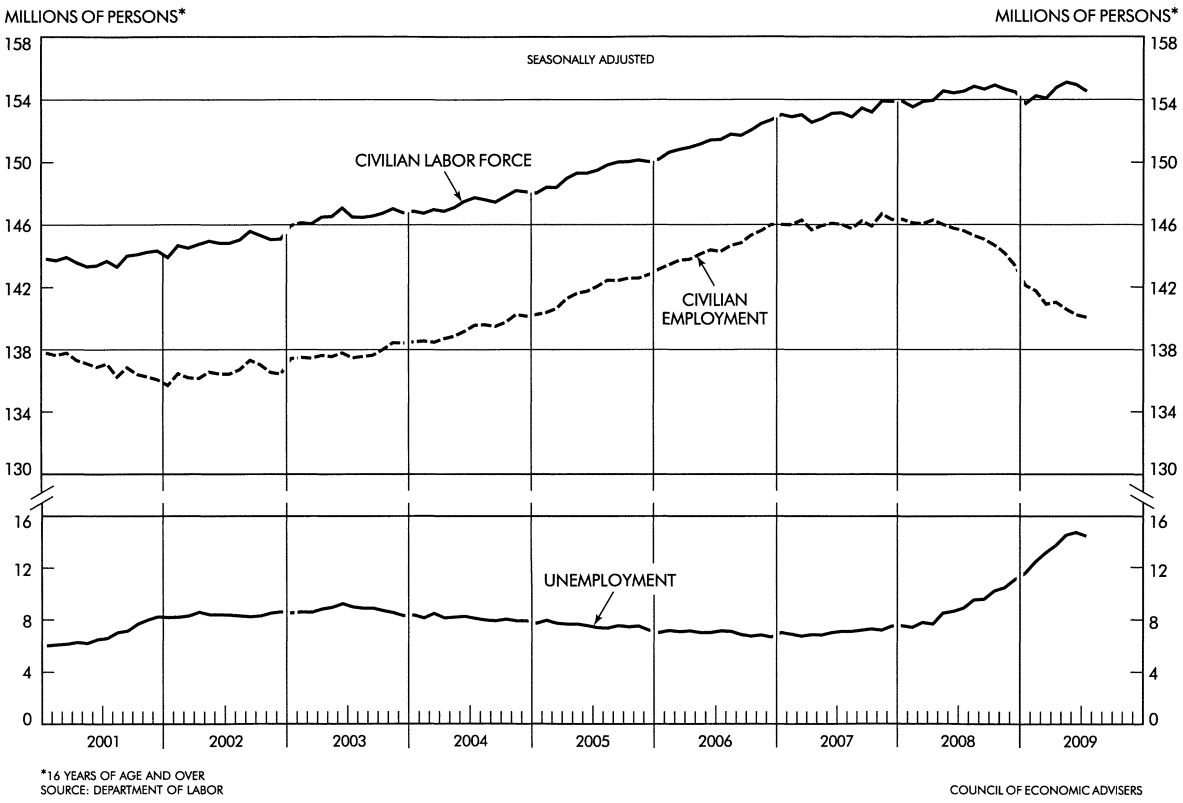
EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In July, employment fell by 155,000 and unemployment fell by 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
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
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
2008: July	233,864	154,506	145,596	75,973	65,103	5,520	8,910	4,313	3,170	1,427	79,358	66.1	62.3	5.8
Aug	234,107	154,823	145,273	74,737	65,003	5,533	9,550	4,572	3,662	1,316	79,284	66.1	62.1	6.2
Sept	234,360	154,621	145,029	74,503	65,008	5,518	9,592	4,889	3,377	1,326	79,739	66.0	61.9	6.2
Oct	234,612	154,878	144,657	74,292	64,975	5,390	10,221	5,088	3,725	1,408	79,734	66.0	61.7	6.6
Nov	234,828	154,620	144,144	74,045	64,902	5,196	10,476	5,290	3,851	1,335	80,208	65.8	61.4	6.8
Dec	235,035	154,447	143,338	73,285	64,860	5,194	11,108	5,714	4,031	1,363	80,588	65.7	61.0	7.2
2009: Jan [2]	234,739	153,716	142,099	72,613	64,298	5,188	11,616	5,972	4,286	1,359	81,023	65.5	60.5	7.6
Feb	234,913	154,214	141,748	72,293	64,271	5,184	12,467	6,394	4,646	1,427	80,699	65.6	60.3	8.1
Mar	235,086	154,048	140,887	71,655	64,148	5,083	13,161	6,923	4,828	1,410	81,038	65.5	59.9	8.5
Apr	235,271	154,731	141,007	71,678	64,226	5,103	13,724	7,403	4,922	1,398	80,541	65.8	59.9	8.9
May	235,452	155,081	140,570	71,593	63,895	5,082	14,511	7,802	5,217	1,491	80,371	65.9	59.7	9.4
June	235,655	154,926	140,196	71,387	63,810	4,999	14,729	7,904	5,249	1,576	80,729	65.7	59.5	9.5
July	235,870	154,504	140,041	71,319	63,789	4,933	14,462	7,726	5,196	1,541	81,366	65.5	59.4	9.4

[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 2009 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.

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