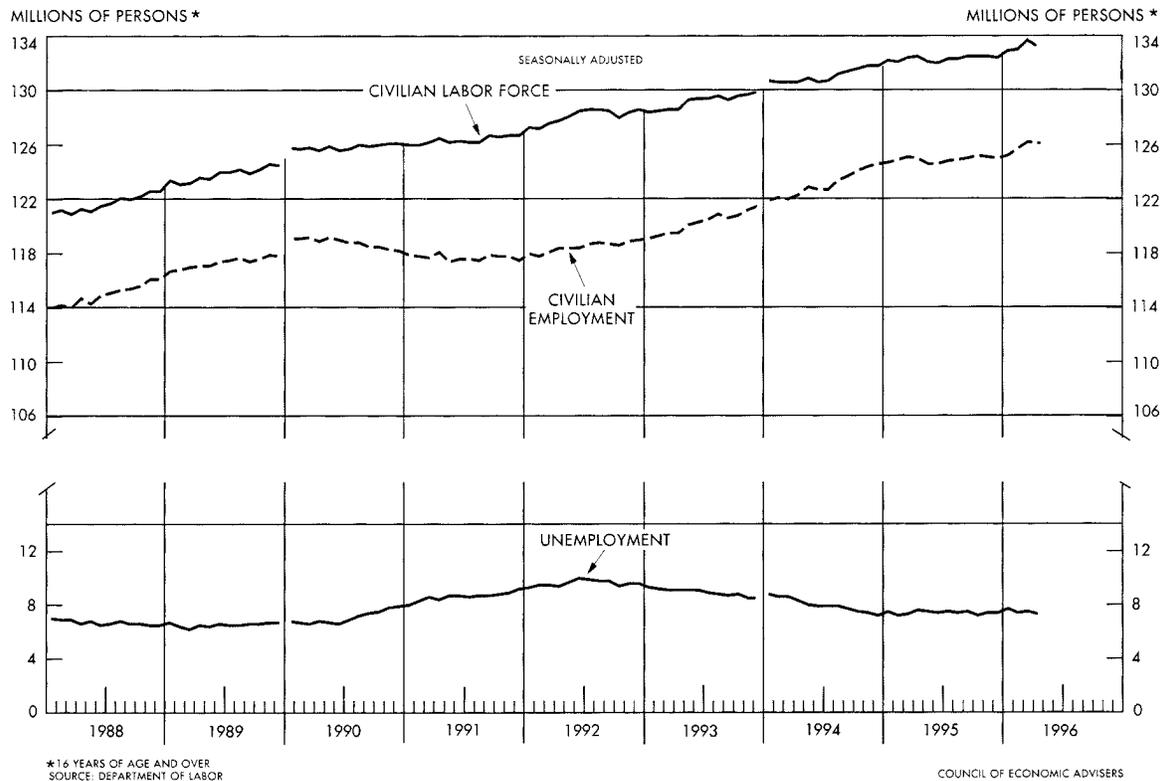


EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In April, employment fell by 56,000 and unemployment fell by 238,000.



[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 ²		
			Total	Agricultural	Nonagricultural		Total	15 weeks and over		Labor force participation rate	Employment/population ratio	Unemployment rate
					Total	Part time for economic reasons ¹						
1986 ³	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 ³	189,164	125,840	118,793	3,223	115,570	4,950	7,047	1,525	63,324	66.5	62.8	5.6
1991	190,925	126,346	117,718	3,269	114,449	5,874	8,628	2,357	64,578	66.2	61.7	6.8
1992	192,805	128,105	118,492	3,247	115,245	6,240	9,613	3,408	64,700	66.4	61.5	7.5
1993	194,838	129,200	120,259	3,115	117,144	6,230	8,940	3,094	65,638	66.3	61.7	6.9
1994 ⁴	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: Apr	198,148	132,529	124,973	3,528	121,445	4,211	7,556	2,439	65,619	66.9	63.1	5.7
May	198,286	132,058	124,598	3,360	121,238	4,273	7,460	2,526	66,228	66.6	62.8	5.6
June	198,453	131,962	124,566	3,435	121,131	4,263	7,396	2,353	66,491	66.5	62.8	5.6
July	198,615	132,342	124,832	3,409	121,423	4,256	7,510	2,332	66,273	66.6	62.9	5.7
Aug	198,801	132,298	124,859	3,376	121,483	4,291	7,439	2,371	66,503	66.5	62.8	5.6
Sept	199,005	132,501	125,036	3,335	121,701	4,355	7,465	2,323	66,504	66.6	62.8	5.6
Oct	199,192	132,473	125,244	3,434	121,810	4,274	7,229	2,281	66,719	66.5	62.9	5.5
Nov	199,355	132,471	125,062	3,323	121,739	4,283	7,409	2,305	66,884	66.4	62.7	5.6
Dec	199,508	132,352	124,981	3,325	121,656	4,306	7,371	2,322	67,156	66.3	62.6	5.6
1996: Jan	199,634	132,903	125,226	3,529	121,698	3,842	7,677	2,370	66,730	66.6	62.7	5.8
Feb	199,772	133,018	125,663	3,519	122,143	4,274	7,355	2,307	66,754	66.6	62.9	5.5
Mar	199,921	133,655	126,151	3,487	122,664	4,223	7,504	2,479	66,266	66.9	63.1	5.6
Apr	200,101	133,361	126,095	3,368	122,726	4,287	7,266	2,388	66,741	66.6	63.0	5.4

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

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

³ Not strictly comparable with earlier data.

⁴ Data beginning January 1994 are not directly comparable with data for earlier periods because of a major redesign of the household survey questionnaire.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.