

Indicator 63. Unemployment of Young Adults

Unemployment rates of 16- to 24-year-olds, by sex, race/ethnicity, and age: 1950 to 1995

Year	All races		White ¹		Black ¹		Hispanic ²	
	16 to 19 years old	20 to 24 years old	16 to 19 years old	20 to 24 years old	16 to 19 years old	20 to 24 years old	16 to 19 years old	20 to 24 years old
Males								
1950	12.7	8.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
1955	11.6	7.7	11.3	7.0	³ 13.4	³ 12.4	—	—
1960	15.3	8.9	14.0	8.3	³ 24.0	³ 13.1	—	—
1965	14.1	6.4	12.9	5.9	³ 23.3	³ 9.3	—	—
1970	15.0	8.4	13.7	7.8	³ 25.0	³ 12.6	—	—
1975	20.1	14.3	18.3	13.1	38.1	24.7	27.6	16.3
1980	18.3	12.5	16.2	11.1	37.5	23.7	21.6	12.3
1984	19.6	11.9	16.8	9.8	42.7	26.6	25.3	12.7
1985	19.5	11.4	16.5	9.7	41.0	23.5	24.7	13.0
1986	19.0	11.0	16.3	9.2	39.3	23.5	24.5	13.0
1987	17.8	9.9	15.5	8.4	34.4	20.3	22.2	10.2
1988	16.0	8.9	13.9	7.4	32.7	19.4	22.7	9.2
1989	15.9	8.8	13.7	7.5	31.9	17.9	20.2	9.7
1990	16.3	9.1	14.2	7.6	32.1	20.2	19.6	8.3
1991	19.8	11.7	17.5	10.2	36.5	22.4	23.7	11.6
1992	21.5	12.2	18.4	10.4	42.0	24.5	28.2	13.7
1993	20.4	11.3	17.6	9.5	40.1	23.0	26.1	12.6
1994	19.0	10.2	16.3	8.8	37.6	19.4	26.3	10.8
1995	18.4	9.2	15.6	7.9	37.1	17.6	25.3	10.6
Females								
1950	11.4	6.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
1955	10.2	6.1	9.1	5.1	³ 19.2	³ 13.0	—	—
1960	13.9	8.3	12.7	7.2	³ 24.8	³ 15.3	—	—
1965	15.7	7.3	14.0	6.3	³ 31.7	³ 13.7	—	—
1970	15.6	7.9	13.4	6.9	³ 34.5	³ 15.0	—	—
1975	19.7	12.7	17.4	11.2	41.0	24.3	27.9	17.2
1980	17.2	10.4	14.8	8.5	39.8	23.5	23.4	11.9
1984	18.0	10.9	15.2	8.8	42.6	25.6	22.8	12.3
1985	17.6	10.7	14.8	8.5	39.2	25.6	23.8	12.1
1986	17.6	10.3	14.9	8.1	39.2	24.7	25.1	12.9
1987	15.9	9.4	13.4	7.4	34.9	23.3	22.4	11.4
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1989	14.0	8.3	11.5	6.8	33.0	18.1	18.2	12.2
1990	14.7	8.5	12.6	6.8	30.0	19.7	19.5	10.4
1991	17.4	9.8	15.2	8.0	36.1	20.7	21.9	11.7
1992	18.5	10.2	15.7	8.3	37.2	23.1	26.4	12.4
1993	17.4	9.6	14.6	7.8	37.5	20.9	26.4	14.0
1994	16.2	9.2	13.8	7.4	32.6	19.6	22.2	13.5
1995	16.1	9.0	13.4	7.4	34.3	17.8	22.6	13.0

—Data not available.

¹ Includes Hispanics.

² Hispanics may be of any race.

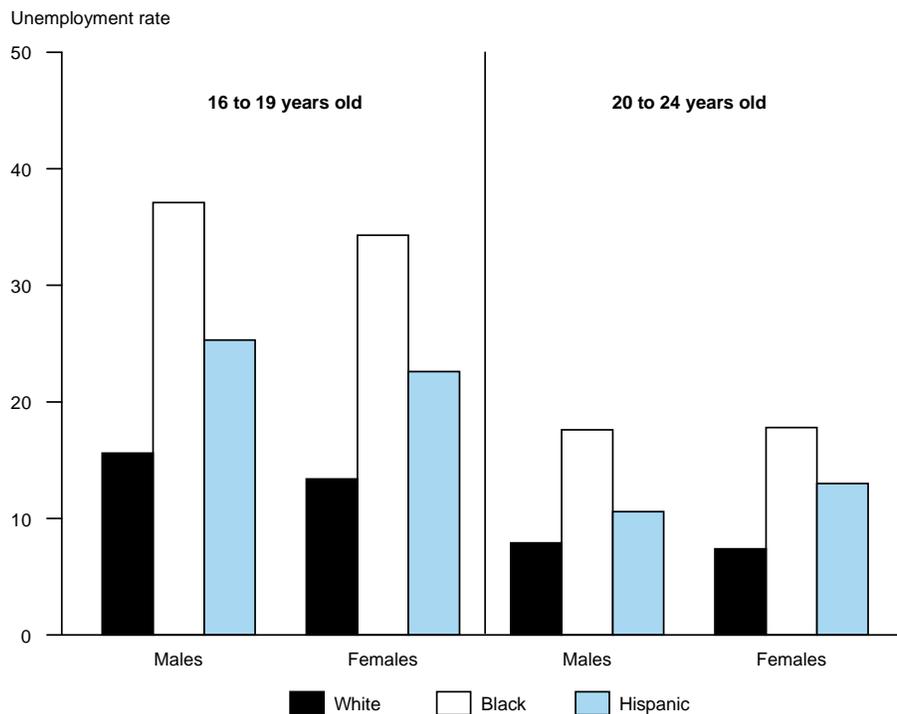
³ Includes black and other races.

NOTE: The unemployment rate is the proportion of those in the labor force who are not working and are seeking employment.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Employment and Earnings* (January issues); and Labor Force Statistics derived from the *Current Population Survey: A Data Book*, vol. I, Bulletin 2096; and unpublished data.

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Black teenagers are much more likely to be unemployed than whites. The 1995 unemployment rate for white teenage males was about 16 percent; it was 37 percent for black and 25 percent for Hispanic teenage males. High unemployment rates persisted for older black male youths, with about 18 percent of black 20- to 24-year-olds being unemployed compared with 8 percent of whites and 11 percent of Hispanics. Unemployment rates for women followed similar racial/ethnic and age patterns—higher for blacks than for whites and higher for teenagers than for those in their early 20s.