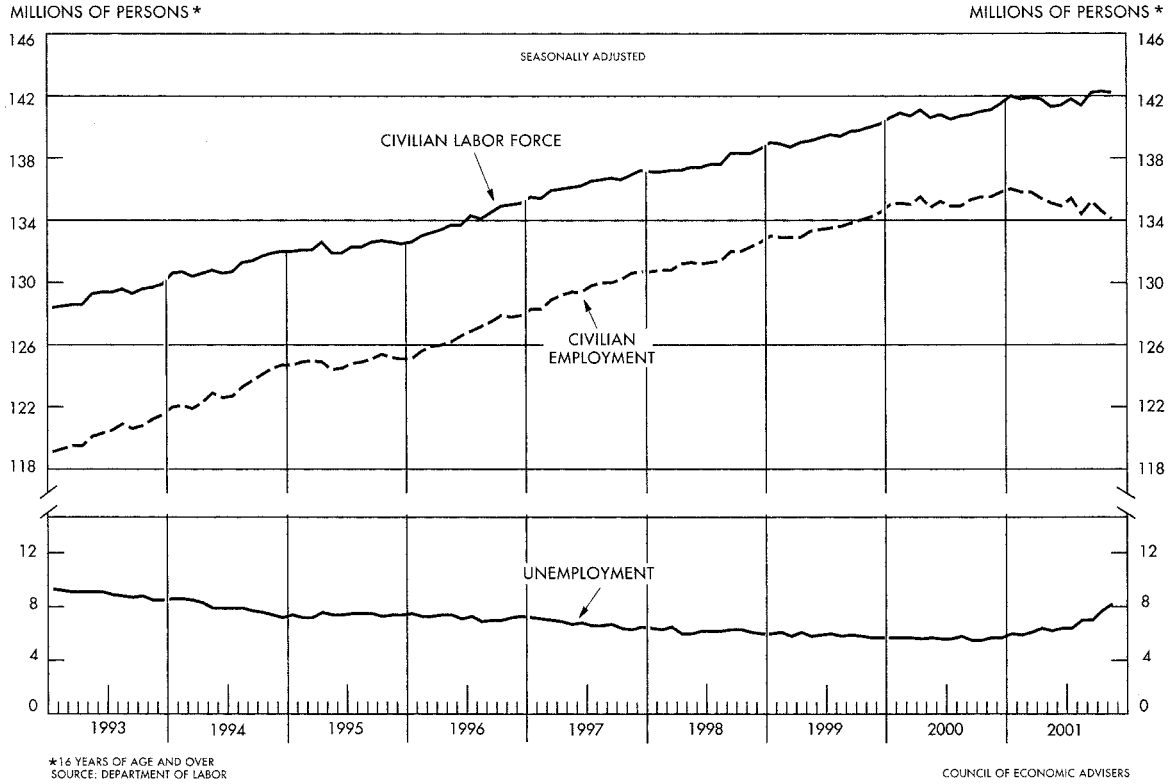
# EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

## 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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