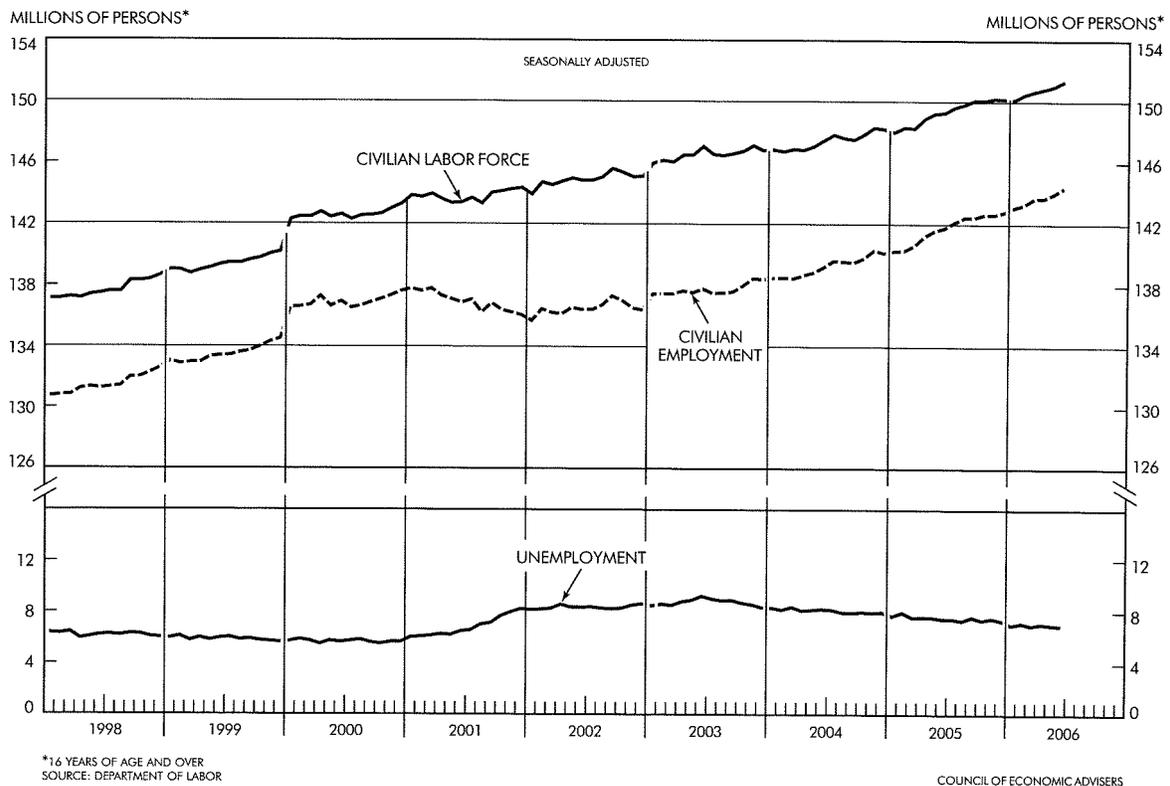


EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In June, employment rose by 387,000 and unemployment fell by 58,000.



[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 |
| 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: June | 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 | 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 | 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 | 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 | 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 | 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 |
| Feb | 227,763 | 150,449 | 143,257 | 73,857 | 63,262 | 6,138 | 7,193 | 3,258 | 2,819 | 1,115 | 77,314 | 66.1 | 62.9 | 4.8 |
| Mar | 227,975 | 150,652 | 143,641 | 74,197 | 63,305 | 6,139 | 7,011 | 3,137 | 2,733 | 1,140 | 77,323 | 66.1 | 63.0 | 4.7 |
| Apr | 228,199 | 150,811 | 143,688 | 74,169 | 63,362 | 6,157 | 7,123 | 3,246 | 2,825 | 1,053 | 77,388 | 66.1 | 63.0 | 4.7 |
| May | 228,428 | 150,991 | 143,976 | 74,202 | 63,555 | 6,220 | 7,015 | 3,275 | 2,725 | 1,015 | 77,437 | 66.1 | 63.0 | 4.6 |
| June | 228,671 | 151,321 | 144,363 | 74,215 | 63,878 | 6,270 | 6,957 | 3,082 | 2,730 | 1,145 | 77,350 | 66.2 | 63.1 | 4.6 |

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.
Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.