

Economist Says Blacks Hold Unequal Share Of Labor Market

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The proportion of blacks in the labor force has increased as America has rebounded from the recession of 1981-82, but they still do not control an equitable share of the labor market, observes Dr. Andrew F. Brimmer, president of Brimmer & Co., Inc., in the May issue of Black Enterprise magazine.

Although the total civilian labor force grew by 3.2 percent during 1983-84, the black labor force grew

by 6.4 percent, bringing the black civil labor force up to 12.3 million.

Dr. Brimmer, a former member of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors and a member of the Black Enterprise Board of Economists, believes the expansion is due to the higher growth rate of the black population as well as the increased determination of blacks to search for work.

The rate of unemployment

among blacks has decreased from 20.9 percent in 1982 to 15.0 percent in 1984, but when compared with the corresponding decline for whites (from 9.6 percent to 6.2 percent), the figures aren't very reassuring.

Black women have made significant gains in the labor force in the past two years. Whereas the participation rate for blacks as a whole rose by 1.4 percentage points to 63.1 percent, the rate for black women

rose by 2.2 percentage points to 56.5 percent.

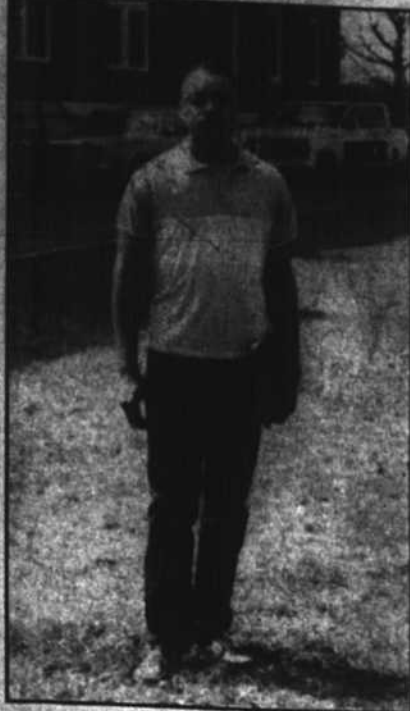
The gaps between the sexes is closing, also, reports Black Enterprise. The total number of employed black women (4,977,000) at the end of last year nearly equalled the number of employed black men (4,998,000).

Blacks represented 10.8 percent of the civil labor force at the end of 1984 (10,462,000 jobs), but for parity to have prevailed, they would have had

to have held an additional 1,015,000 jobs. So even though employment is on the rise, blacks still bear a disproportionate share of the unemployment burden, states Brimmer.

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Dennis Summers
...Political science major

Charlotte Native Elected To National Pre-Alumni Council

Involvement is a by-product for Dennis Summers, a senior political science major at Livingstone College.

Summers, a Charlotte native, was recently elected president of the National Pre-Alumni Council, which is a student support group for the 43-member United Negro College Fund institutions.

A member of the Gethsemane AME Zion Church, Dennis attributes much of his success to the devotion of his mother, Mrs. Lucille Summers, and the guidance of Malachi Greene, a family friend.

"I chose Livingstone because of its tradition for excellence and my association with many successful Livingstone alumni such as my minister, Rev. Dr. George Battle," he said.

"There is room to grow and opportunity to pursue academic and cultural interest at Livingstone and in the Salisbury community," he concluded.

Elected "Mr. Freshman," based on intellect, personality, and leadership, he has responded by being elected president of the sophomore and junior class. He serves as president of the Political Science Club and attorney general of the Student Government Association.

A Dean's List student, Dennis plans to pursue a career in law upon graduation.

An accomplished soloist, he is a member of the Livingstone Prayer Meeting Choir and sings in several choirs at church when he is at home.

Dennis was an outstanding defensive back at West Charlotte High School and still enjoys football well enough to serve as a statistician for the varsity football team. He also enjoys reading, playing basketball and listening to jazz.

Livingstone Plans Unique Program For Youth

Livingstone College will host its second annual Summer Enrichment Program for junior and senior high school students from June 30 through July 13, 1985.

The program is designed to provide experiences for young people through an integrated learning program which will reinforce concepts and skills from subject to subject in a non-competitive relaxed, academic atmosphere. The program will center around basic skills, with each area of concentration contributing expertise toward the enhancement of skills.


The total program will be fully articulated to enhance the students' sense of connection between academic subjects and real-life situations, basic academic skills, computer literacy, career, and media awareness. During the session, workshops and seminars featuring prominent personalities and consultants are planned, with special emphasis on communication skills, conflict resolution, etiquette, grooming, job skills and personal finance.

Field trips to significant sites in the area, along with exposure to fine arts, arts and crafts, and music are planned to provide a broad based opportunity to enrich the students' overall development.

The proposed faculty and staff of the Summer Enrichment program will consist of Livingstone College personnel and selected consultants. Recreation leaders will provide structured recreational activities and dormitory counselors will also be on staff during the program.

Cost for the program is \$300 per participant, with enrollment limited to 75 students. This fee includes a semiprivate dormitory room, all meals and activity fees, and all instructional and recreational program costs. Taxpayers can claim credit for child and dependent care expenses which enable them to be gainfully employed.

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