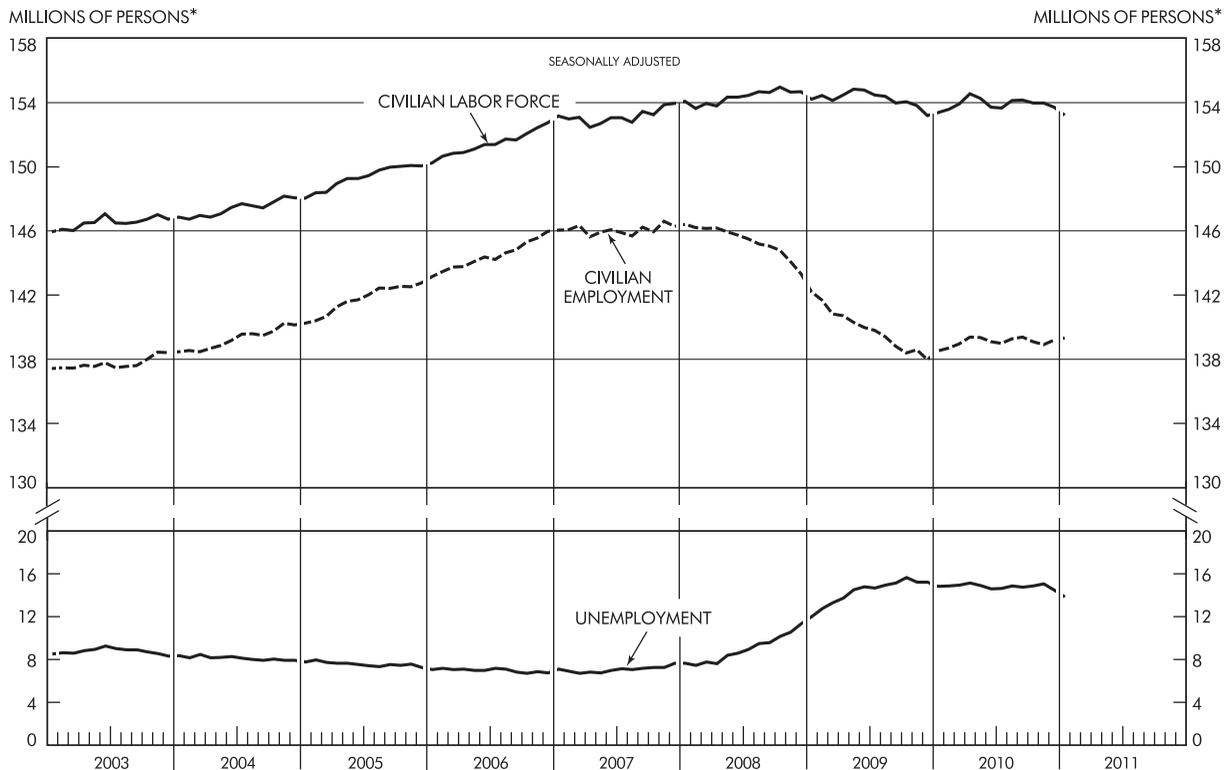


# EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

## Status of the Labor Force

In January, employment was 139.3 million and unemployment was 13.9 million.



\*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
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	76,262	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
2010 <sup>2</sup> .....	237,830	153,889	139,064	71,230	63,456	4,378	14,825	7,763	5,534	1,528	83,941	64.7	58.5	9.6
2010: Jan <sup>2</sup> .....	236,832	153,353	138,511	70,525	63,549	4,438	14,842	7,861	5,409	1,572	83,479	64.8	58.5	9.7
Feb .....	236,998	153,558	138,698	70,707	63,516	4,475	14,860	7,861	5,509	1,490	83,440	64.8	58.5	9.7
Mar .....	237,159	153,895	138,952	70,977	63,479	4,497	14,943	7,864	5,497	1,581	83,264	64.9	58.6	9.7
Apr .....	237,329	154,520	139,382	71,348	63,501	4,533	15,138	7,931	5,665	1,542	82,809	65.1	58.7	9.8
May .....	237,499	154,237	139,353	71,451	63,487	4,416	14,884	7,728	5,570	1,586	83,262	64.9	58.7	9.6
June .....	237,690	153,684	139,092	71,329	63,483	4,279	14,593	7,765	5,343	1,485	84,006	64.7	58.5	9.5
July .....	237,890	153,628	138,991	71,340	63,340	4,312	14,637	7,653	5,458	1,526	84,262	64.6	58.4	9.5
Aug .....	238,099	154,117	139,267	71,505	63,379	4,383	14,849	7,789	5,504	1,556	83,983	64.7	58.5	9.6
Sept .....	238,322	154,124	139,378	71,559	63,562	4,256	14,746	7,729	5,520	1,497	84,198	64.7	58.5	9.6
Oct .....	238,530	153,960	139,084	71,365	63,400	4,319	14,876	7,651	5,618	1,607	84,570	64.5	58.3	9.7
Nov .....	238,715	153,950	138,909	71,130	63,385	4,393	15,041	7,849	5,766	1,426	84,765	64.5	58.2	9.8
Dec .....	238,889	153,690	139,206	71,480	63,428	4,298	14,485	7,426	5,599	1,460	85,199	64.3	58.3	9.4
2011: Jan <sup>2</sup> .....	238,704	153,186	139,323	71,589	63,392	4,341	13,863	6,917	5,447	1,500	85,518	64.2	58.4	9.0

<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 2011, 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).