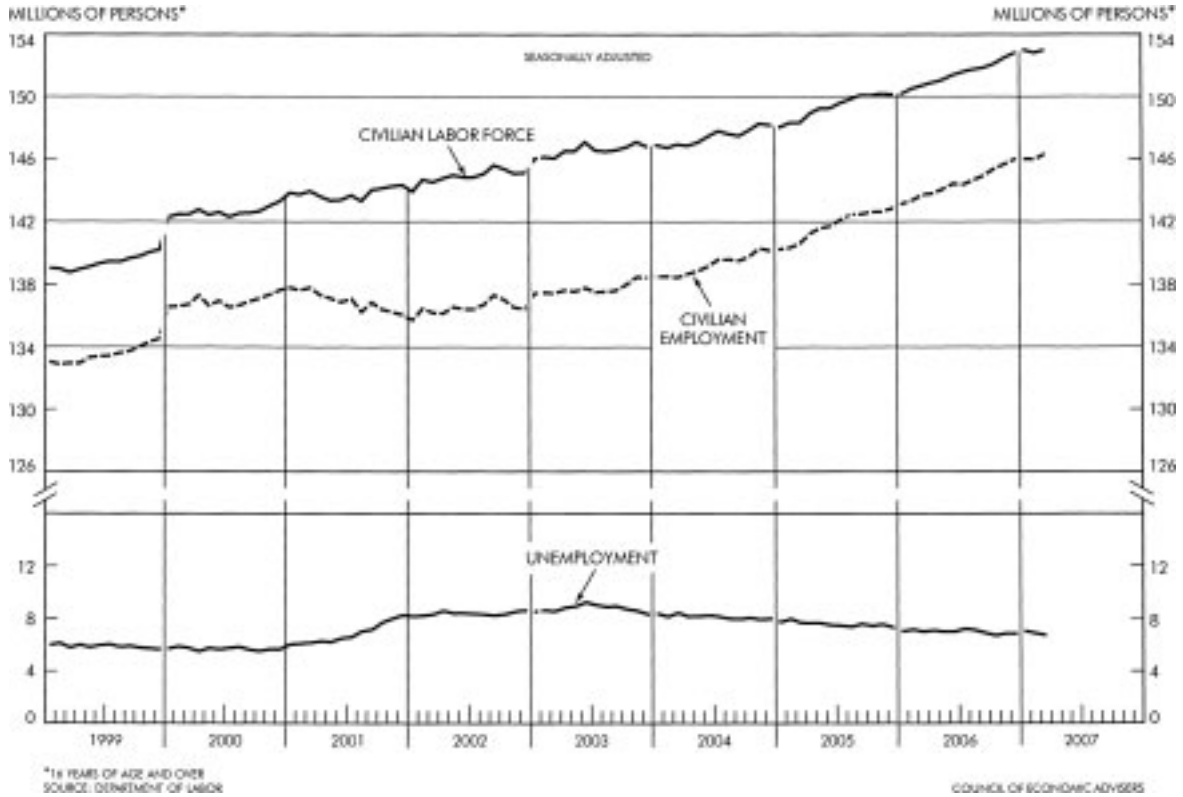
EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In March, employment rose by 335,000 and unemployment fell by 141,000.



[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
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
2006 [2]	228,815	151,428	144,427	74,431	63,834	6,162	7,001	3,131	2,751	1,119	77,387	66.2	63.1	4.6
2006: Mar	227,975	150,689	143,680	74,180	63,349	6,150	7,009	3,130	2,739	1,140	77,285	66.1	63.0	4.7
Apr	228,199	150,862	143,763	74,163	63,432	6,169	7,098	3,228	2,818	1,053	77,338	66.1	63.0	4.7
May	228,428	151,051	144,045	74,208	63,622	6,215	7,006	3,249	2,735	1,022	77,378	66.1	63.1	4.6
June	228,671	151,370	144,386	74,233	63,901	6,253	6,984	3,087	2,743	1,154	77,301	66.2	63.1	4.6
July	228,912	151,558	144,330	74,105	64,029	6,197	7,228	3,234	2,843	1,151	77,354	66.2	63.1	4.8
Aug	229,167	151,734	144,618	74,421	64,118	6,079	7,116	3,195	2,738	1,183	77,433	66.2	63.1	4.7
Sept	229,420	151,818	144,906	74,868	63,978	6,060	6,912	2,954	2,776	1,182	77,602	66.2	63.2	4.6
Oct	229,675	152,052	145,337	74,924	64,252	6,161	6,715	3,012	2,599	1,104	77,623	66.2	63.3	4.4
Nov	229,905	152,449	145,623	75,088	64,333	6,202	6,826	3,036	2,691	1,099	77,456	66.3	63.3	4.5
Dec	230,108	152,775	145,926	75,235	64,491	6,200	6,849	3,100	2,641	1,108	77,333	66.4	63.4	4.5
2007: Jan [2]	230,650	152,974	145,957	75,158	64,654	6,145	7,017	3,226	2,707	1,083	77,676	66.3	63.3	4.6
Feb	230,834	152,784	145,919	75,138	64,703	6,078	6,865	3,237	2,564	1,064	78,050	66.2	63.2	4.5
Mar	231,034	152,979	146,254	75,323	64,912	6,019	6,724	3,129	2,576	1,020	78,055	66.2	63.3	4.4

[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 2007 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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