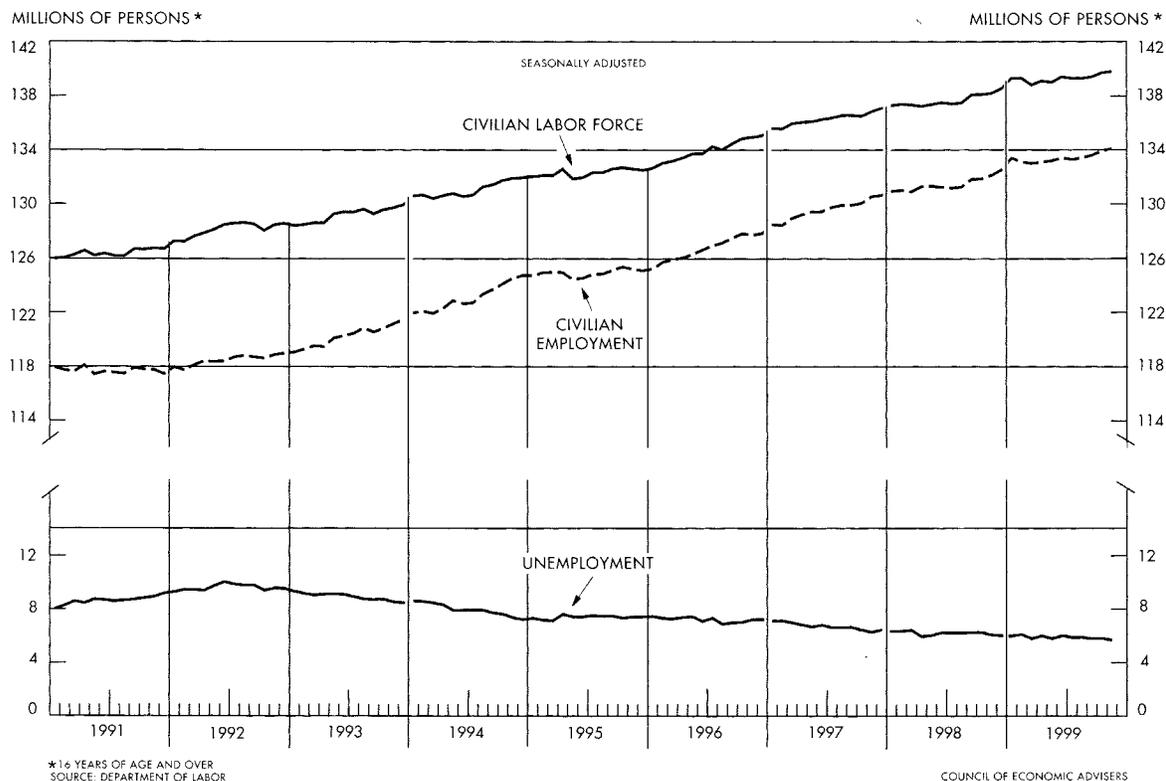


EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In November, employment rose by 189,000, 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			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							
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	
1997 ³	203,133	136,297	129,558	3,399	126,159	3,879	6,739	2,062	66,837	67.1	63.8	4.9	
1998 ³	205,220	137,673	131,463	3,378	128,025	3,501	6,210	1,637	67,547	67.1	64.1	4.5	
1998: Nov	206,104	138,193	132,113	3,348	128,765	3,191	6,080	1,611	67,911	67.1	64.1	4.4	
1998: Dec	206,270	138,547	132,526	3,222	129,304	3,257	6,021	1,578	67,723	67.2	64.2	4.3	
1999: Jan ³	206,719	139,347	133,396	3,299	130,097	3,413	5,950	1,469	67,372	67.4	64.5	4.3	
1999: Feb	206,873	139,271	133,144	3,328	129,817	3,298	6,127	1,550	67,602	67.3	64.4	4.4	
1999: Mar	207,036	138,816	133,033	3,281	129,752	3,374	5,783	1,434	68,220	67.0	64.3	4.2	
1999: Apr	207,236	139,091	133,069	3,384	129,685	3,224	6,022	1,446	68,145	67.1	64.2	4.3	
1999: May	207,427	139,019	133,224	3,295	129,929	3,247	5,795	1,523	68,408	67.0	64.2	4.2	
1999: June	207,632	139,408	133,432	3,354	130,078	3,232	5,975	1,668	68,225	67.1	64.3	4.3	
1999: July	207,828	139,254	133,307	3,292	130,015	3,130	5,947	1,505	68,574	67.0	64.1	4.3	
1999: Aug	208,038	139,264	133,411	3,219	130,192	3,105	5,853	1,449	68,774	66.9	64.1	4.2	
1999: Sept	208,265	139,386	133,550	3,137	130,413	3,096	5,836	1,392	68,879	66.9	64.1	4.2	
1999: Oct	208,483	139,662	133,896	3,203	130,693	2,958	5,766	1,427	68,821	67.0	64.2	4.1	
1999: Nov	208,666	139,827	134,085	3,304	130,781	3,083	5,743	1,386	68,839	67.0	64.3	4.1	

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 1998 reflect new composite estimate procedures. Data beginning January 1998 and January 1999 reflect revised population controls. For details, see February issues, *Employment and Earnings*.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.