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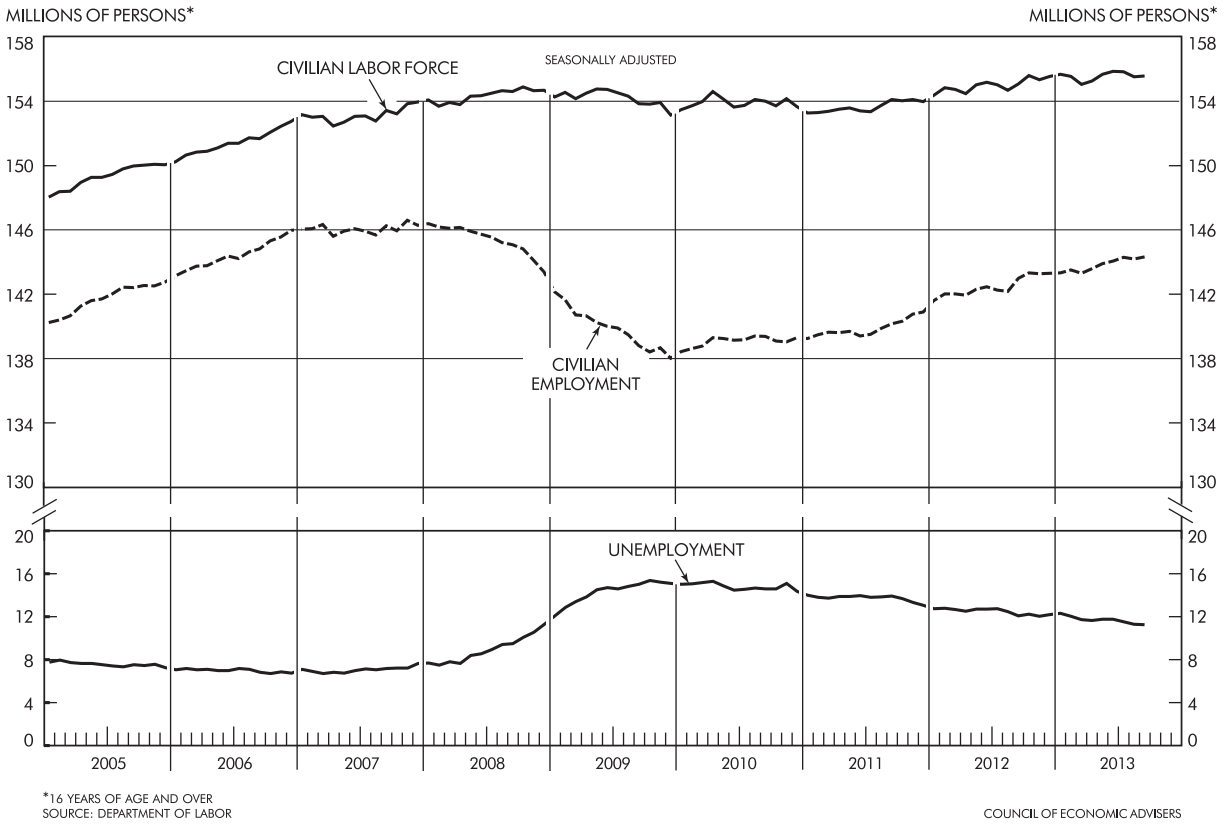
Status of the Labor Force

In September, employment as measured by the household survey rose 133,000 and unemployment fell 61,000.



[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
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
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	14,825	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
2012: Sept	243,772	155,056	142,974	73,612	64,934	4,429	12,082	5,825	4,879	1,378	88,716	63.6	58.7	7.8
Oct	243,983	155,576	143,328	73,845	65,014	4,469	12,248	5,834	5,027	1,387	88,407	63.8	58.7	7.9
Nov	244,174	155,319	143,277	73,821	64,988	4,468	12,042	5,747	4,918	1,376	88,855	63.6	58.7	7.8
Dec	244,350	155,511	143,305	73,949	64,954	4,402	12,206	5,746	5,105	1,355	88,839	63.6	58.6	7.8
2013: Jan [2]	244,663	155,654	143,322	74,139	64,675	4,508	12,332	5,877	5,074	1,381	89,008	63.6	58.6	7.9
Feb	244,828	155,524	143,492	74,249	64,867	4,376	12,032	5,661	4,905	1,466	89,304	63.5	58.6	7.7
Mar	244,995	155,028	143,286	74,228	64,707	4,351	11,742	5,519	4,837	1,386	89,967	63.3	58.5	7.6
Apr	245,175	155,238	143,579	74,159	65,101	4,320	11,659	5,644	4,642	1,372	89,936	63.3	58.6	7.5
May	245,363	155,658	143,898	74,124	65,329	4,445	11,760	5,754	4,566	1,441	89,705	63.4	58.6	7.6
June	245,552	155,835	144,058	74,276	65,314	4,469	11,777	5,607	4,761	1,409	89,717	63.5	58.7	7.6
July	245,756	155,798	144,285	74,328	65,489	4,469	11,514	5,581	4,544	1,388	89,957	63.4	58.7	7.4
Aug	245,959	155,486	144,170	74,010	65,750	4,410	11,316	5,629	4,390	1,297	90,473	63.2	58.6	7.3
Sept	246,168	155,559	144,303	74,143	65,582	4,578	11,255	5,654	4,354	1,248	90,609	63.2	58.6	7.2

[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 2013, 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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