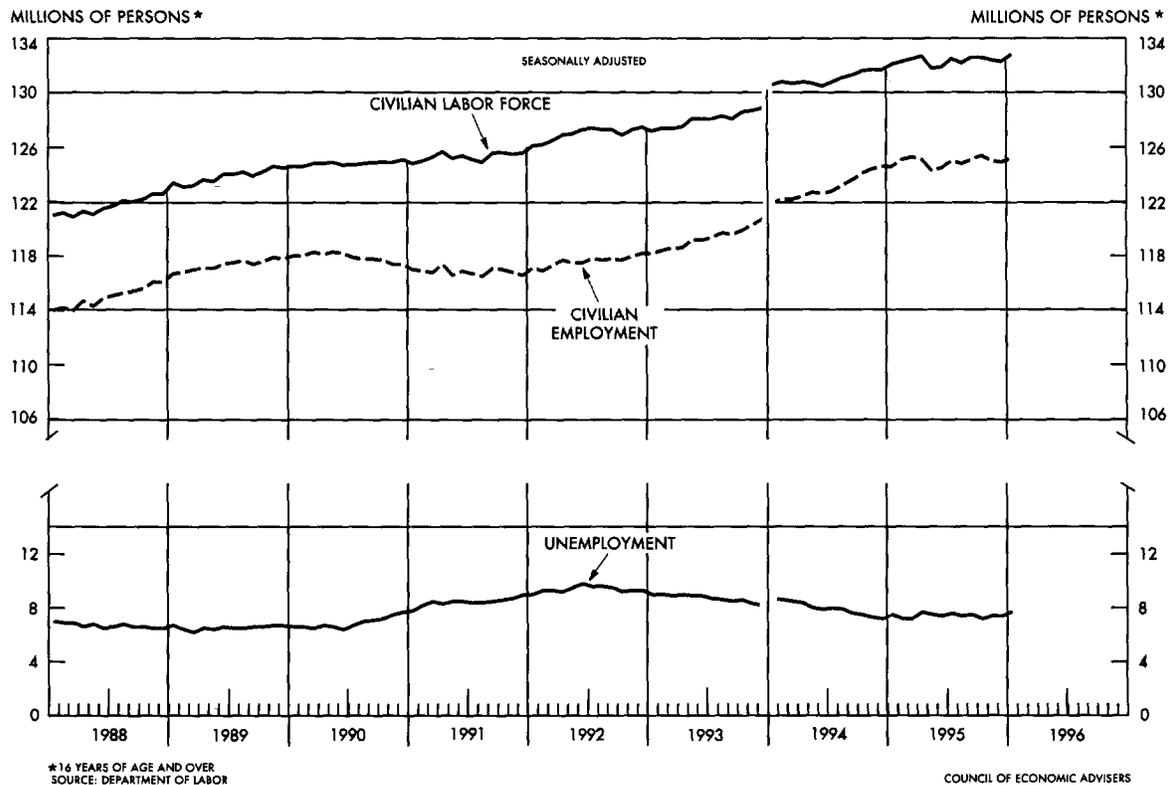


# EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

## STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In January, employment rose by 259,000 and unemployment rose by 294,000.



[Thousands of persons 16 years of age and over, except as noted; monthly data seasonally adjusted except as noted by NSA]

Period	Civilian noninstitutional population NSA	Civilian labor force	Civilian employment				Unemployment		Not in labor force	Percent <sup>2</sup>		
			Total	Agricul-tural	Nonagricultural		Total	15 weeks and over		Labor force partici-pation rate	Employ-ment/ popu-lation ratio	Unem-ployment rate
					Total	Part time for economic reasons <sup>1</sup>						
1986 <sup>3</sup>	180,587	117,834	109,597	3,163	106,434	5,345	8,237	2,232	62,752	65.3	60.7	7.0
1987	182,753	119,865	112,440	3,208	109,232	5,122	7,425	1,983	62,888	65.6	61.5	6.2
1988	184,613	121,669	114,968	3,169	111,800	4,965	6,701	1,610	62,944	65.9	62.3	5.5
1989	186,393	123,869	117,342	3,199	114,142	4,657	6,528	1,375	62,523	66.5	63.0	5.3
1990	188,049	124,787	117,914	3,186	114,728	4,860	6,874	1,504	63,262	66.4	62.7	5.5
1991	189,765	125,303	116,877	3,233	113,644	5,767	8,426	2,323	64,462	66.0	61.6	6.7
1992	191,576	126,982	117,598	3,207	114,391	6,116	9,384	3,354	64,593	66.3	61.4	7.4
1993	193,550	128,040	119,306	3,074	116,232	6,106	8,734	3,052	65,509	66.2	61.6	6.8
1994 <sup>4</sup>	196,814	131,056	123,060	3,409	119,651	4,414	7,996	2,860	65,758	66.6	62.5	6.1
1995	198,584	132,304	124,900	3,440	121,460	4,279	7,404	2,363	66,280	66.6	62.9	5.6
1995: Jan	197,753	132,136	124,639	3,575	121,064	4,430	7,498	2,386	65,617	66.8	63.0	5.7
Feb	197,886	132,308	125,125	3,656	121,469	4,187	7,183	2,298	65,578	66.9	63.2	5.4
Mar	198,007	132,511	125,274	3,698	121,576	4,347	7,237	2,266	65,496	66.9	63.3	5.5
Apr	198,148	132,737	125,072	3,594	121,478	4,171	7,665	2,505	65,412	67.0	63.1	5.8
May	198,286	131,811	124,319	3,357	120,962	4,289	7,492	2,585	66,476	66.5	62.7	5.7
June	198,452	131,869	124,485	3,451	121,034	4,185	7,384	2,299	66,583	66.4	62.7	5.6
July	198,615	132,518	124,959	3,409	121,550	4,234	7,559	2,319	66,096	66.7	62.9	5.7
Aug	198,801	132,211	124,779	3,362	121,417	4,316	7,431	2,380	66,590	66.5	62.8	5.6
Sept	199,005	132,591	125,140	3,273	121,867	4,451	7,451	2,352	66,414	66.6	62.9	5.6
Oct	199,192	132,648	125,399	3,455	121,944	4,255	7,249	2,296	66,544	66.6	63.0	5.5
Nov	199,355	132,442	125,010	3,276	121,734	4,272	7,432	2,297	66,913	66.4	62.7	5.6
Dec	199,508	132,284	124,904	3,306	121,598	4,326	7,380	2,307	67,224	66.3	62.6	5.6
1996: Jan	199,634	132,837	125,163	3,548	121,615	3,934	7,674	2,343	66,797	66.5	62.7	5.8

<sup>1</sup> Persons at work. Economic reasons include slack work, material shortages, inability to find fulltime work, etc.

<sup>2</sup> Civilian labor force (or employment) as percent of civilian noninstitutional population; and unemployment as percent of civilian labor force.

<sup>3</sup> Not strictly comparable with earlier data.

<sup>4</sup> Data beginning January 1994 are not directly comparable with data for earlier periods. See *Employment and Earnings*, February 1994.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.