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Census Work Fuels Minority Job Gains for May, Yet Black Youths Still Face High Unemployment

People of color enjoyed a slight drop in unemployment in May, although those gains were mostly fueled by temporary job opportunities for census workers - particularly benefiting Black and Latino women. Youth unemployment remained high, especially among young blacks (38 percent).

Overall, during the past 15 months, businesses owned by White women have received a larger number of total contracts in federal stimulus funds, while non-White women-owned businesses have received a greater total dollar value of such contracts. Total contract awards to businesses with non-White ownership stood just under 17 percent (16.9 percent), while non-White business ownership overall stands at 13.4 percent.

To view charts and more information, see the June Race-Recovery Index released today by the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity at The Ohio State University.

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