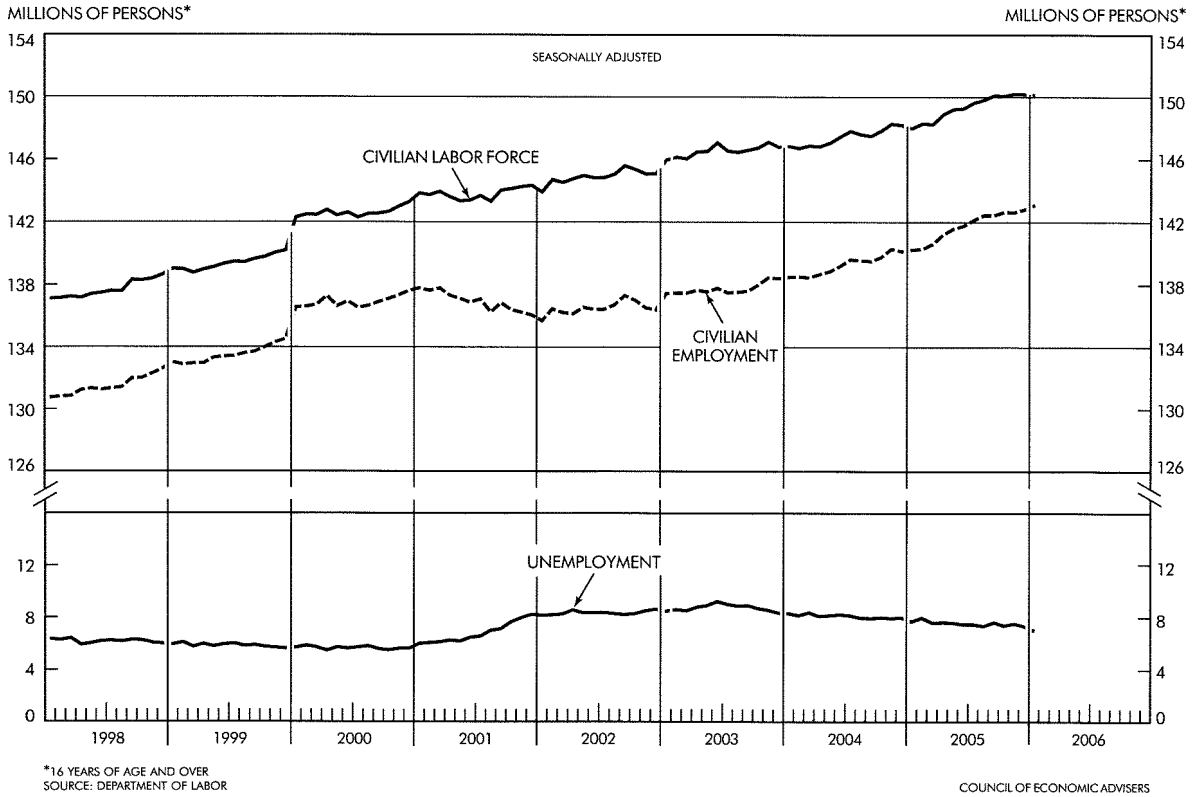
EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In January, employment was 143.1 million and unemployment was 7.0 million. (Series revised.)



[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
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 [2]	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 [2]	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 [2]	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 [2]	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 [2]	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
2004 [2]	223,357	147,401	139,252	71,572	61,773	5,907	8,149	3,791	3,150	1,208	75,956	66.0	62.3	5.5
2005 [2]	226,082	149,320	141,730	73,050	62,702	5,978	7,591	3,392	3,013	1,186	76,762	66.0	62.7	5.1
2005: Jan [2] r	224,837	147,956	140,234	72,092	62,236	5,906	7,723	3,558	3,024	1,140	76,881	65.8	62.4	5.2
Feb r	225,041	148,271	140,285	72,246	62,220	5,818	7,986	3,683	3,064	1,240	76,770	65.9	62.3	5.4
Mar r	225,236	148,217	140,601	72,513	62,129	5,960	7,616	3,453	2,952	1,212	77,019	65.8	62.4	5.1
Apr r	225,441	148,839	141,196	72,855	62,426	5,915	7,644	3,347	3,036	1,261	76,601	66.0	62.6	5.1
May r	225,670	149,201	141,571	73,108	62,515	5,948	7,629	3,337	3,013	1,280	76,469	66.1	62.7	5.1
June r	225,911	149,243	141,750	73,178	62,552	6,020	7,493	3,294	3,030	1,169	76,668	66.1	62.7	5.0
July r	226,153	149,605	142,111	73,345	62,744	6,022	7,494	3,274	3,070	1,150	76,548	66.2	62.8	5.0
Aug r	226,421	149,792	142,425	73,479	62,901	6,045	7,367	3,307	2,877	1,183	76,629	66.2	62.9	4.9
Sept r	226,693	150,083	142,435	73,331	63,074	6,030	7,648	3,461	3,055	1,133	76,610	66.2	62.8	5.1
Oct r	226,959	150,043	142,625	73,500	63,162	5,964	7,418	3,281	3,013	1,124	76,916	66.1	62.8	4.9
Nov r	227,204	150,183	142,611	73,441	63,170	6,000	7,572	3,282	3,053	1,238	77,021	66.1	62.8	5.0
Dec	227,425	150,153	142,779	73,468	63,249	6,061	7,375	3,318	2,966	1,091	77,271	66.0	62.8	4.9
2006: Jan [2]	227,553	150,114	143,074	73,844	63,163	6,067	7,040	3,084	2,859	1,097	77,439	66.0	62.9	4.7

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

[2] Not strictly comparable with earlier data.

NOTE.—Beginning January 2006 data reflect revised population controls and are not strictly comparable with earlier data.

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

Data reflect annual revisions released on January 6, 2006; seasonally adjusted data revised beginning 2001.

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