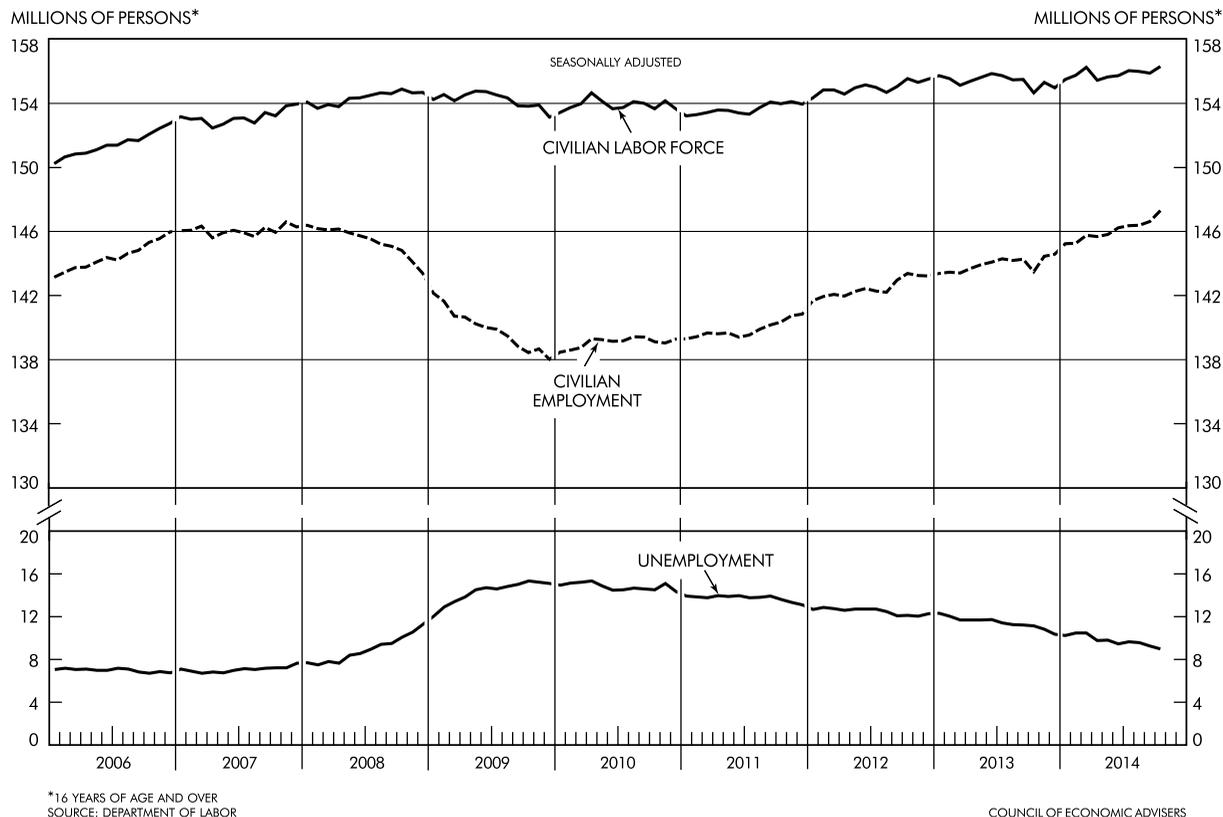


EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

Status of the Labor Force

In October, employment as measured by the household survey rose 683,000 and unemployment fell 267,000.



[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
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	14,025	7,763	5,534	1,528	83,941	64.7	58.5	9.6
2011 ²	239,618	153,617	139,869	72,182	63,360	4,327	13,747	6,898	5,450	1,400	86,001	64.1	58.4	8.9
2012 ²	243,284	154,975	142,469	73,403	64,640	4,426	12,506	5,984	5,125	1,397	88,310	63.7	58.6	8.1
2013 ²	245,679	155,389	143,929	74,176	65,295	4,458	11,460	5,568	4,565	1,327	90,290	63.2	58.6	7.4
2013: Oct	246,381	154,625	143,485	73,808	65,229	4,448	11,140	5,459	4,423	1,258	91,756	62.8	58.2	7.2
Nov	246,567	155,284	144,443	74,373	65,547	4,523	10,841	5,328	4,323	1,190	91,283	63.0	58.6	7.0
Dec	246,745	154,937	144,586	74,467	65,617	4,502	10,351	4,997	4,214	1,140	91,808	62.8	58.6	6.7
2014: Jan ²	246,915	155,460	145,224	74,916	65,909	4,399	10,236	4,975	4,114	1,147	91,455	63.0	58.8	6.6
Feb	247,085	155,724	145,266	74,780	66,183	4,303	10,459	5,137	4,148	1,173	91,361	63.0	58.8	6.7
Mar	247,258	156,227	145,742	75,230	66,008	4,503	10,486	4,941	4,352	1,193	91,030	63.2	58.9	6.7
Apr	247,439	155,421	145,669	75,134	66,057	4,479	9,753	4,718	3,980	1,055	92,018	62.8	58.9	6.3
May	247,622	155,613	145,814	75,127	66,137	4,550	9,799	4,703	4,016	1,080	92,009	62.8	58.9	6.3
June	247,814	155,694	146,221	75,510	66,254	4,457	9,474	4,558	3,733	1,183	92,120	62.8	59.0	6.1
July	248,023	156,023	146,352	75,654	66,197	4,501	9,671	4,554	3,980	1,136	92,001	62.9	59.0	6.2
Aug	248,229	155,959	146,368	75,664	66,247	4,457	9,591	4,531	3,974	1,085	92,269	62.8	59.0	6.1
Sept	248,446	155,862	146,600	75,910	66,189	4,502	9,262	4,255	3,884	1,124	92,584	62.7	59.0	5.9
Oct	248,657	156,278	147,283	75,956	66,559	4,768	8,995	4,076	3,833	1,087	92,378	62.8	59.2	5.8

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 2014, 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).