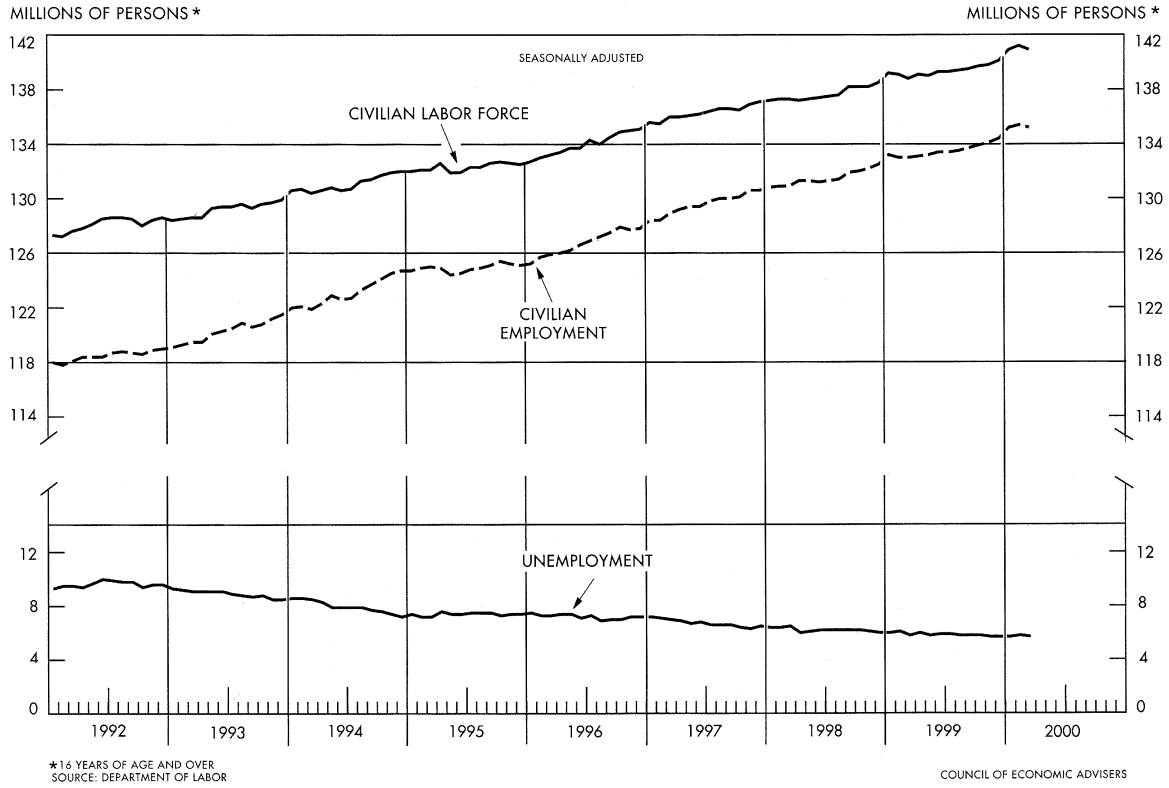
EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In March, employment fell by 203,000, and unemployment fell by 96,000.



[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]						
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
1999 [3]	207,753	139,368	133,488	3,281	130,207	3,189	5,880	1,480	68,385	67.1	64.3	4.2
1999: Mar	207,036	138,804	132,976	3,290	129,686	3,325	5,828	1,467	68,232	67.0	64.2	4.2
Apr	207,236	139,086	133,054	3,341	129,713	3,225	6,032	1,474	68,150	67.1	64.2	4.3
May	207,427	139,013	133,190	3,290	129,900	3,229	5,823	1,519	68,414	67.0	64.2	4.2
June	207,632	139,332	133,398	3,330	130,068	3,209	5,934	1,634	68,300	67.1	64.2	4.3
July	207,828	139,336	133,399	3,278	130,121	3,142	5,937	1,511	68,492	67.0	64.2	4.3
Aug	208,038	139,372	133,530	3,234	130,296	3,127	5,842	1,463	68,666	67.0	64.2	4.2
Sept	208,265	139,475	133,650	3,179	130,471	3,112	5,825	1,412	68,790	67.0	64.2	4.2
Oct	208,483	139,697	133,940	3,238	130,702	2,983	5,757	1,434	68,786	67.0	64.2	4.1
Nov	208,666	139,834	134,098	3,310	130,788	3,105	5,736	1,401	68,832	67.0	64.3	4.1
Dec	208,832	140,108	134,420	3,279	131,141	3,157	5,688	1,388	68,724	67.1	64.4	4.1
2000: Jan [3]	208,782	140,910	135,221	3,371	131,850	3,066	5,689	1,372	67,872	67.5	64.8	4.0
Feb	208,907	141,165	135,362	3,408	131,954	2,985	5,804	1,277	67,742	67.6	64.8	4.1
Mar	209,053	140,867	135,159	3,359	131,801	3,003	5,708	1,295	68,187	67.4	64.7	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, 1999, and 2000 reflect revised population controls. For details, see February issues, *Employment and Earnings*.

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