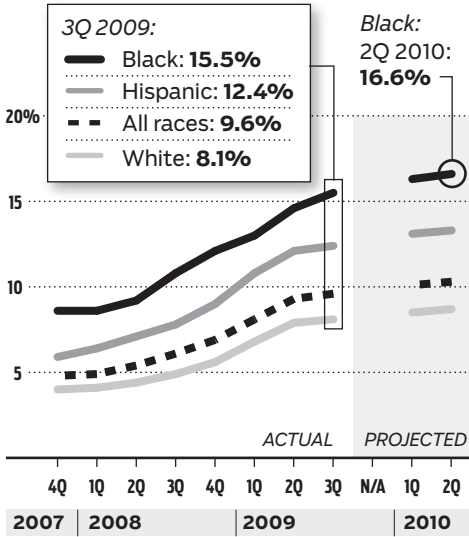


Unemployment hits blacks hardest

The unemployment rate for blacks is 5.9 percentage points higher than the national average. In Illinois, it is more than double that of whites and 8.3 percentage points higher than the state average.

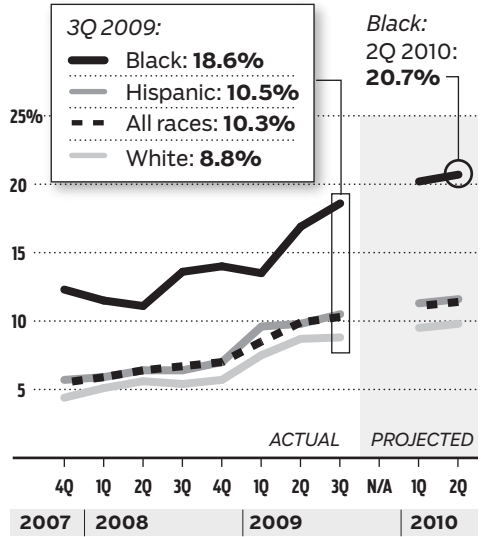
U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Quarterly



ILLINOIS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Quarterly

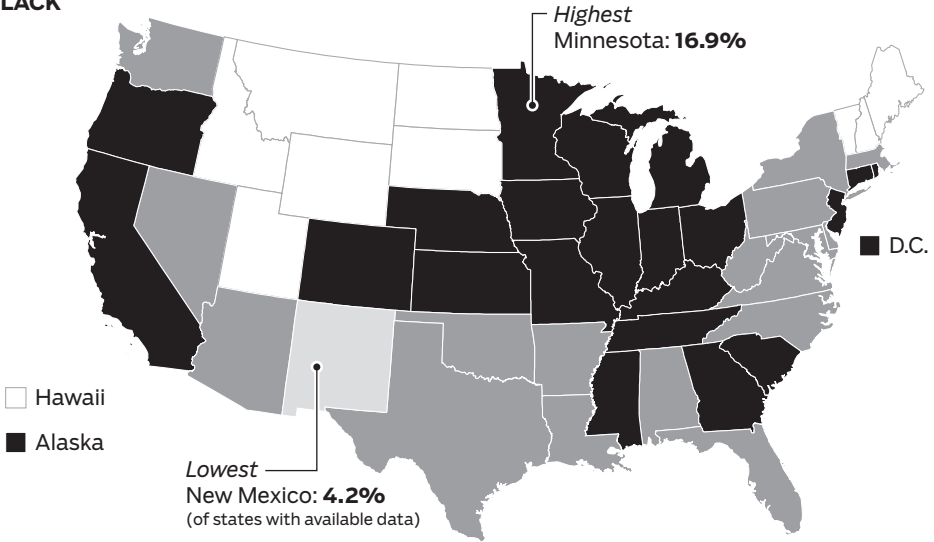


Unemployment rate by race

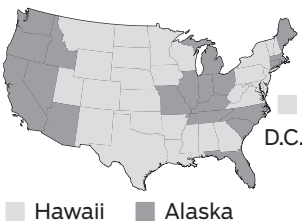
At the end of 2008

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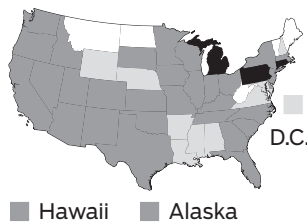
BLACK



WHITE



HISPANIC



OVERALL

