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**Blacks, harder-hit by unemployment**

Unemployment increased somewhat dramatically for Black Americans in March, particularly for Black men, according to the April 2010 Race-Recovery Index released by the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity at The Ohio State University. Black unemployment rose to 16.5% in March, up from 15.8% in February; and March unemployment for Black men stood at 19%, up from 17.8% in February.

Businesses owned by women and people of color continue to receive a smaller-than-proportionate share of federal stimulus contracts and stimulus contract dollars. More information is available in the following April 2010 Race-Recovery Index report:

[http://www.kirwaninstitute.org/download/publications/race-recovery\\_apr2010.pdf](http://www.kirwaninstitute.org/download/publications/race-recovery_apr2010.pdf)

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