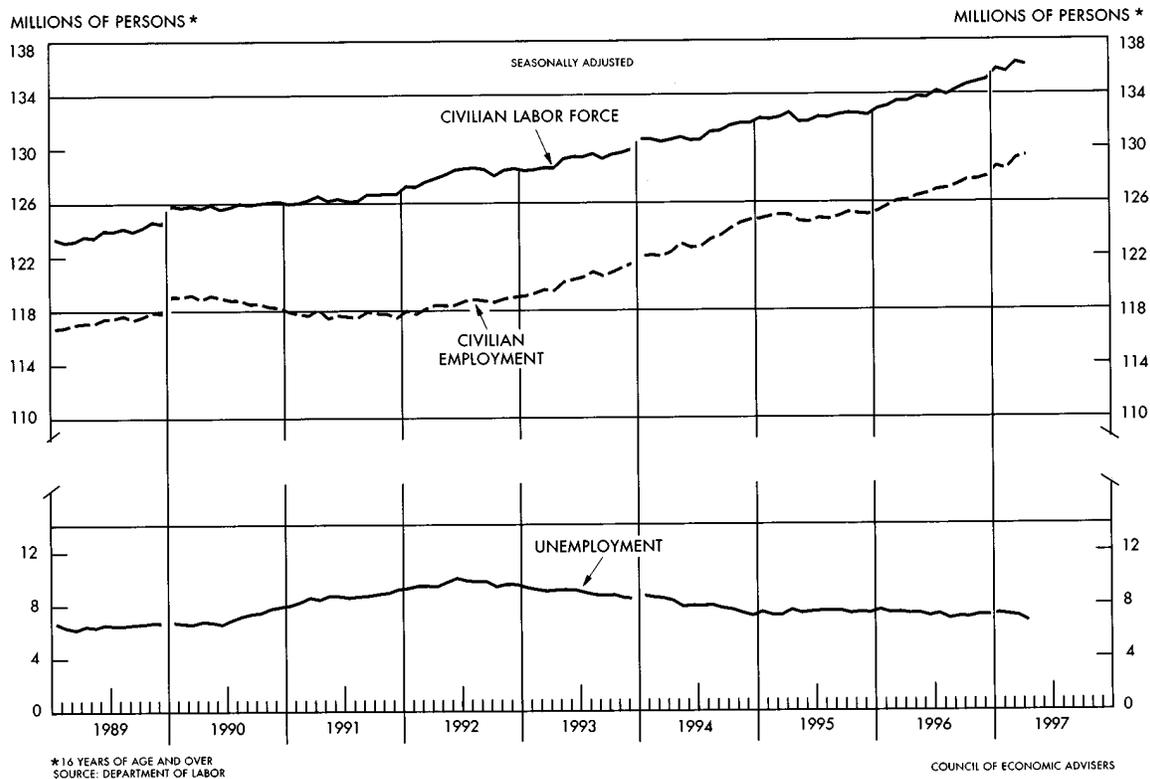


# EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

## STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In April, employment rose by 209,000 and unemployment fell by 430,000.



[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	Agricultural	Nonagricultural		Total	15 weeks and over		Labor force participation rate	Employment/population ratio	Unemployment rate
					Total	Part time for economic reasons <sup>1</sup>						
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 <sup>3</sup> .....	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 <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
1996 .....	200,591	133,943	126,708	3,443	123,264	4,123	7,236	2,316	66,647	66.8	63.2	5.4
1996: Apr .....	200,101	133,427	126,125	3,412	122,713	4,251	7,302	2,387	66,674	66.7	63.0	5.5
May .....	200,278	133,759	126,428	3,474	122,954	4,109	7,331	2,354	66,519	66.8	63.1	5.5
June .....	200,459	133,709	126,590	3,408	123,182	4,161	7,119	2,353	66,750	66.7	63.2	5.3
July .....	200,641	134,165	126,889	3,470	123,419	4,150	7,276	2,326	66,476	66.9	63.2	5.4
Aug .....	200,847	133,898	126,988	3,418	123,570	4,182	6,910	2,273	66,949	66.7	63.2	5.2
Sept .....	201,060	134,291	127,248	3,480	123,768	4,130	7,043	2,277	66,770	66.8	63.3	5.2
Oct .....	201,273	134,636	127,617	3,450	124,167	4,118	7,019	2,294	66,637	66.9	63.4	5.2
Nov .....	201,463	134,831	127,644	3,354	124,290	3,815	7,187	2,184	66,632	66.9	63.4	5.3
Dec .....	201,636	135,022	127,855	3,426	124,429	4,162	7,167	2,179	66,614	67.0	63.4	5.3
1997: Jan <sup>3</sup> .....	202,285	135,848	128,580	3,468	125,112	4,163	7,268	2,155	66,437	67.2	63.6	5.4
Feb .....	202,388	135,634	128,430	3,292	125,138	4,098	7,205	2,163	66,754	67.0	63.5	5.3
Mar .....	202,513	136,319	129,175	3,386	125,789	3,937	7,144	2,064	66,194	67.3	63.8	5.2
Apr .....	202,674	136,098	129,384	3,497	125,887	4,235	6,714	2,092	66,577	67.2	63.8	4.9

<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 because of a major redesign of the household survey questionnaire.

NOTE.—Data beginning January 1997 reflect revised population controls. See *Employment and Earnings*, February 1997, for details.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.