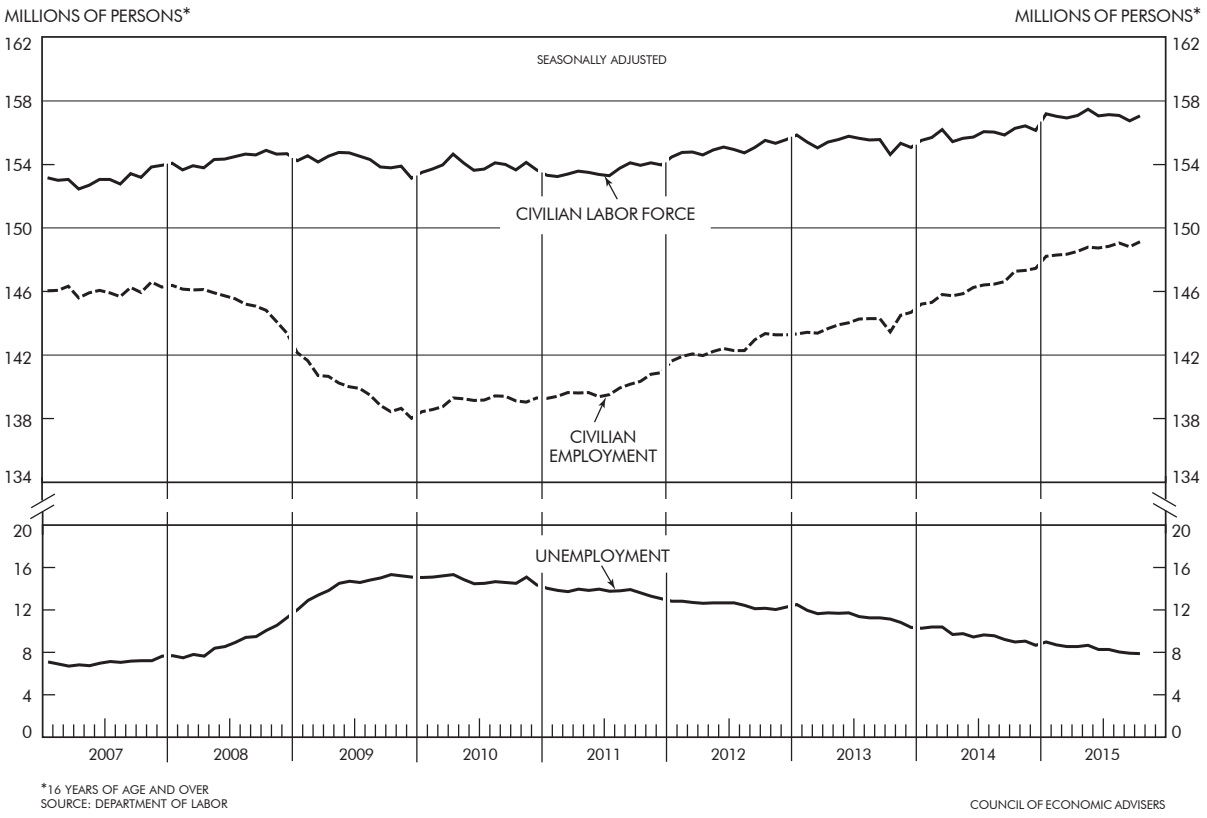
EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

Status of the Labor Force

In October, employment as measured by the household survey rose by 320,000 and unemployment fell 7,000.



[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
2005	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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
2013	245,679	155,389	143,929	74,176	65,295	4,458	11,460	5,568	4,565	1,327	90,290	63.2	58.6	7.4
2014	247,947	155,922	146,305	75,471	66,287	4,548	9,617	4,585	3,926	1,106	92,025	62.9	59.0	6.2
2014: Oct	248,657	156,243	147,260	75,928	66,560	4,772	8,983	4,094	3,794	1,094	92,414	62.8	59.2	5.7
Nov	248,844	156,402	147,331	75,675	66,894	4,762	9,071	4,354	3,705	1,013	92,442	62.9	59.2	5.8
Dec	249,027	156,129	147,442	76,026	66,632	4,784	8,688	4,245	3,479	963	92,898	62.7	59.2	5.6
2015: Jan	249,723	157,180	148,201	76,496	66,983	4,722	8,979	4,308	3,575	1,096	92,544	62.9	59.3	5.7
Feb	249,899	157,002	148,297	76,588	66,901	4,808	8,705	4,243	3,469	993	92,898	62.8	59.3	5.5
Mar	250,080	156,906	148,331	76,653	66,874	4,804	8,575	4,099	3,455	1,021	93,175	62.7	59.3	5.5
Apr	250,266	157,072	148,523	76,805	66,935	4,784	8,549	4,079	3,483	986	93,194	62.8	59.3	5.4
May	250,455	157,469	148,795	76,833	67,178	4,784	8,674	4,082	3,553	1,039	92,986	62.9	59.4	5.5
June	250,663	157,037	148,739	76,783	67,294	4,662	8,299	3,897	3,372	1,029	93,626	62.6	59.3	5.3
July	250,876	157,106	148,840	76,903	67,271	4,666	8,266	3,887	3,474	904	93,770	62.6	59.3	5.3
Aug	251,096	157,065	149,036	76,880	67,502	4,654	8,029	3,760	3,324	945	94,031	62.6	59.4	5.1
Sept	251,325	156,715	148,800	76,763	67,346	4,690	7,915	3,790	3,214	911	94,610	62.4	59.2	5.1
Oct	251,541	157,028	149,120	76,852	67,568	4,700	7,908	3,809	3,211	888	94,513	62.4	59.3	5.0

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

Note: Beginning each January, 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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