

## 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 <sup>1</sup>	2010 <sup>2</sup>
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? \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> infoplease.com/ipa/A0104716.html

<sup>2</sup> dol.gov/\_Sec/media/reports/blacklaborforce/

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

	2002 <sup>1</sup>	2010 <sup>2</sup>
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? \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup>Rank, M.R. *One Nation Underprivileged*, p. 31.

<sup>2</sup>"People and Families in Poverty by Selected Characteristics: 2009 and 2010." Retrieved from [census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/data/incpovhlth/2010/table4.pdf](http://census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/data/incpovhlth/2010/table4.pdf)