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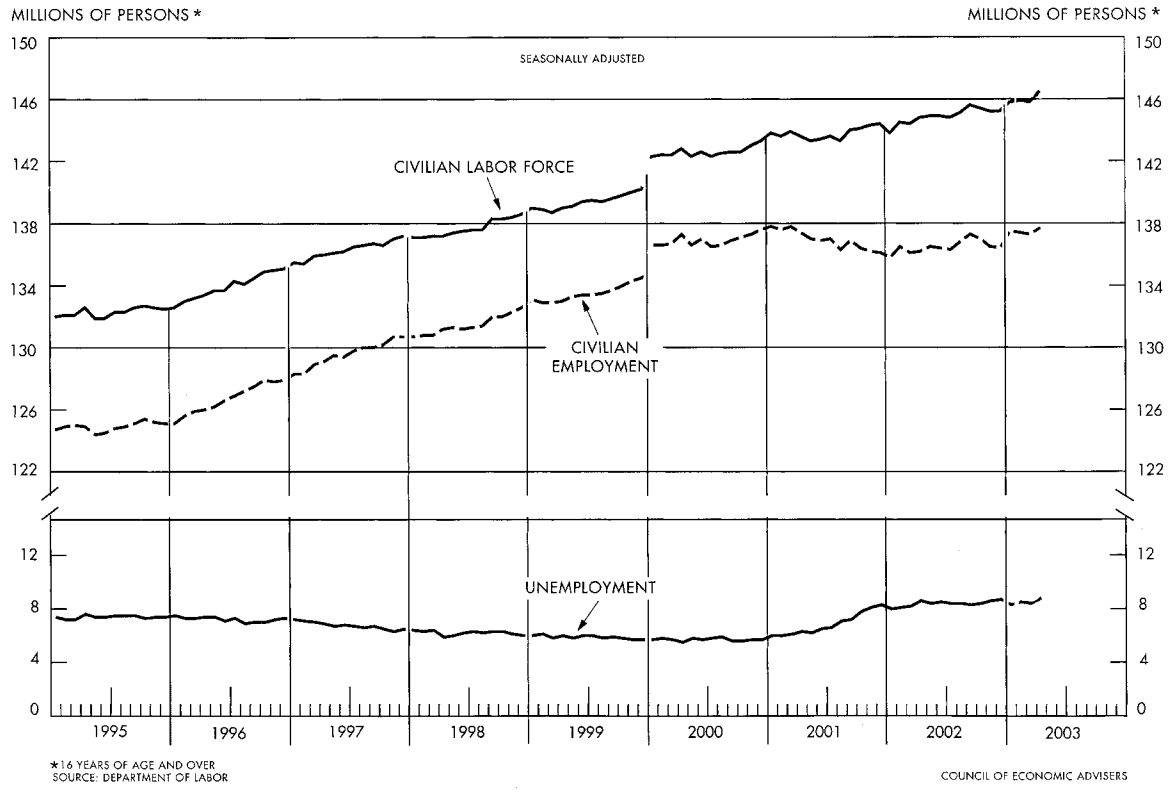
In April, employment rose by 339,000 and unemployment rose by 341,000.



[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
1993	194,838	129,200	120,259	62,355	52,099	5,805	8,940	4,287	3,288	1,365	65,638	66.3	61.7	6.9
1994 [2]	196,814	131,056	123,060	63,294	53,606	6,161	7,996	3,627	3,049	1,320	65,758	66.6	62.5	6.1
1995	198,584	132,304	124,900	64,085	54,396	6,419	7,404	3,239	2,819	1,346	66,280	66.6	62.9	5.6
1996	200,591	133,943	126,708	64,897	55,311	6,500	7,236	3,146	2,783	1,306	66,647	66.8	63.2	5.4
1997 [3]	203,133	136,297	129,558	66,284	56,613	6,661	6,739	2,882	2,585	1,271	66,836	67.1	63.8	4.9
1998 [3]	205,220	137,673	131,463	67,135	57,278	7,051	6,210	2,580	2,424	1,205	67,547	67.1	64.1	4.5
1999 [3]	207,753	139,368	133,488	67,761	58,555	7,172	5,880	2,433	2,285	1,162	68,385	67.1	64.3	4.2
2000 [3]	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 [3]	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
2002: Apr	217,006	144,763	136,196	69,627	60,237	6,331	8,567	3,898	3,379	1,290	72,243	66.7	62.8	5.9
May	217,198	144,911	136,487	69,918	60,262	6,307	8,424	3,848	3,289	1,287	72,287	66.7	62.8	5.8
June	217,407	144,852	136,383	69,739	60,320	6,324	8,469	3,950	3,236	1,283	72,556	66.6	62.7	5.8
July	217,630	144,786	136,343	69,792	60,262	6,289	8,443	3,879	3,272	1,292	72,844	66.5	62.6	5.8
Aug	217,866	145,123	136,757	69,895	60,581	6,280	8,366	3,906	3,180	1,280	72,743	66.6	62.8	5.8
Sept	218,107	145,634	137,312	70,213	60,675	6,425	8,321	3,895	3,184	1,243	72,473	66.8	63.0	5.7
Oct	218,340	145,393	136,988	69,921	60,668	6,400	8,405	3,962	3,308	1,135	72,947	66.6	62.7	5.8
Nov	218,548	145,180	136,542	69,617	60,697	6,228	8,637	4,153	3,224	1,261	73,369	66.4	62.5	5.9
Dec	218,741	145,150	136,439	69,600	60,676	6,164	8,711	4,145	3,360	1,206	73,591	66.4	62.4	6.0
2003: Jan [3]	219,897	145,838	137,536	69,967	61,443	6,125	8,302	4,026	3,035	1,241	74,059	66.3	62.5	5.7
Feb [3]	220,114	145,857	137,408	70,293	61,073	6,042	8,450	3,962	3,237	1,251	74,257	66.3	62.4	5.8
Mar	220,317	145,793	137,348	70,293	61,227	5,829	8,445	3,944	3,250	1,251	74,524	66.2	62.3	5.8
Apr	220,540	146,473	137,687	70,364	61,401	5,923	8,786	4,207	3,276	1,303	74,067	66.4	62.4	6.0

[1] Civilian labor force (or employment) as percent of civilian noninstitutional population; and unemployment as percent of civilian labor force.

[2] Data beginning January 1994 are not directly comparable with data for earlier periods because of a major redesign of the household survey questionnaire.

[3] Not strictly comparable with earlier data.

NOTE.—See *Employment and Earnings* for details on breaks in series.

Data beginning 2000 reflect new population controls based on Census 2000, an additional population adjustment in January 2003, and other changes. Data for February 2003 are not directly comparable with earlier data due to a weighting difference. For details, see *The Employment Situation*, January 2003 and February 2003.

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