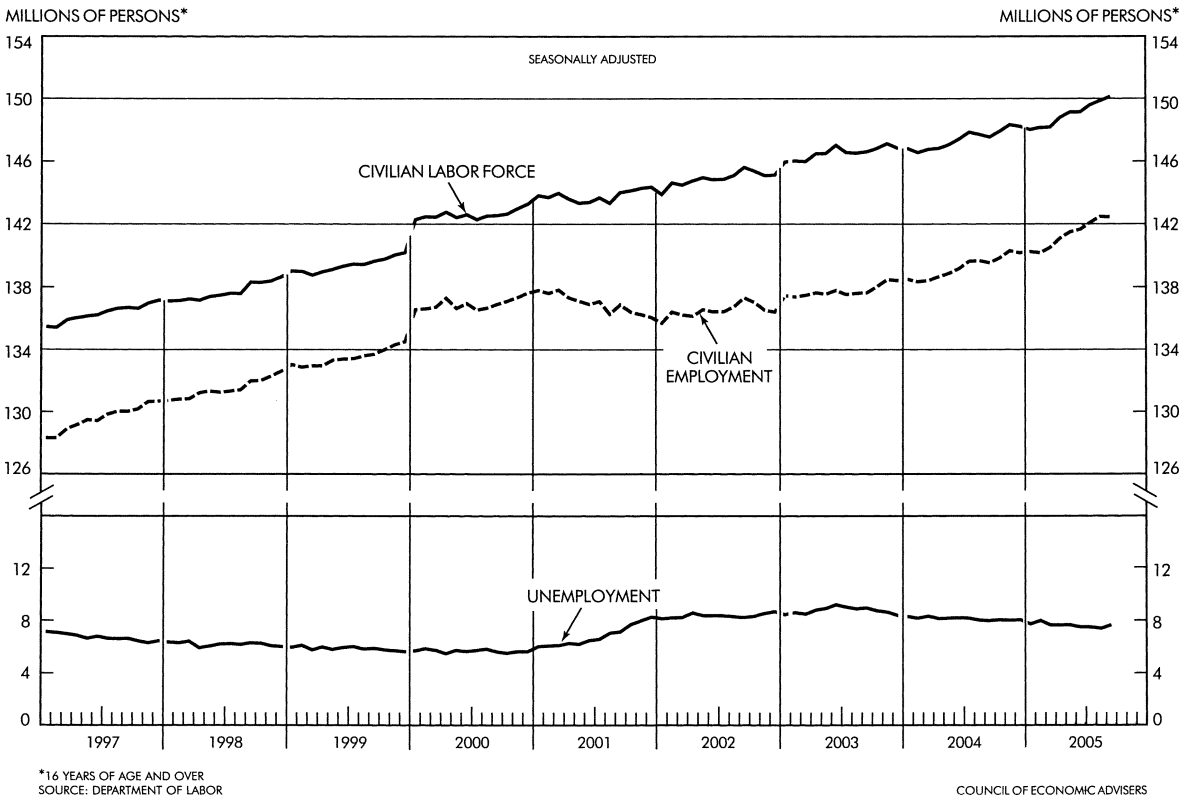
EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In September, employment fell by 17,000 and unemployment rose by 270,000.



[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
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 [2]	203,133	136,297	129,558	66,284	56,613	6,661	6,739	2,882	2,585	1,271	66,837	67.1	63.8	4.9
1998 [2]	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 [2]	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 [2]	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	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
2004: Sept	223,941	147,531	139,527	71,701	61,939	5,887	8,005	3,761	3,069	1,175	76,410	65.9	62.3	5.4
Oct	224,192	147,893	139,827	71,895	62,024	5,908	8,066	3,736	3,102	1,227	76,299	66.0	62.4	5.5
Nov	224,422	148,313	140,293	72,134	62,145	6,014	8,020	3,733	3,099	1,188	76,109	66.1	62.5	5.4
Dec	224,640	148,203	140,156	72,020	62,208	5,927	8,047	3,733	3,051	1,262	76,437	66.0	62.4	5.4
2005: Jan [2]	224,837	147,979	140,241	72,029	62,295	5,917	7,737	3,565	3,023	1,150	76,858	65.8	62.4	5.2
Feb	225,041	148,132	140,144	72,131	62,202	5,811	7,988	3,685	3,068	1,235	76,909	65.8	62.3	5.4
Mar	225,236	148,157	140,501	72,429	62,099	5,973	7,656	3,492	2,952	1,212	77,079	65.8	62.4	5.2
Apr	225,441	148,762	141,099	72,817	62,384	5,897	7,663	3,356	3,036	1,271	76,679	66.0	62.6	5.2
May	225,670	149,122	141,475	73,100	62,464	5,911	7,647	3,339	3,015	1,293	76,547	66.1	62.7	5.1
June	225,911	149,123	141,638	73,174	62,451	6,013	7,486	3,288	3,019	1,178	76,787	66.0	62.7	5.0
July	226,153	149,573	142,076	73,363	62,690	6,024	7,497	3,261	3,078	1,158	76,580	66.1	62.8	5.0
Aug	226,421	149,841	142,449	73,527	62,867	6,055	7,391	3,304	2,894	1,193	76,581	66.2	62.9	4.9
Sept	226,693	150,093	142,432	73,318	63,077	6,036	7,661	3,471	3,053	1,136	76,600	66.2	62.8	5.1

[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 2005 data reflect revised population controls and are not strictly comparable with earlier data.

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

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