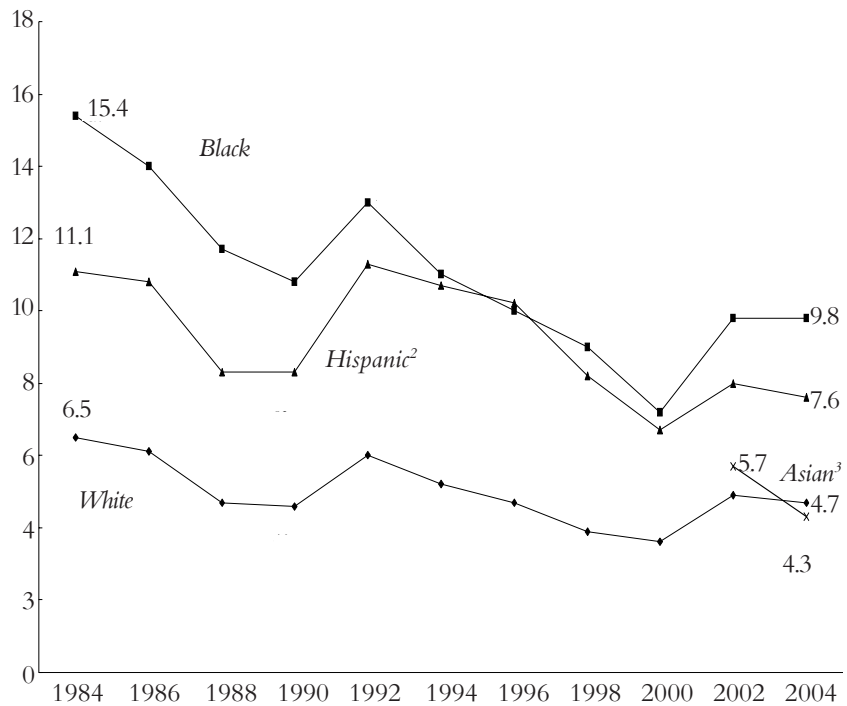


Figure 4-3 • Women's unemployment rates by race and Hispanic origin 1984-2004¹

The unemployment rates of black and Hispanic women have been consistently higher than white women's. In 2004, for example, a black woman was more than twice as likely as a white woman to be unemployed (9.8 percent versus 4.7 percent).



¹Unemployed women as a percentage of the female civilian labor force age 16 and over.

²Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

³2003 (not shown here) is the earliest year for which these data are available for Asians.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Handbook of Labor Statistics*, 1989, Table 28, *Employment and Earnings*, January 1991, Table 39, January 1996, Table 5, January 1997, Table 5, January 1999, Table 5, January 2002, Table 5, January 2004, Tables 5 and 6, and January 2005, Tables 5 and 6.

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