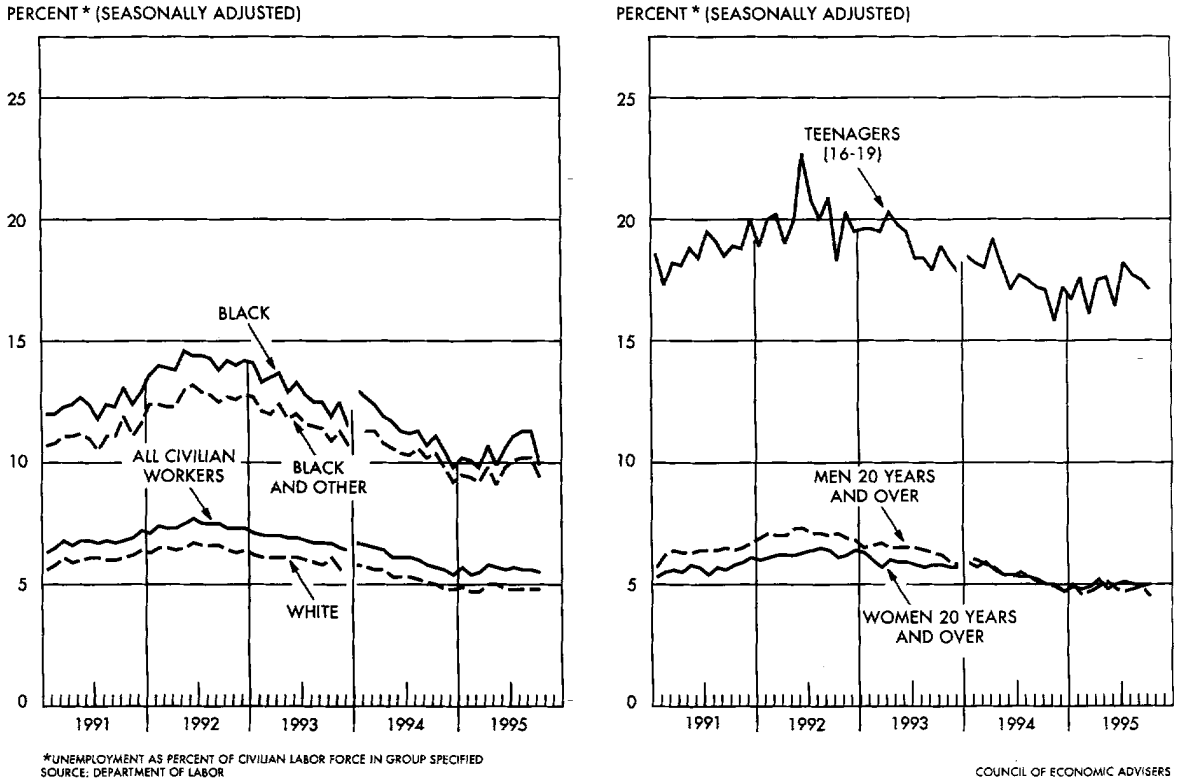
SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

In October, the unemployment rate declined slightly to 5.5 percent.



[Monthly data seasonally adjusted]

Period	Unemployment rate (percent of civilian labor force in group)											
		By sex and age			By race			By selected groups				
	All civilian workers	Men 20 years and over	Women 20 years and over	Both sexes 16–19 years	White	Black and other	Black	Experienced wage and salary workers	Married men, spouse present	Women who maintain families	Full-time workers [1]	Part-time workers [1]
1985	7.2	6.2	6.6	18.6	6.2	13.7	15.1	6.8	4.3	10.4	7.1	7.5
1986	7.0	6.1	6.2	18.3	6.0	13.1	14.5	6.6	4.4	9.8	6.9	7.4
1987	6.2	5.4	5.4	16.9	5.3	11.6	13.0	5.8	3.9	9.2	6.0	6.9
1988	5.5	4.8	4.9	15.3	4.7	10.4	11.7	5.2	3.3	8.1	5.3	6.4
1989	5.3	4.5	4.7	15.0	4.5	10.0	11.4	5.0	3.0	8.1	5.1	6.2
1990	5.5	4.9	4.8	15.5	4.7	10.1	11.3	5.3	3.4	8.2	5.4	6.3
1991	6.7	6.3	5.7	18.6	6.0	11.1	12.4	6.5	4.4	9.1	6.7	6.9
1992	7.4	7.0	6.3	20.0	6.5	12.7	14.1	7.1	5.0	9.9	7.4	7.4
1993	6.8	6.4	5.9	19.0	6.0	11.7	12.9	6.5	4.4	9.5	6.8	7.1
1994 [2]	6.1	5.4	5.4	17.6	5.3	10.5	11.5	5.9	3.7	8.9	6.1	6.0
1994: Oct	5.7	5.0	5.0	17.1	5.0	10.4	11.1	5.5	3.3	8.9	5.8	5.6
Nov	5.6	4.9	5.0	15.8	4.8	9.8	10.5	5.4	3.2	8.7	5.6	5.4
Dec	5.4	4.7	4.7	17.2	4.8	9.2	9.8	5.3	3.2	8.8	5.3	5.9
1995: Jan	5.7	5.0	4.9	16.7	4.9	9.5	10.2	5.4	3.4	8.9	5.5	6.2
Feb	5.4	4.6	4.8	17.6	4.7	9.4	10.1	5.1	3.0	8.1	5.3	6.0
Mar	5.5	4.7	4.9	16.1	4.7	9.2	9.8	5.2	3.2	7.6	5.4	5.8
Apr	5.8	4.9	5.2	17.5	5.0	9.8	10.7	5.6	3.4	9.0	5.6	6.3
May	5.7	5.1	4.8	17.6	5.0	9.1	9.9	5.6	3.4	8.0	5.6	6.1
June	5.6	4.8	5.0	16.4	4.8	9.8	10.6	5.4	3.4	8.4	5.5	6.3
July	5.7	4.7	5.1	18.2	4.8	10.1	11.1	5.5	3.4	8.5	5.5	6.6
Aug	5.6	4.8	5.0	17.7	4.8	10.2	11.3	5.4	3.3	7.0	5.6	5.9
Sept	5.6	4.9	4.9	17.5	4.8	10.2	11.3	5.5	3.5	8.0	5.6	5.9
Oct	5.5	4.5	5.0	17.1	4.8	9.4	9.9	5.4	3.1	7.9	5.4	5.8

[1] Revised definition; for details, see *Employment and Earnings*, February 1994.
[2] Data beginning January 1994 are not directly comparable with data for earlier periods. See *Employment and Earnings*, February 1994.

NOTE.—Data relate to persons age 16 years and over.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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