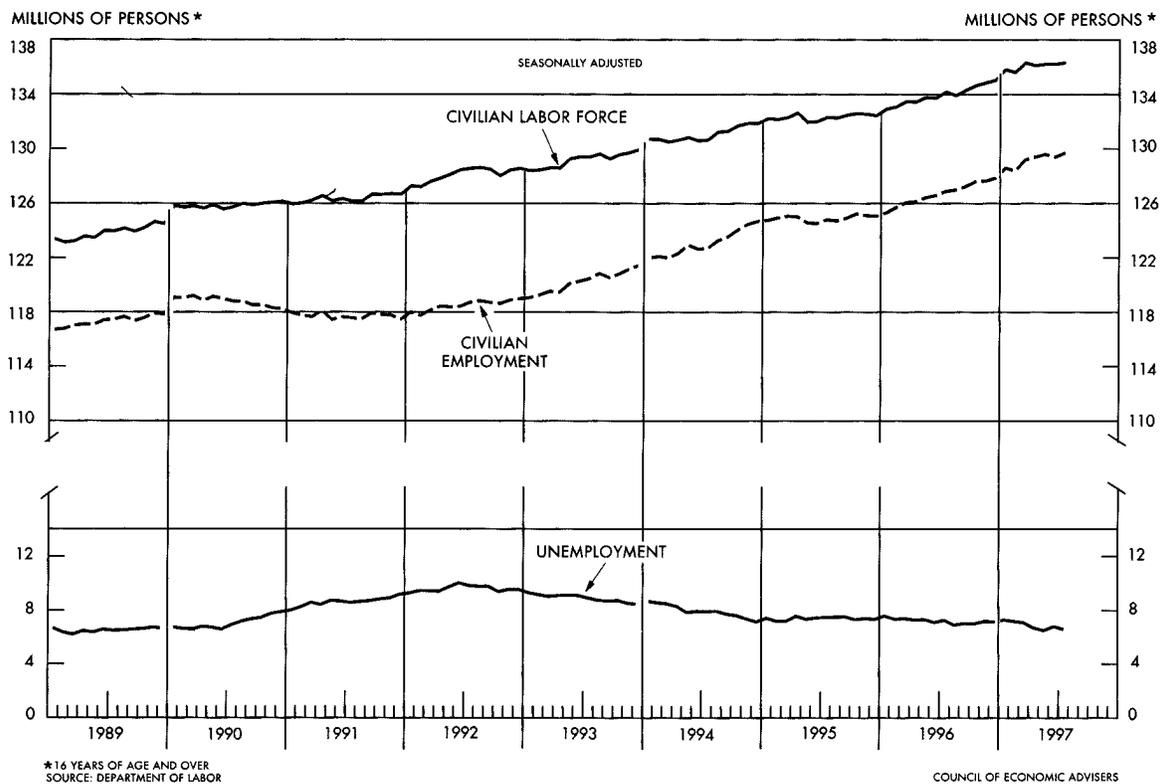


EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In July, employment rose by 344,000 and unemployment fell by 253,000.



[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						
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
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: 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 ³	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
May	202,832	136,173	129,639	3,430	126,209	3,806	6,534	2,071	66,659	67.1	63.9	4.8
June	203,000	136,200	129,364	3,391	125,973	3,782	6,836	2,063	66,800	67.1	63.7	5.0
July	203,166	136,290	129,708	3,482	126,226	3,872	6,583	2,157	66,876	67.1	63.8	4.8

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.

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.