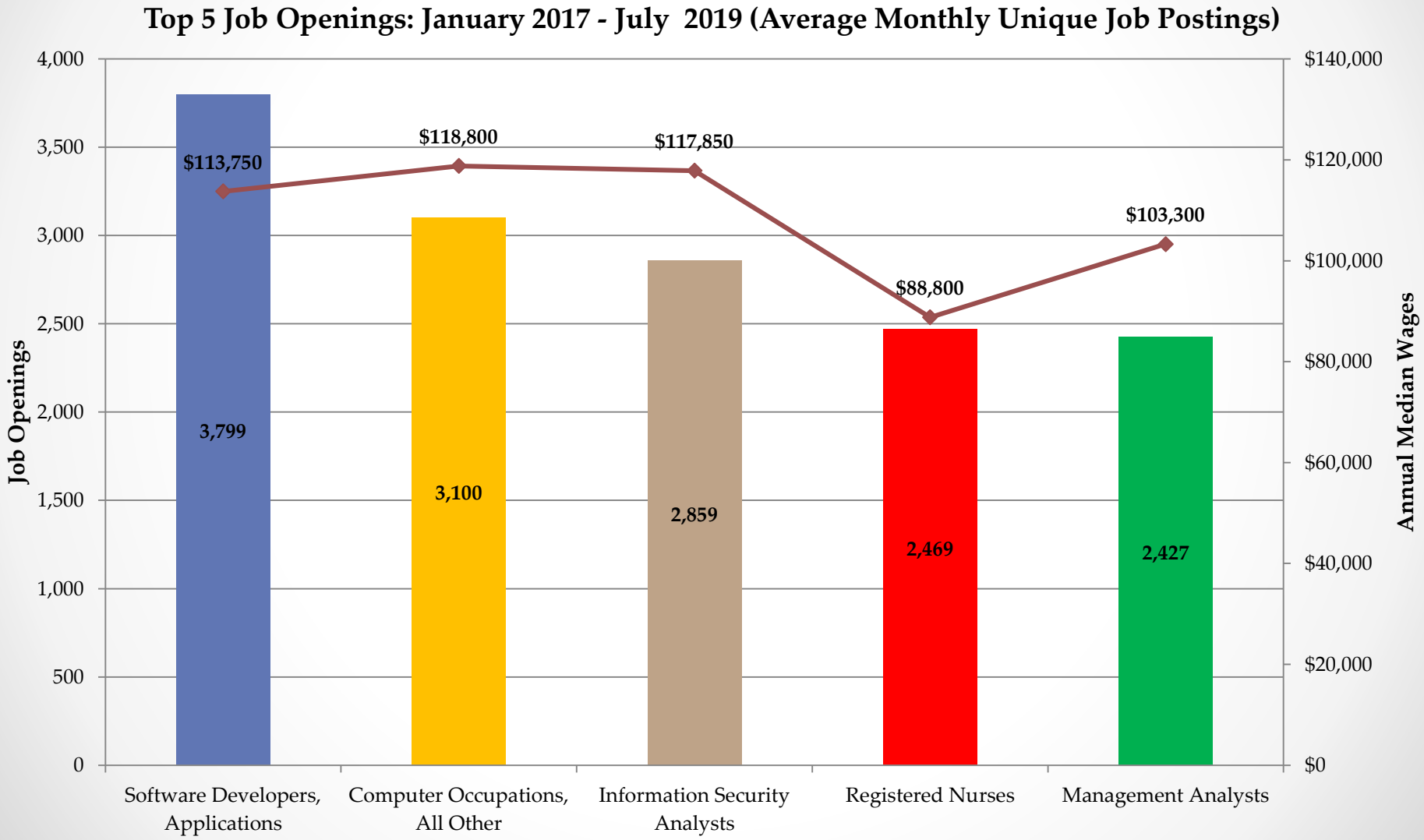

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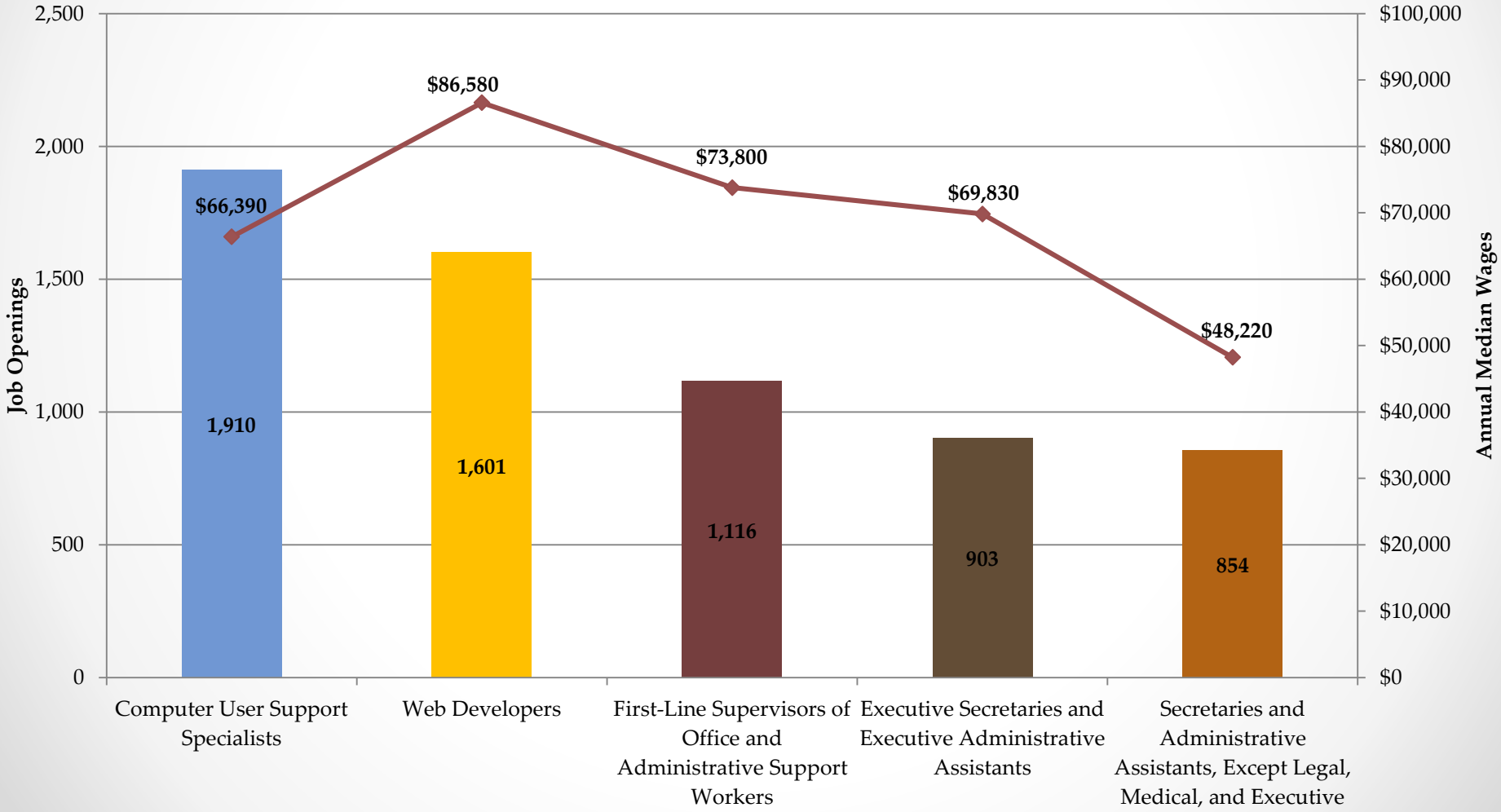
Top 5 Job Openings Requiring Less Than Bachelor's Degree: January 2017 - July 2019 (Avg Monthly Unique Job Postings)



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