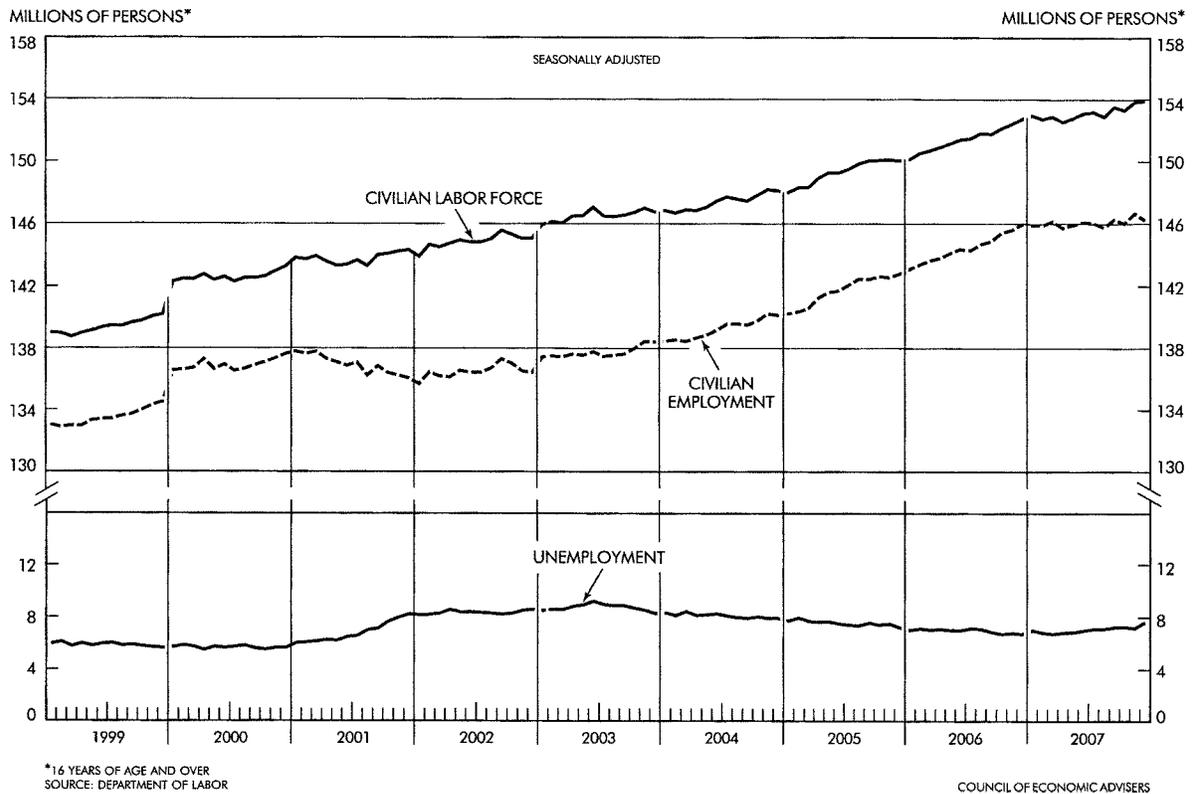


EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In December, employment fell by 436,000 and unemployment rose by 474,000. (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
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
2007 ²	231,867	153,124	146,047	75,337	64,799	5,911	7,078	3,259	2,718	1,101	78,743	66.0	63.0	4.6
2006: Dec ^r	230,108	152,709	145,949	75,238	64,525	6,185	6,760	3,084	2,601	1,074	77,399	66.4	63.4	4.4
2007: Jan ^{2r}	230,650	152,958	145,915	75,154	64,647	6,114	7,043	3,252	2,712	1,079	77,692	66.3	63.3	4.6
Feb ^r	230,834	152,725	145,888	75,148	64,686	6,055	6,837	3,210	2,561	1,066	78,110	66.2	63.2	4.5
Mar ^r	231,034	152,884	146,145	75,286	64,859	6,000	6,738	3,124	2,588	1,027	78,150	66.2	63.3	4.4
Apr ^r	231,253	152,542	145,713	75,279	64,479	5,954	6,829	3,149	2,597	1,082	78,711	66.0	63.0	4.5
May ^r	231,480	152,776	145,913	75,343	64,710	5,860	6,863	3,154	2,608	1,101	78,704	66.0	63.0	4.5
June ^r	231,713	153,085	146,087	75,292	64,828	5,968	6,997	3,212	2,653	1,133	78,628	66.1	63.0	4.6
July ^r	231,958	153,182	146,045	75,324	64,792	5,930	7,137	3,295	2,774	1,067	78,776	66.0	63.0	4.7
Aug ^r	232,211	152,886	145,753	75,274	64,826	5,653	7,133	3,252	2,790	1,092	79,325	65.8	62.8	4.7
Sept ^r	232,461	153,506	146,260	75,332	65,033	5,895	7,246	3,357	2,762	1,126	78,955	66.0	62.9	4.7
Oct ^r	232,715	153,306	146,016	75,274	64,827	5,914	7,291	3,389	2,796	1,105	79,409	65.9	62.7	4.8
Nov ^r	232,939	153,828	146,647	75,834	65,980	5,832	7,181	3,240	2,796	1,145	79,111	66.0	63.0	4.7
Dec	233,156	153,866	146,211	75,499	64,912	5,801	7,655	3,505	2,954	1,196	79,290	66.0	62.7	5.0

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.

Data reflect annual revisions released on January 4, 2008; seasonally adjusted data revised beginning 2003.

See *Employment and Earnings* for details on breaks in series.
Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.