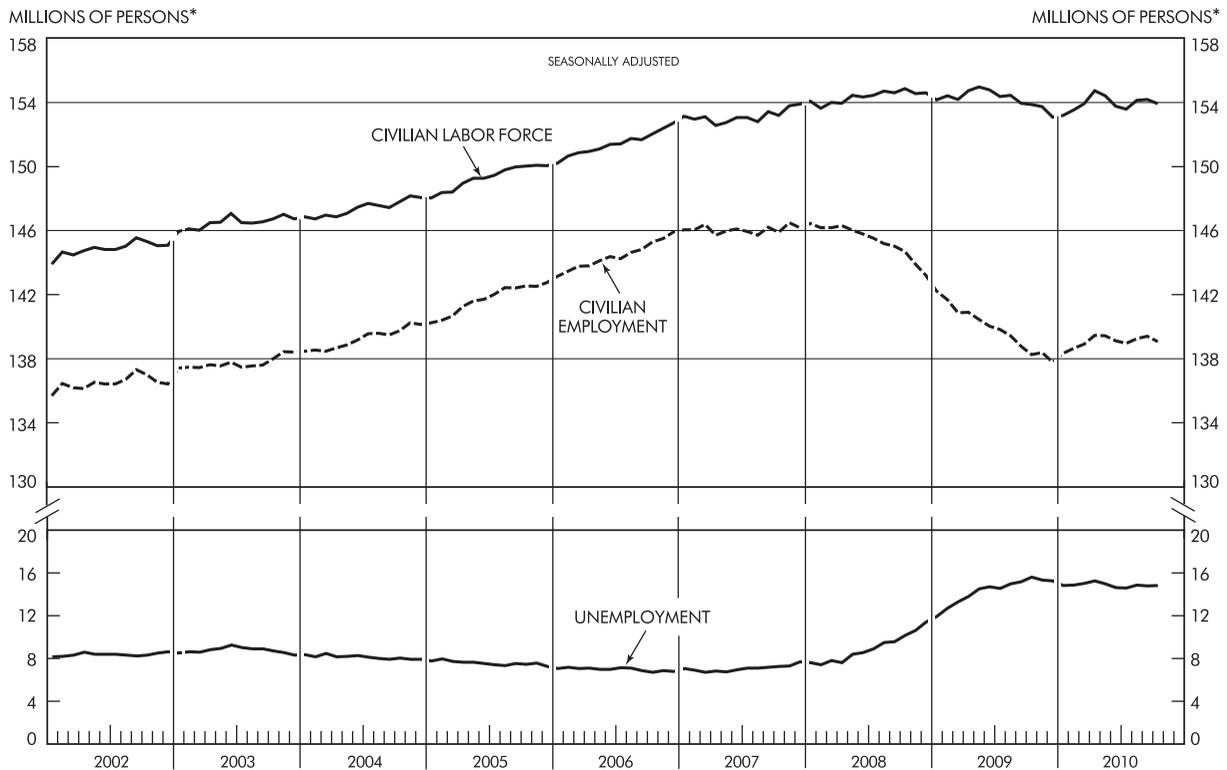


# EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

## Status of the Labor Force

In October, employment fell by 330,000 and unemployment rose by 76,000.



\*16 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER  
SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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[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 <sup>1</sup>		
			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
2000 <sup>2</sup> .....	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 <sup>2</sup> .....	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 <sup>2</sup> .....	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 <sup>2</sup> .....	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 <sup>2</sup> .....	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 <sup>2</sup> .....	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
2008 <sup>2</sup> .....	233,788	154,287	145,362	74,750	65,039	5,573	8,924	4,297	3,342	1,285	79,501	66.0	62.2	5.8
2009 <sup>2</sup> .....	235,801	154,142	139,877	71,341	63,699	4,837	14,265	7,555	5,157	1,552	81,659	65.4	59.3	9.3
2009: Oct .....	236,550	153,854	138,242	70,662	63,133	4,448	15,612	8,362	5,554	1,696	82,696	65.0	58.4	10.1
Nov .....	236,743	153,720	138,381	70,662	63,269	4,450	15,340	8,239	5,473	1,627	83,022	64.9	58.5	10.0
Dec .....	236,924	153,059	137,792	70,391	62,998	4,403	15,267	8,011	5,622	1,634	83,865	64.6	58.2	10.0
2010: Jan <sup>2</sup> .....	236,832	153,170	138,333	70,390	63,527	4,416	14,837	7,835	5,422	1,580	83,663	64.7	58.4	9.7
Feb .....	236,998	153,512	138,641	70,623	63,538	4,480	14,871	7,848	5,531	1,491	83,487	64.8	58.5	9.7
Mar .....	237,159	153,910	138,905	70,913	63,495	4,496	15,005	7,882	5,532	1,591	83,249	64.9	58.6	9.7
Apr .....	237,329	154,715	139,455	71,358	63,552	4,544	15,260	7,998	5,712	1,550	82,514	65.2	58.8	9.9
May .....	237,499	154,393	139,420	71,477	63,505	4,438	14,973	7,760	5,623	1,590	83,107	65.0	58.7	9.7
June .....	237,690	153,741	139,119	71,316	63,516	4,286	14,623	7,793	5,343	1,486	83,949	64.7	58.5	9.5
July .....	237,890	153,560	138,960	71,332	63,314	4,315	14,599	7,638	5,433	1,528	84,330	64.6	58.4	9.5
Aug .....	238,099	154,110	139,250	71,521	63,356	4,373	14,860	7,811	5,488	1,561	83,989	64.7	58.5	9.6
Sept .....	238,322	154,158	139,391	71,545	63,586	4,261	14,767	7,762	5,505	1,500	84,164	64.7	58.5	9.6
Oct .....	238,530	153,904	139,061	71,363	63,386	4,312	14,843	7,626	5,617	1,600	84,626	64.5	58.3	9.6

<sup>1</sup> Civilian labor force (or employment) as percent of civilian noninstitutional population; and unemployment as percent of civilian labor force.

<sup>2</sup> Not strictly comparable with earlier data.

Note: Beginning January 2010, 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).