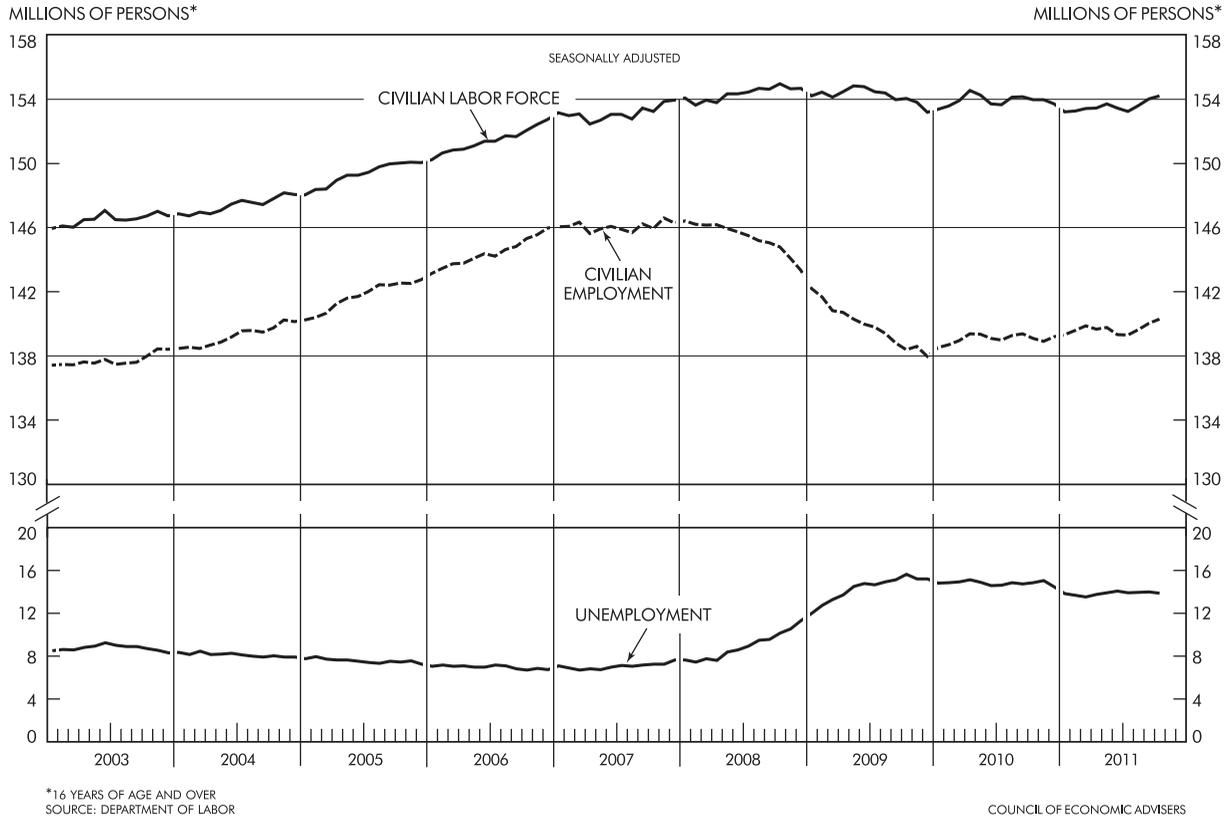


EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

Status of the Labor Force

In October, employment as measured by the household survey rose by 277,000 and unemployment fell by 95,000.



[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
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
2008 ²	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 ²	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 ²	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: 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 ²	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
Feb	238,851	153,246	139,573	71,954	63,319	4,300	13,673	6,841	5,483	1,350	85,605	64.2	58.4	8.9
Mar	239,000	153,406	139,864	71,959	63,566	4,339	13,542	6,805	5,332	1,405	85,594	64.2	58.5	8.8
Apr	239,146	153,421	139,674	71,939	63,479	4,255	13,747	6,917	5,417	1,413	85,725	64.2	58.4	9.0
May	239,313	153,693	139,779	72,137	63,402	4,240	13,914	7,056	5,505	1,352	85,620	64.2	58.4	9.1
June	239,489	153,421	139,334	71,937	63,098	4,299	14,087	7,167	5,520	1,399	86,069	64.1	58.2	9.2
July	239,671	153,228	139,296	71,836	63,216	4,244	13,931	7,070	5,450	1,412	86,443	63.9	58.1	9.1
Aug	239,871	153,594	139,627	72,015	63,300	4,312	13,967	7,028	5,472	1,467	86,278	64.0	58.2	9.1
Sept	240,071	154,017	140,025	72,276	63,398	4,352	13,992	6,952	5,622	1,418	86,054	64.2	58.3	9.1
Oct	240,269	154,198	140,302	72,336	63,569	4,397	13,897	7,013	5,491	1,393	86,071	64.2	58.4	9.0

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 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).