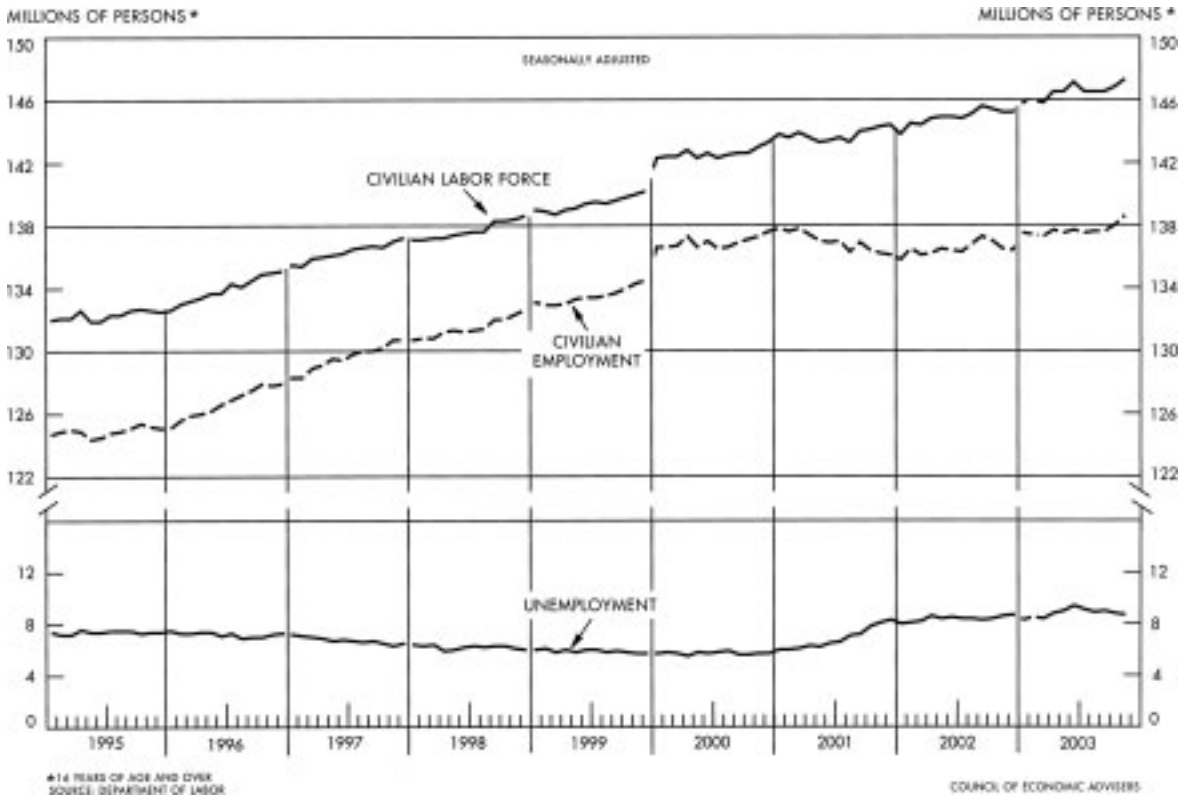
EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In November, employment rose by 589,000 and unemployment fell by 105,000.



[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 [1]		
			Total	Men 20 years and over	Women 20 years and over	Both sexes 16–19 years	Total	Men 20 years and over	Women 20 years and over	Both sexes 16–19 years		Labor force participation rate	Employment/population ratio	Unemployment rate
1993	194,838	129,200	120,259	62,355	52,099	5,805	8,940	4,287	3,288	1,365	65,638	66.3	61.7	6.9
1994 [2]	196,814	131,056	123,060	63,294	53,606	6,161	7,996	3,627	3,049	1,320	65,758	66.6	62.5	6.1
1995	198,584	132,304	124,900	64,085	54,396	6,419	7,404	3,239	2,819	1,346	66,280	66.6	62.9	5.6
1996	200,591	133,943	126,708	64,897	55,311	6,500	7,236	3,146	2,783	1,306	66,647	66.8	63.2	5.4
1997 [3]	203,133	136,297	129,558	66,284	56,613	6,661	6,739	2,882	2,585	1,271	66,836	67.1	63.8	4.9
1998 [3]	205,220	137,673	131,463	67,135	57,278	7,051	6,210	2,580	2,424	1,205	67,547	67.1	64.1	4.5
1999 [3]	207,753	139,368	133,488	67,761	58,555	7,172	5,880	2,433	2,285	1,162	68,385	67.1	64.3	4.2
2000 [3]	212,577	142,583	136,891	69,634	60,067	7,189	5,692	2,376	2,235	1,081	69,994	67.1	64.4	4.0
2001	215,092	143,734	136,933	69,776	60,417	6,740	6,801	3,040	2,599	1,162	71,359	66.8	63.7	4.7
2002	217,570	144,863	136,485	69,734	60,420	6,332	8,378	3,896	3,228	1,253	72,707	66.6	62.7	5.8
2002: Nov	218,548	145,180	136,542	69,617	60,697	6,228	8,637	4,153	3,224	1,261	73,369	66.4	62.5	5.9
Dec	218,741	145,150	136,439	69,600	60,676	6,164	8,711	4,145	3,360	1,206	73,591	66.4	62.4	6.0
2003: Jan [3]	219,897	145,838	137,536	69,967	61,443	6,125	8,302	4,026	3,035	1,241	74,059	66.3	62.5	5.7
Feb [3]	220,114	145,857	137,408	70,293	61,073	6,042	8,450	3,962	3,237	1,251	74,257	66.3	62.4	5.8
Mar	220,317	145,793	137,348	70,293	61,227	5,829	8,445	3,944	3,250	1,251	74,524	66.2	62.3	5.8
Apr	220,540	146,473	137,687	70,364	61,401	5,923	8,786	4,207	3,276	1,303	74,067	66.4	62.4	6.0
May	220,768	146,485	137,487	70,144	61,436	5,907	8,998	4,362	3,297	1,339	74,283	66.4	62.3	6.1
June	221,014	147,096	137,738	70,130	61,753	5,855	9,358	4,562	3,395	1,401	73,918	66.6	62.3	6.4
July	221,252	146,540	137,478	70,193	61,462	5,823	9,062	4,388	3,357	1,317	74,712	66.2	62.1	6.2
Aug	221,507	146,530	137,625	70,203	61,470	5,952	8,905	4,357	3,361	1,187	74,977	66.2	62.1	6.1
Sept	221,779	146,545	137,573	70,610	61,120	5,842	8,973	4,295	3,434	1,243	75,234	66.1	62.0	6.1
Oct	222,039	146,793	138,014	70,665	61,519	5,830	8,779	4,195	3,384	1,200	75,246	66.1	62.2	6.0
Nov	222,279	147,277	138,603	70,978	61,621	6,003	8,674	4,274	3,298	1,102	75,002	66.3	62.4	5.9

[1] Civilian labor force (or employment) as percent of civilian noninstitutional population; and unemployment as percent of civilian labor force.

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

[3] Not strictly comparable with earlier data.

NOTE.—See *Employment and Earnings* for details on breaks in series.

Data beginning 2000 reflect new population controls based on Census 2000, an additional population adjustment in January 2003, and other changes. Data for February 2003 are not directly comparable with earlier data due to a weighting difference. For details, see *The Employment Situation*, January 2003 and February 2003.

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