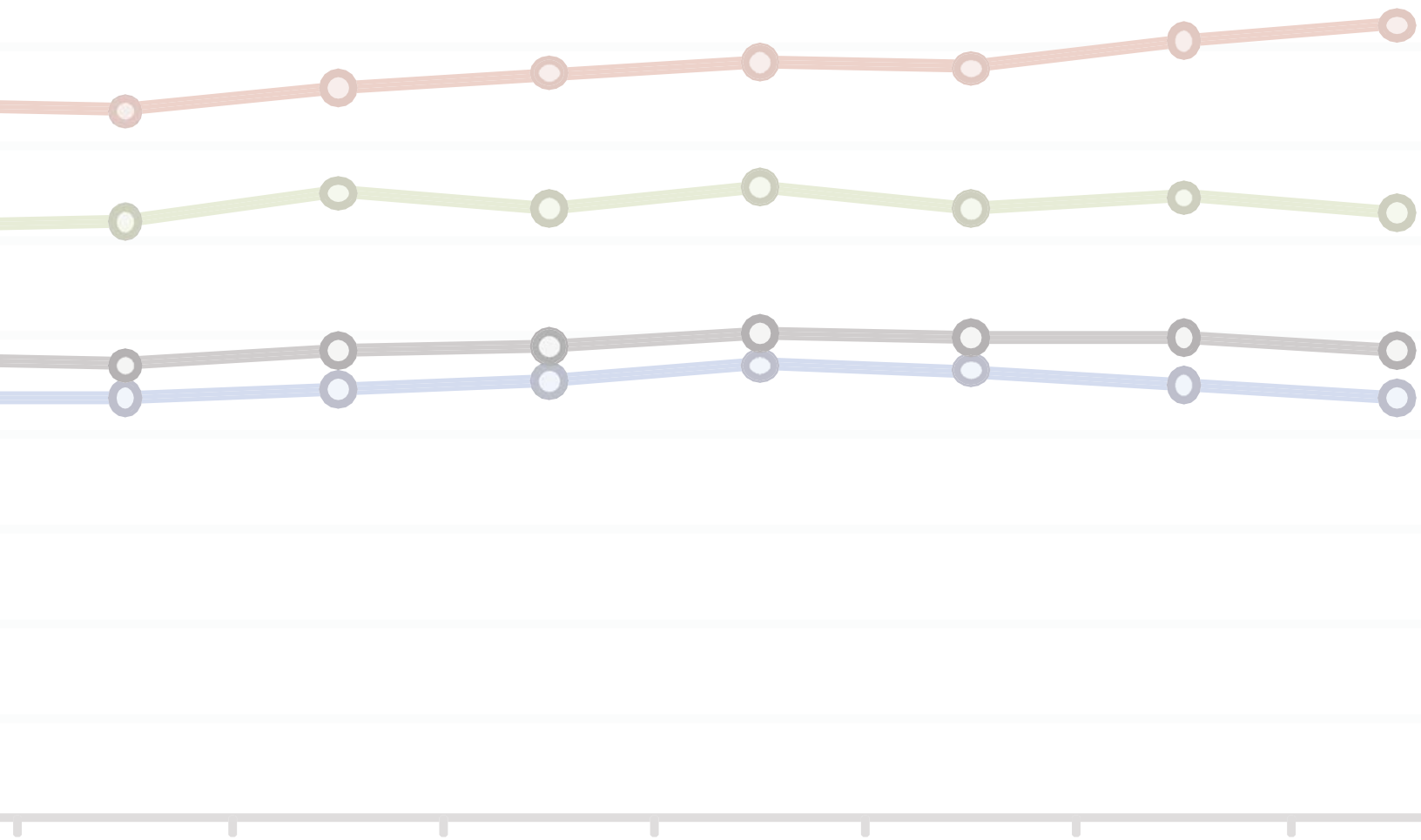




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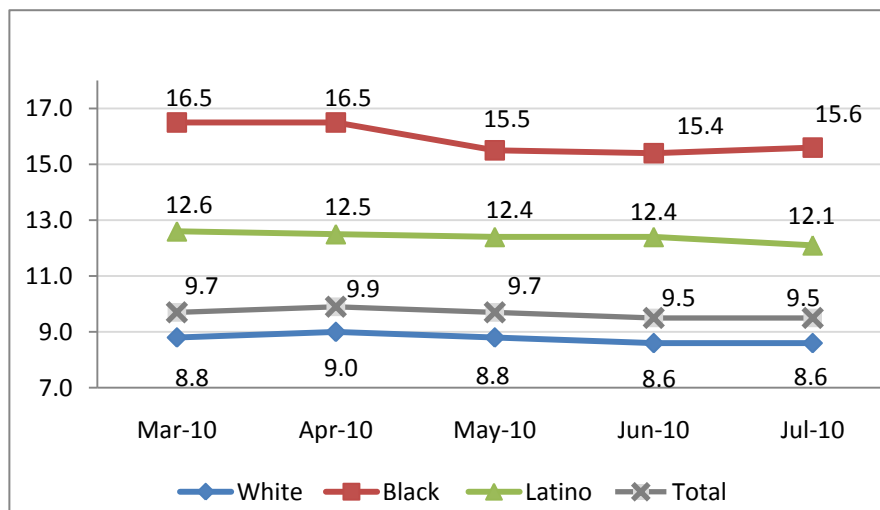
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## National Unemployment

The national unemployment rate was unchanged at 9.5% for the second month in a row in July 2010, despite the fact that the economy experienced a loss of 131,000 non-farm jobs. The rate remained unchanged for the month in part because of the 422,000 people who removed themselves from the labor force, representing job seekers who have given up the search for employment. Despite the loss of 143,000 temporary public-sector jobs, private sector employment increased by 71,000 jobs. Unemployment rates for Whites held steady at 8.6%, while dropping slightly for Latinos (by one third of a percentage point), and increasing slightly for Blacks (by one fifth of a percentage point). Further review (Chart 2) shows unemployment rates for both Black and Latino women increased by one percentage point during the month of July; this may reflect the distribution of census jobs which were terminated in July. Black and Latino men faced slight decreases in unemployment (0.7% and 1.1% respectively).

Chart 1. U.S. Unemployment Rate by Race: March 2010-July 2010



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

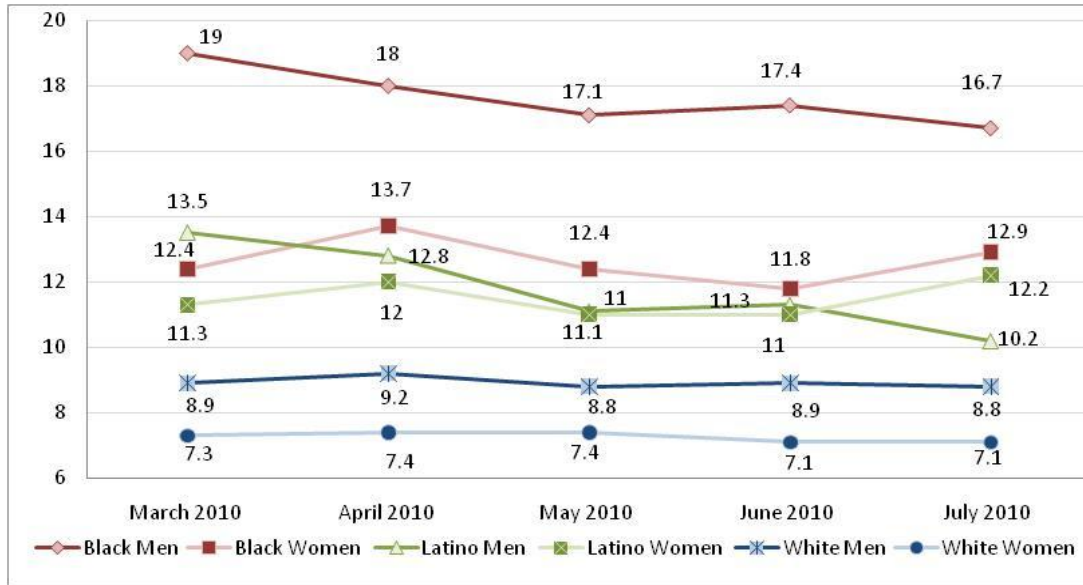
Table 1. U.S. Unemployed (in thousands) by Race

Race	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	% Change (year over year)	Unemployment Increase
White	10,927	11,254	11,366	11,813	11,589	11,266	10,782	10,982	10,945	11,295	11,070	10,797	10,760	-2.0%	-167
Black	2,600	2,682	2,701	2,754	2,757	2,843	2,929	2,812	2,951	2,966	2,794	2,732	2,755	6.0%	155
Latino	2,792	2,908	2,849	2,939	2,872	2,891	2,848	2,800	2,859	2,834	2,836	2,820	2,751	-1.5%	-41
Total	14,534	14,993	15,159	15,612	15,340	15,267	14,837	14,871	15,005	15,260	14,973	14,623	14,599	0.4%	65

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

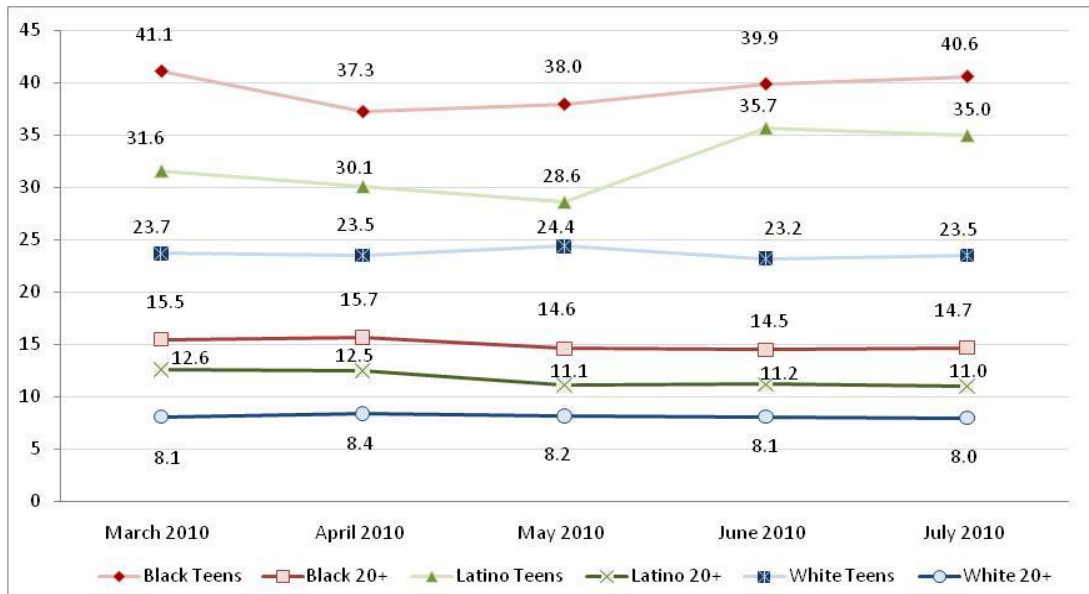


Chart 2. U.S. Unemployment Rates by Race and Gender March-July 2010



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

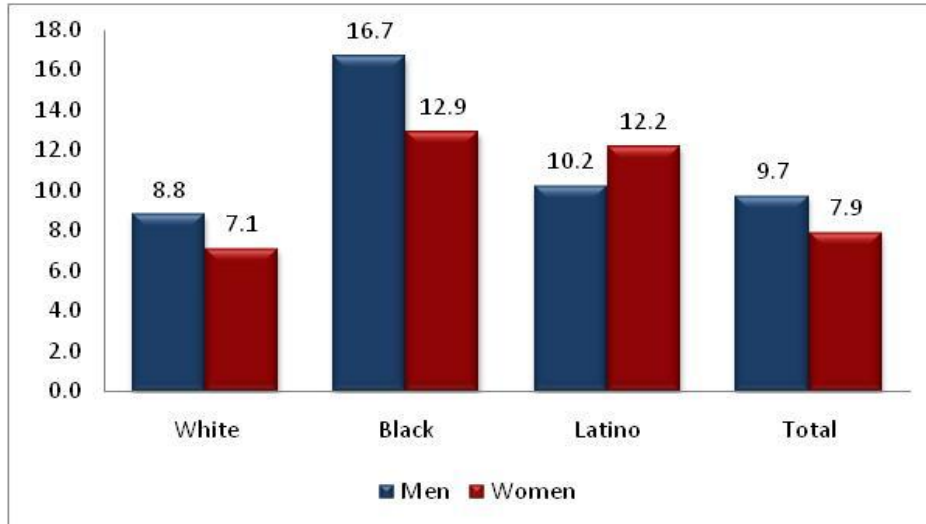
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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

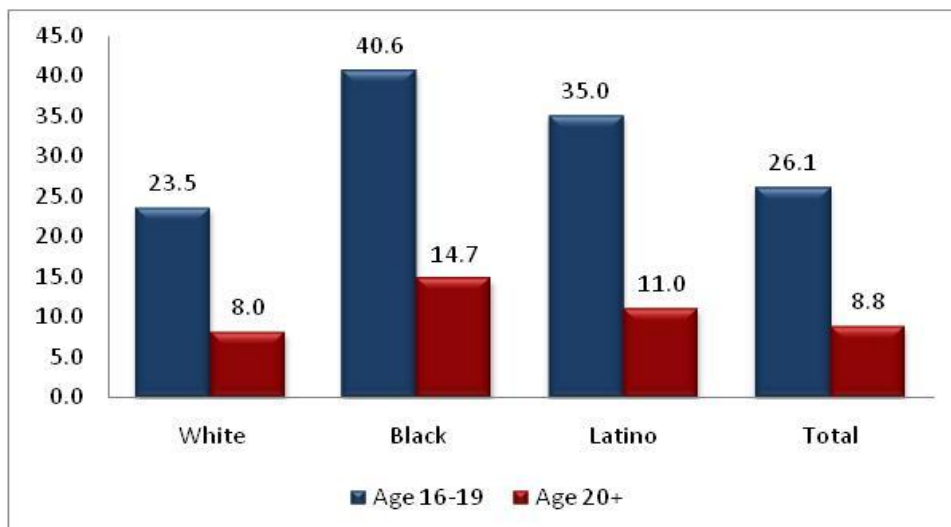


Chart 4. July 2010 Unemployment Rates by Race and Gender



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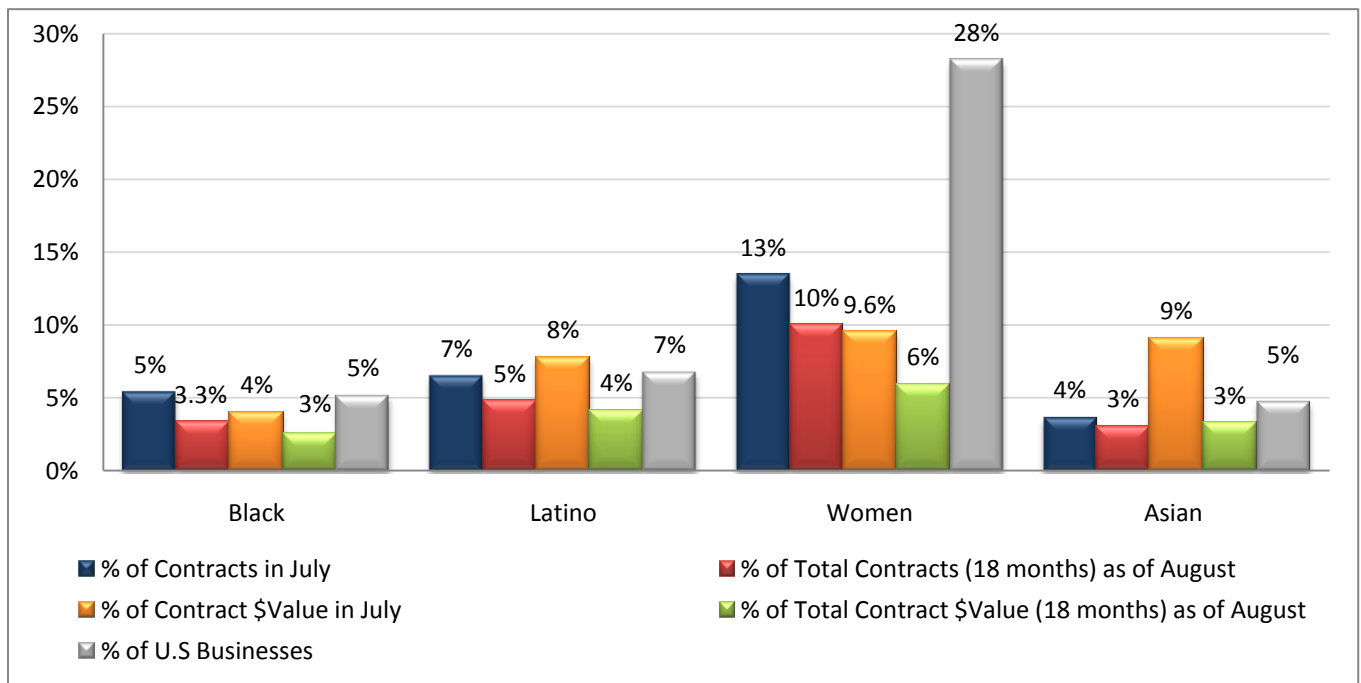
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### Federal ARRA Contract Procurement

During the month of July, Asian owned businesses received an equitable share of total contract value in relation to their overall share of U.S. businesses<sup>1</sup>. However, Women owned businesses continued to receive both a smaller number of contracts and lower contract value in relation to the percentage of U.S. businesses they represent. **Chart 6** shows a further breakdown of total contracts and contract values received by non-white and Women-owned businesses during the month of July in comparison to the past 18 months, since the signing of ARRA. Additionally, **Chart 6** shows that non-white and Women-owned businesses did better during the month of July than the aggregate findings of the past 18 months, receiving a higher share of contracts and contract value. Such findings suggest that these businesses are increasingly receiving a more equitable share of federal dollars.

Chart 6. Federal ARRA Contract Procurements in July and for 18 months as of August 2010



Source: Federal Procurement Data System (7/2/2010), 2002 U.S. Economic Census Survey of Business Owners

<sup>1</sup> Source: 2002 U.S. Economic Census, Survey of Business Owners, <http://www.census.gov/econ/sbo/02/womenof.html>

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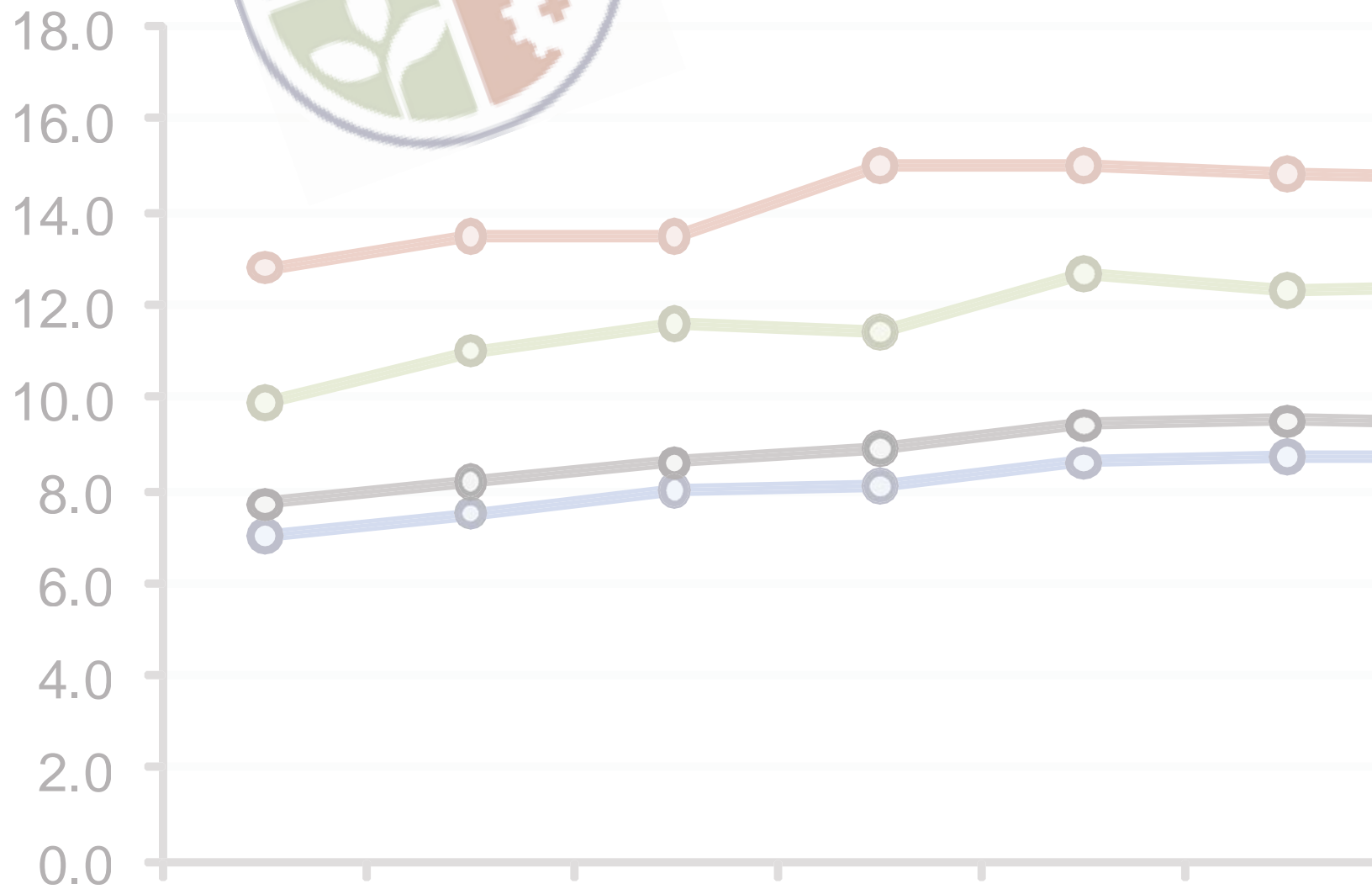
*The Race-Recovery Index, a project of the Kirwan Institute, is designed to measure how all people, but particularly marginalized populations, are faring in the midst of the national recovery efforts. The two primary tools for measurement used on a monthly basis are the national unemployment figures by race, and the Federal contract procurement of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). Additional forms of measurement may eventually be added.*

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