

Unemployment and Poverty by Race and Ethnicity

Study the table and answer the questions that follow to be sure you have correctly read the data.

TABLE 1: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BY RACE AND ETHNICITY (IN PERCENTAGES)

| | 2002 ¹ | 2010 ² |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| U.S. AVERAGE | 5.8 | 9.7 |
| WHITE | 5.1 | 8.7 |
| BLACK | 10.2 | 16.0 |
| HISPANIC | 7.5 | 12.5 |
| ASIAN | N/A | 7.5 |

1. What was the average unemployment rate in 2002? _____ In 2010? _____
2. Which group had the lowest unemployment rate in 2002? _____ In 2010? _____
3. Which group had the highest unemployment rate in 2002? _____ In 2010? _____
4. Which group had the lowest unemployment rate in the table? _____
Which group had the highest? _____

¹ infoplease.com/ipa/A0104716.html

² dol.gov/_Sec/media/reports/blacklaborforce/

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TABLE 2: POVERTY RATES BY RACE AND ETHNICITY (IN PERCENTAGES)

| | 2002 ¹ | 2010 ² |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| U.S. AVERAGE | 12.1 | 15.1 |
| WHITE | 10.2 | 13.0 |
| WHITE, NOT HISPANIC | 8.0 | 9.9 |
| BLACK | 24.1 | 27.4 |
| HISPANIC | 21.8 | 26.6 |
| ASIAN | 10.1 | 12.1 |

1. What percentage of Americans lived in poverty in 2002? _____ What percentage of Americans lived in poverty in 2010? _____
2. Which group of Americans had the highest rate of poverty in 2002? _____ In 2010? _____
Which group had the second highest rate of poverty in 2002? _____ In 2010? _____
3. Which group had the lowest poverty rate in 2002? _____
In 2010? _____
4. Which group had the lowest poverty rate in the table? _____
Which group had the highest? _____

¹Rank, M.R. *One Nation Underprivileged*, p. 31.

²"People and Families in Poverty by Selected Characteristics: 2009 and 2010." Retrieved from census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/data/incpovhlth/2010/table4.pdf