

TABLE B-35. Civilian population and labor force, 1929-2010

[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

Year or month	Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	Civilian labor force					Not in labor force	Civilian labor force participation rate ²	Civilian employment/population ratio ³	Unemployment rate, civilian workers ⁴
		Total	Employment			Un-employment				
			Total	Agricultural	Non-agricultural					
Thousands of persons 14 years of age and over							Percent			
1929		49,180	47,630	10,450	37,180	1,550			3.2	
1933		51,590	38,760	10,090	28,670	12,830			24.9	
1939		55,230	45,750	9,610	36,140	9,480			17.2	
1940	99,840	55,640	47,520	9,540	37,980	8,120	44,200	55.7	47.6	14.6
1941	99,900	55,910	50,350	9,100	41,250	5,560	43,990	56.0	50.4	9.9
1942	98,640	56,410	53,750	9,250	44,500	2,660	42,230	57.2	54.5	4.7
1943	94,640	55,540	54,470	9,080	45,390	1,070	39,100	58.7	57.6	1.9
1944	93,220	54,630	53,960	8,950	45,010	670	38,590	58.6	57.9	1.2
1945	94,090	53,860	52,820	8,580	44,240	1,040	40,230	57.2	56.1	1.9
1946	103,070	57,520	55,250	8,320	46,930	2,270	45,550	55.8	53.6	3.9
1947	106,018	60,168	57,812	8,256	49,557	2,356	45,850	56.8	54.5	3.9
Thousands of persons 16 years of age and over										
1947	101,827	59,350	57,038	7,890	49,148	2,311	42,477	58.3	56.0	3.9
1948	103,068	60,621	58,343	7,629	50,714	2,276	42,447	58.8	56.6	3.8
1949	103,994	61,286	57,651	7,658	49,993	3,637	42,708	58.9	55.4	5.9
1950	104,995	62,208	58,918	7,160	51,758	3,288	42,787	59.2	56.1	5.3
1951	104,621	62,017	59,961	6,726	53,235	2,055	42,604	59.2	57.3	3.3
1952	105,231	62,138	60,250	6,500	53,749	1,883	43,093	59.0	57.3	3.0
1953 ⁵	107,056	63,015	61,179	6,260	54,919	1,834	44,041	58.9	57.1	2.9
1954	108,321	63,643	60,109	6,205	53,904	3,532	44,678	58.8	55.5	5.5
1955	109,683	65,023	62,170	6,450	55,722	2,852	44,660	59.3	56.7	4.4
1956	110,954	66,552	63,799	6,283	57,514	2,750	44,402	60.0	57.5	4.1
1957	112,265	66,929	64,071	5,947	58,123	2,859	45,336	59.6	57.1	4.3
1958	113,727	67,639	63,036	5,586	57,450	4,602	46,088	59.5	55.4	6.8
1959	115,329	68,369	64,630	5,565	59,065	3,740	46,960	59.4	56.0	5.5
1960 ⁵	117,245	69,628	65,778	5,458	60,318	3,852	47,617	59.3	56.1	5.5
1961	118,771	70,459	65,746	5,200	60,546	4,714	48,312	59.3	55.4	6.7
1962 ⁵	120,153	70,614	66,702	4,944	61,759	3,911	49,539	58.8	55.5	5.5
1963	122,416	71,833	67,762	4,687	63,076	4,070	50,583	58.7	55.4	5.7
1964	124,485	73,091	69,305	4,523	64,782	3,786	51,394	58.7	55.7	5.2
1965	126,513	74,455	71,088	4,361	66,726	3,366	52,058	58.9	56.2	4.5
1966	128,058	75,770	72,895	3,979	68,915	2,675	52,288	59.2	56.9	3.8
1967	129,874	77,347	74,372	3,844	70,527	2,975	52,527	59.6	57.3	3.6
1968	132,028	78,737	75,920	3,817	72,103	2,817	53,291	59.6	57.5	3.6
1969	134,335	80,734	77,902	3,606	74,296	2,832	53,602	60.1	58.0	3.5
1970	137,085	82,771	78,678	3,463	75,215	4,093	54,315	60.4	57.4	4.9
1971	140,216	84,382	79,367	3,394	75,972	5,016	55,834	60.2	56.6	5.9
1972 ⁵	144,126	87,034	82,153	3,484	78,669	4,882	57,091	60.4	57.0	5.6
1973 ⁵	147,096	89,429	85,064	3,470	81,594	4,365	57,667	60.8	57.8	4.9
1974	150,120	91,949	86,794	3,515	83,279	5,156	58,171	61.3	57.8	5.6
1975	153,153	93,775	85,846	3,408	82,438	7,929	59,377	61.2	56.1	8.5
1976	156,150	96,158	88,752	3,331	85,421	7,406	59,991	61.6	56.8	7.7
1977	159,033	99,009	92,017	3,283	88,734	6,991	60,025	62.3	57.9	7.1
1978 ⁵	161,910	102,251	96,048	3,387	92,661	6,202	59,659	63.2	59.3	6.1
1979	164,863	104,962	98,824	3,347	95,477	6,137	59,900	63.7	59.9	5.8
1980	167,745	106,940	99,303	3,364	95,938	7,637	60,806	63.8	59.2	7.1
1981	170,130	108,670	100,397	3,368	97,030	8,273	61,490	63.9	59.0	7.6
1982	172,271	110,204	99,526	3,401	96,125	10,678	62,067	64.0	57.8	9.7
1983	174,215	111,550	100,834	3,383	97,450	10,717	62,665	64.0	57.9	9.6
1984	176,383	113,544	105,005	3,321	101,685	8,539	62,839	64.4	59.5	7.5
1985	178,206	115,461	107,150	3,179	103,971	8,312	62,744	64.8	60.1	7.2
1986 ⁵	180,587	117,834	109,597	3,163	106,434	8,237	62,752	65.3	60.7	7.0
1987	182,753	119,865	112,440	3,208	109,232	7,425	62,888	65.6	61.5	6.2
1988	184,613	121,669	114,968	3,169	111,800	6,701	62,944	65.9	62.3	5.5
1989	186,393	123,869	117,342	3,199	114,142	6,528	62,523	66.5	63.0	5.3
1990 ⁵	189,164	125,840	118,793	3,223	115,570	7,047	63,324	66.5	62.8	5.6
1991	190,925	126,346	117,718	3,269	114,449	8,628	64,578	66.2	61.7	6.8
1992	192,805	128,105	118,492	3,247	115,245	9,613	64,700	66.4	61.5	7.5
1993	194,838	129,200	120,259	3,115	117,144	8,940	65,638	66.3	61.7	6.9
1994 ⁵	196,814	131,056	123,060	3,409	119,651	7,996	65,758	66.6	62.5	6.1
1995	198,584	132,304	124,900	3,440	121,460	7,404	66,280	66.6	62.9	5.6
1996	200,591	133,943	126,708	3,443	123,264	7,236	66,647	66.8	63.2	5.4
1997 ⁵	203,133	136,297	129,558	3,399	126,159	6,739	66,837	67.1	63.8	4.9
1998 ⁵	205,220	137,673	131,463	3,378	128,085	6,210	67,547	67.1	64.1	4.5
1999 ⁵	207,753	139,368	133,488	3,281	130,207	5,880	68,385	67.1	64.3	4.2

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Civilian labor force as percent of civilian noninstitutional population.

³ Civilian employment as percent of civilian noninstitutional population.

⁴ Unemployed as percent of civilian labor force.

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		Total	Employment			Un-employment				
			Total	Agricultural	Non-agricultural					
Thousands of persons 16 years of age and over							Percent			
2000 5, 6	212,577	142,583	136,891	2,464	134,427	5,692	69,994	67.1	64.4	4.0
2001	215,092	143,734	136,933	2,299	134,635	6,801	71,359	66.8	63.7	4.7
2002	217,570	144,863	136,485	2,311	134,174	8,378	72,707	66.6	62.7	5.8
2003 5	221,168	146,510	137,736	2,275	135,461	8,774	74,658	66.2	62.3	6.0
2004 5	223,357	147,401	139,252	2,232	137,020	8,149	75,956	66.0	62.3	5.5
2005 5	226,082	149,320	141,730	2,197	139,532	7,591	76,762	66.0	62.7	5.1
2006 5	228,815	151,428	144,427	2,206	142,221	7,001	77,387	66.2	63.1	4.6
2007 5	231,867	153,124	146,047	2,095	143,952	7,078	78,743	66.0	63.0	4.6
2008 5	233,788	154,287	145,362	2,168	143,194	8,924	79,501	66.0	62.2	5.8
2009 5	235,801	154,142	139,877	2,103	137,775	14,265	81,659	65.4	59.3	9.3
2010 5	237,830	153,889	139,064	2,206	136,858	14,825	83,941	64.7	58.5	9.6
2007: Jan 5	230,650	153,133	146,033	2,215	143,750	7,100	77,516	66.4	63.3	4.6
Feb	230,834	152,966	146,066	2,298	143,755	6,900	77,868	66.3	63.3	4.5
Mar	231,034	153,054	146,334	2,179	144,190	6,721	77,979	66.2	63.3	4.4
Apr	231,253	152,446	145,610	2,069	143,423	6,836	78,807	65.9	63.0	4.5
May	231,480	152,666	145,901	2,082	143,774	6,766	78,814	66.0	63.0	4.4
June	231,713	153,038	146,058	1,947	144,087	6,980	78,674	66.0	63.0	4.6
July	231,958	153,035	145,866	2,014	144,005	7,149	78,923	66.0	62.9	4.7
Aug	232,211	152,756	145,670	1,865	143,841	7,085	79,455	65.8	62.7	4.6
Sept	232,461	153,422	146,231	2,091	144,142	7,191	79,039	66.0	62.9	4.7
Oct	232,715	153,209	145,937	2,118	143,908	7,272	79,506	65.8	62.7	4.7
Nov	232,939	153,845	146,584	2,145	144,463	7,261	79,094	66.0	62.9	4.7
Dec	233,156	153,936	146,272	2,218	144,013	7,664	79,220	66.0	62.7	5.0
2008: Jan 5	232,616	154,060	146,407	2,208	144,136	7,653	78,556	66.2	62.9	5.0
Feb	232,809	153,624	146,183	2,193	143,995	7,441	79,185	66.0	62.8	4.8
Mar	232,995	153,924	146,143	2,176	144,014	7,781	79,071	66.1	62.7	5.1
Apr	233,198	153,779	146,173	2,108	143,965	7,606	79,420	65.9	62.7	4.9
May	233,405	154,322	145,925	2,116	143,767	8,398	79,083	66.1	62.5	5.4
June	233,627	154,315	145,725	2,122	143,582	8,590	79,312	66.1	62.4	5.6
July	233,864	154,432	145,479	2,138	143,387	8,953	79,432	66.0	62.2	5.8
Aug	234,107	154,656	145,167	2,152	143,011	9,489	79,450	66.1	62.0	6.1
Sept	234,360	154,613	145,056	2,232	142,816	9,557	79,746	66.0	61.9	6.2
Oct	234,612	154,953	144,778	2,196	142,669	10,176	79,659	66.0	61.7	6.6
Nov	234,828	154,621	144,068	2,205	141,902	10,552	80,207	65.8	61.4	6.8
Dec	235,035	154,669	143,324	2,203	141,091	11,344	80,366	65.8	61.0	7.3
2009: Jan 5	234,739	154,185	142,201	2,151	140,010	11,984	80,554	65.7	60.6	7.8
Feb	234,913	154,424	141,687	2,134	139,606	12,737	80,489	65.7	60.3	8.2
Mar	235,086	154,100	140,822	2,034	138,859	13,278	80,985	65.6	59.9	8.6
Apr	235,271	154,453	140,720	2,121	138,568	13,734	80,818	65.6	59.8	8.9
May	235,452	154,805	140,292	2,154	138,121	14,512	80,647	65.7	59.6	9.4
June	235,655	154,754	139,978	2,149	137,772	14,776	80,900	65.7	59.4	9.5
July	235,870	154,457	139,794	2,136	137,590	14,663	81,413	65.5	59.3	9.5
Aug	236,087	154,362	139,409	2,102	137,229	14,953	81,725	65.4	59.0	9.7
Sept	236,322	153,940	138,791	2,038	136,772	15,149	82,382	65.1	58.7	9.8
Oct	236,550	154,022	138,393	2,042	136,424	15,628	82,528	65.1	58.5	10.1
Nov	236,743	153,795	138,590	2,097	136,550	15,206	82,947	65.0	58.5	9.9
Dec	236,924	153,172	137,960	2,079	135,854	15,212	83,752	64.7	58.2	9.9
2010: Jan 5	236,832	153,353	138,511	2,134	136,391	14,842	83,479	64.8	58.5	9.7
Feb	236,998	153,558	138,698	2,311	136,527	14,860	83,440	64.8	58.5	9.7
Mar	237,159	153,895	138,952	2,212	136,842	14,943	83,264	64.9	58.6	9.7
Apr	237,329	154,520	139,382	2,242	137,134	15,138	82,809	65.1	58.7	9.8
May	237,499	154,237	139,353	2,214	137,152	14,884	83,262	64.9	58.7	9.6
June	237,690	153,684	139,092	2,118	136,876	14,593	84,006	64.7	58.5	9.5
July	237,890	153,628	138,991	2,189	136,599	14,637	84,262	64.6	58.4	9.5
Aug	238,099	154,117	139,267	2,187	136,957	14,849	83,983	64.7	58.5	9.6
Sept	238,322	154,124	139,378	2,172	137,266	14,746	84,198	64.7	58.5	9.6
Oct	238,530	153,960	139,084	2,348	136,797	14,876	84,570	64.5	58.3	9.7
Nov	238,715	153,950	138,909	2,185	136,752	15,041	84,765	64.5	58.2	9.8
Dec	238,889	153,690	139,206	2,176	137,001	14,485	85,199	64.3	58.3	9.4

⁵ Not strictly comparable with earlier data due to population adjustments or other changes. See *Employment and Earnings* or population control adjustments to the Current Population Survey (CPS) at <http://www.bls.gov/cps/documentation.htm#concepts> for details on breaks in series.

⁶ Beginning in 2000, data for agricultural employment are for agricultural and related industries; data for this series and for nonagricultural employment are not strictly comparable with data for earlier years. Because of independent seasonal adjustment for these two series, monthly data will not add to total civilian employment.

Note: Labor force data in Tables B-35 through B-44 are based on household interviews and relate to the calendar week including the 12th of the month. For definitions of terms, area samples used, historical comparability of the data, comparability with other series, etc., see *Employment and Earnings* or population control adjustments to the CPS at <http://www.bls.gov/cps/documentation.htm#concepts>.

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics).