

Table 4-4 • Unemployment rates by sex, race, and Hispanic origin, 1990 and 2000–2004¹

Although black people's unemployment rates move up and down more or less in parallel with the overall rates, they have been persistently high for both sexes over the years. In all the years shown here, unemployment among black women and men was roughly twice as prevalent as among their white counterparts.

	<i>Unemployment rates</i>					
	<i>1990</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>
All races ²						
Women	5.4	4.1	4.7	5.6	5.7	5.4
Men	5.6	3.9	4.8	5.9	6.3	5.6
White						
Women	4.6	3.6	4.1	4.9	4.8	4.7
Men	4.8	3.4	4.3	5.3	5.6	5.0
Black/African American						
Women	10.8	7.2	8.1	9.8	10.2	9.8
Men	11.8	8.1	9.3	10.7	11.6	11.1
Asian ³						
Women	—	—	—	5.7	5.7	4.3
Men	—	—	—	5.5	6.2	4.5
Hispanic ⁴						
Women	8.3	6.7	7.4	8.0	8.4	7.6
Men	7.8	4.9	6.0	7.2	7.2	6.5

¹Civilians age 16 and over.

²Includes Native Americans and Pacific Islanders, not shown separately (data not available).

³Data for Asians not available for 1990, 2000, or 2001.

⁴People of Hispanic ethnicity may be of any race.

Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Annual Averages for 1990, Table 39, Annual Averages for 2000, Table 5, Annual Averages for 2002, Tables 5 and 6, Annual Averages for 2003, Tables 5 and 6, and Annual Averages for 2004, Tables 5 and 6.

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