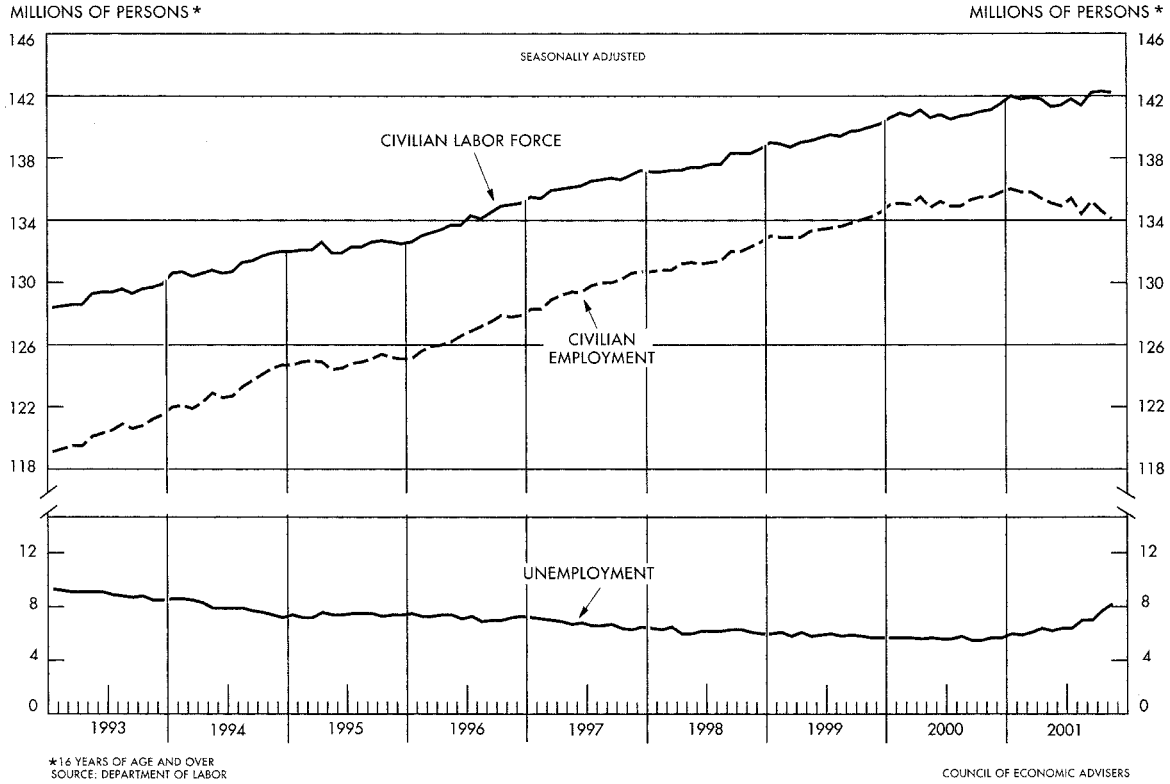
EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In November, employment fell by 478,000, and unemployment rose by 419,000.



[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]						
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 [3]	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 [4]	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 [4]	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 [4]	207,753	139,368	133,488	3,281	130,207	3,189	5,880	1,480	68,385	67.1	64.3	4.2
2000 [4]	209,699	140,863	135,208	3,305	131,903	3,045	5,655	1,309	68,836	67.2	64.5	4.0
2000: Nov	210,577	141,136	135,478	3,176	132,302	3,285	5,658	1,317	69,441	67.0	64.3	4.0
Dec	210,743	141,489	135,836	3,274	132,562	3,088	5,653	1,326	69,254	67.1	64.5	4.0
2001: Jan [4]	210,889	141,955	135,999	3,179	132,819	3,227	5,956	1,371	68,934	67.3	64.5	4.2
Feb	211,026	141,751	135,815	3,135	132,680	3,143	5,936	1,490	69,275	67.2	64.4	4.2
Mar	211,171	141,868	135,780	3,161	132,618	3,007	6,088	1,517	69,304	67.2	64.3	4.3
Apr	211,348	141,757	135,354	3,192	132,162	3,061	6,402	1,499	69,592	67.1	64.0	4.5
May	211,525	141,272	135,103	3,193	131,910	3,197	6,169	1,484	70,254	66.8	63.9	4.4
June	211,725	141,354	134,932	2,995	131,937	3,532	6,422	1,540	70,370	66.8	63.7	4.5
July	211,921	141,774	135,379	3,045	132,334	3,336	6,395	1,587	70,147	66.9	63.9	4.5
Aug	212,135	141,350	134,393	3,117	131,276	3,196	6,957	1,817	70,785	66.6	63.4	4.9
Sept	212,357	142,190	135,181	3,220	131,961	4,045	7,009	1,884	70,167	67.0	63.7	4.9
Oct	212,581	142,303	134,562	3,200	131,362	4,342	7,741	2,062	70,279	66.9	63.3	5.4
Nov	212,767	142,244	134,084	3,109	130,975	4,060	8,160	2,398	70,523	66.9	63.0	5.7

[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] Data beginning January 1994 are not directly comparable with data for earlier periods because of a major redesign of the household survey questionnaire.

[4] Not strictly comparable with earlier data.

NOTE.—Data beginning January 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001 reflect revised population controls. For details, see February issues, *Employment and Earnings*.

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