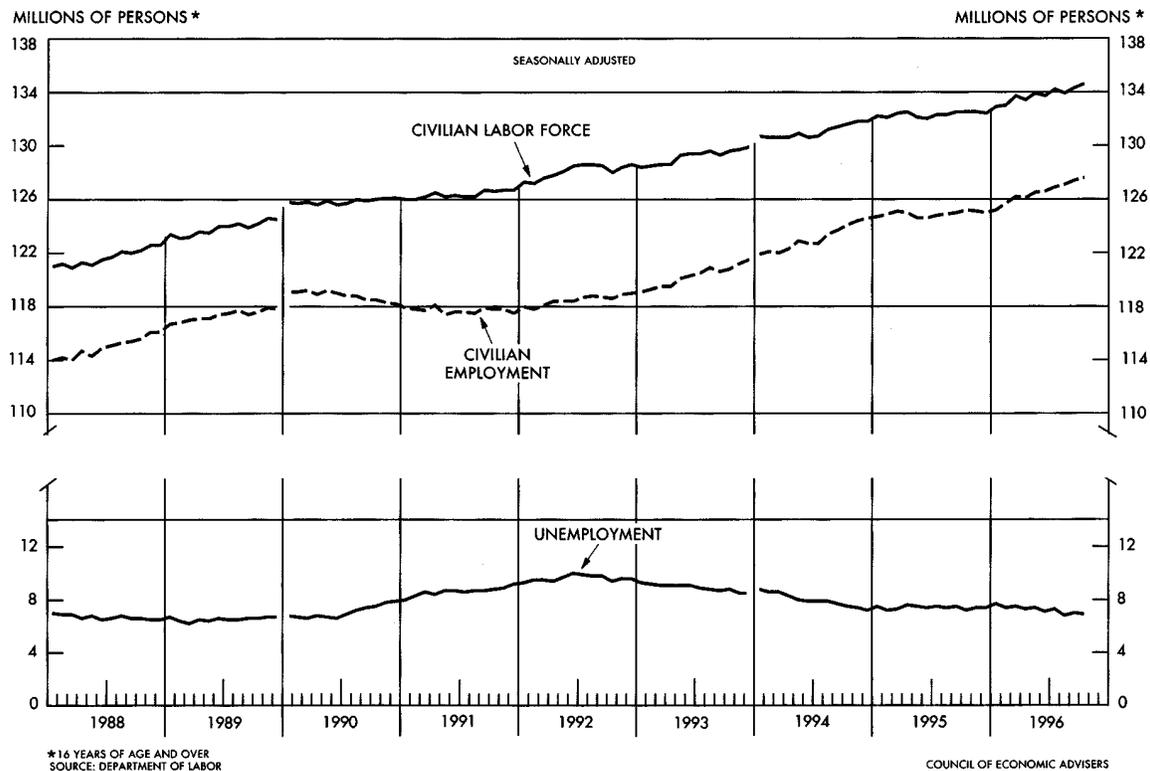


EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In October, employment rose by 259,000 and unemployment fell by 23,000.



[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			Percent ²		
			Total	Agricultural	Nonagricultural		Total	15 weeks and over	Not in labor force	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: 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
1995: 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
1995: 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
1996: 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
1996: 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
1996: 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
1996: May	200,278	133,910	126,462	3,491	122,971	4,068	7,448	2,336	66,368	66.9	63.1	5.6
1996: June	200,459	133,669	126,610	3,382	123,228	4,146	7,060	2,435	66,790	66.7	63.2	5.3
1996: July	200,641	134,181	126,884	3,502	123,382	4,159	7,297	2,319	66,460	66.9	63.2	5.4
1996: Aug	200,847	133,885	127,055	3,421	123,635	4,205	6,830	2,248	66,962	66.7	63.3	5.1
1996: Sept	201,060	134,340	127,368	3,535	123,833	4,128	6,971	2,279	66,721	66.8	63.3	5.2
1996: Oct	201,273	134,574	127,627	3,457	124,169	4,125	6,948	2,306	66,699	66.9	63.4	5.2

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.