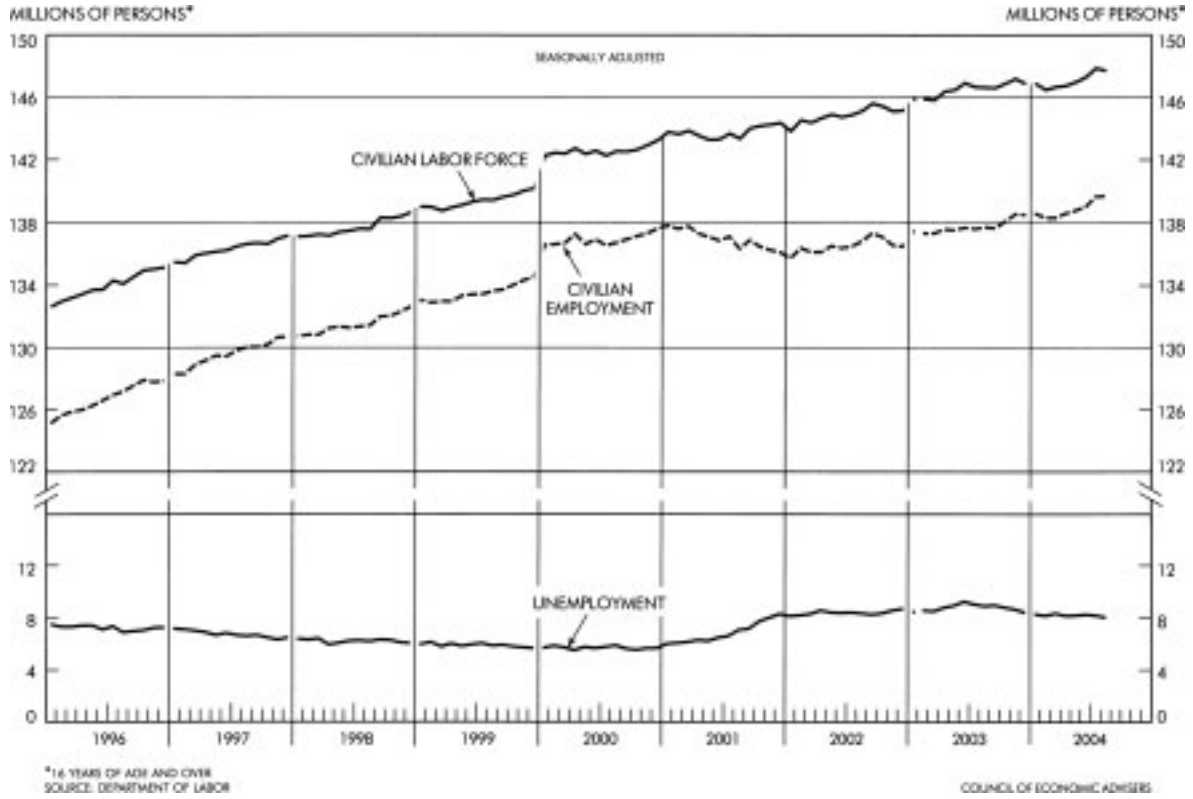
EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In August, employment rose by 21,000 and unemployment fell by 174,000.



[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
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	66,837	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
2003	221,168	146,510	137,736	70,415	61,402	5,919	8,774	4,209	3,314	1,251	74,658	66.2	62.3	6.0
2003: Aug	221,507	146,622	137,693	70,324	61,467	5,902	8,929	4,358	3,369	1,202	74,884	66.2	62.2	6.1
Sept	221,779	146,610	137,644	70,596	61,191	5,857	8,966	4,309	3,417	1,240	75,168	66.1	62.1	6.1
Oct	222,039	146,892	138,095	70,726	61,524	5,846	8,797	4,216	3,375	1,205	75,147	66.2	62.2	6.0
Nov	222,279	147,187	138,533	70,964	61,597	5,972	8,653	4,224	3,320	1,109	75,093	66.2	62.3	5.9
Dec	222,509	146,878	138,479	71,099	61,521	5,859	8,398	3,945	3,326	1,128	75,631	66.0	62.2	5.7
2004: Jan [3]	222,161	146,863	138,566	71,329	61,260	5,977	8,297	3,842	3,255	1,200	75,298	66.1	62.4	5.6
Feb	222,357	146,471	138,301	70,969	61,456	5,875	8,170	3,828	3,172	1,170	75,886	65.9	62.2	5.6
Mar	222,550	146,650	138,298	71,128	61,373	5,797	8,352	3,890	3,314	1,148	75,900	65.9	62.1	5.7
Apr	222,757	146,741	138,576	71,118	61,571	5,888	8,164	3,753	3,215	1,197	76,016	65.9	62.2	5.6
May	222,967	146,974	138,772	71,162	61,721	5,888	8,203	3,886	3,092	1,225	75,993	65.9	62.2	5.6
June	223,196	147,279	139,031	71,570	61,629	5,832	8,248	3,802	3,264	1,181	75,916	66.0	62.3	5.6
July	223,422	147,856	139,660	71,847	61,918	5,896	8,196	3,730	3,204	1,262	75,565	66.2	62.5	5.5
Aug	223,677	147,704	139,681	71,870	61,870	5,941	8,022	3,768	3,033	1,220	75,973	66.0	62.4	5.4

[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 reflect a major redesign of the household survey questionnaire.

[3] Not strictly comparable with earlier data.

NOTE.—Beginning January 2004 data reflect revised population controls and are not strictly comparable with earlier data.

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

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