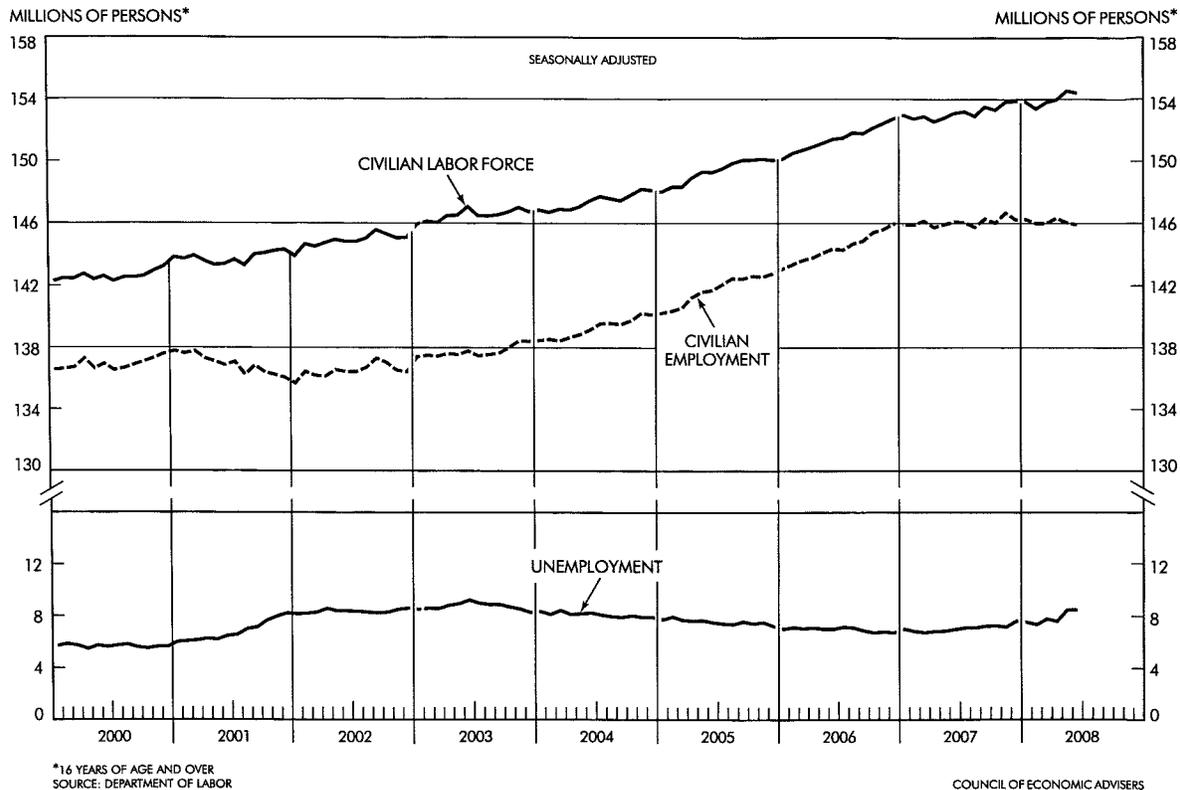


EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In June, employment fell by 155,000 and unemployment rose by 12,000.



[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 |
| 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 |
| 2007: June | 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 | 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 | 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 | 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 | 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 | 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 |
| 2008: Jan ² | 232,616 | 153,824 | 146,248 | 75,427 | 65,098 | 5,724 | 7,576 | 3,437 | 2,885 | 1,254 | 78,792 | 66.1 | 62.9 | 4.9 |
| Feb | 232,809 | 153,374 | 145,993 | 75,362 | 64,950 | 5,681 | 7,381 | 3,386 | 2,865 | 1,130 | 79,436 | 65.9 | 62.7 | 4.8 |
| Mar | 232,995 | 153,784 | 145,969 | 75,197 | 65,055 | 5,717 | 7,815 | 3,641 | 3,104 | 1,070 | 79,211 | 66.0 | 62.6 | 5.1 |
| Apr | 233,198 | 153,957 | 146,331 | 75,148 | 65,260 | 5,923 | 7,626 | 3,628 | 2,916 | 1,082 | 79,241 | 66.0 | 62.7 | 5.0 |
| May | 233,405 | 154,534 | 146,046 | 75,001 | 65,138 | 5,907 | 8,487 | 3,877 | 3,252 | 1,358 | 78,872 | 66.2 | 62.6 | 5.5 |
| June | 233,627 | 154,390 | 145,891 | 74,998 | 65,238 | 5,655 | 8,499 | 4,038 | 3,208 | 1,253 | 79,237 | 66.1 | 62.4 | 5.5 |

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 2008 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.