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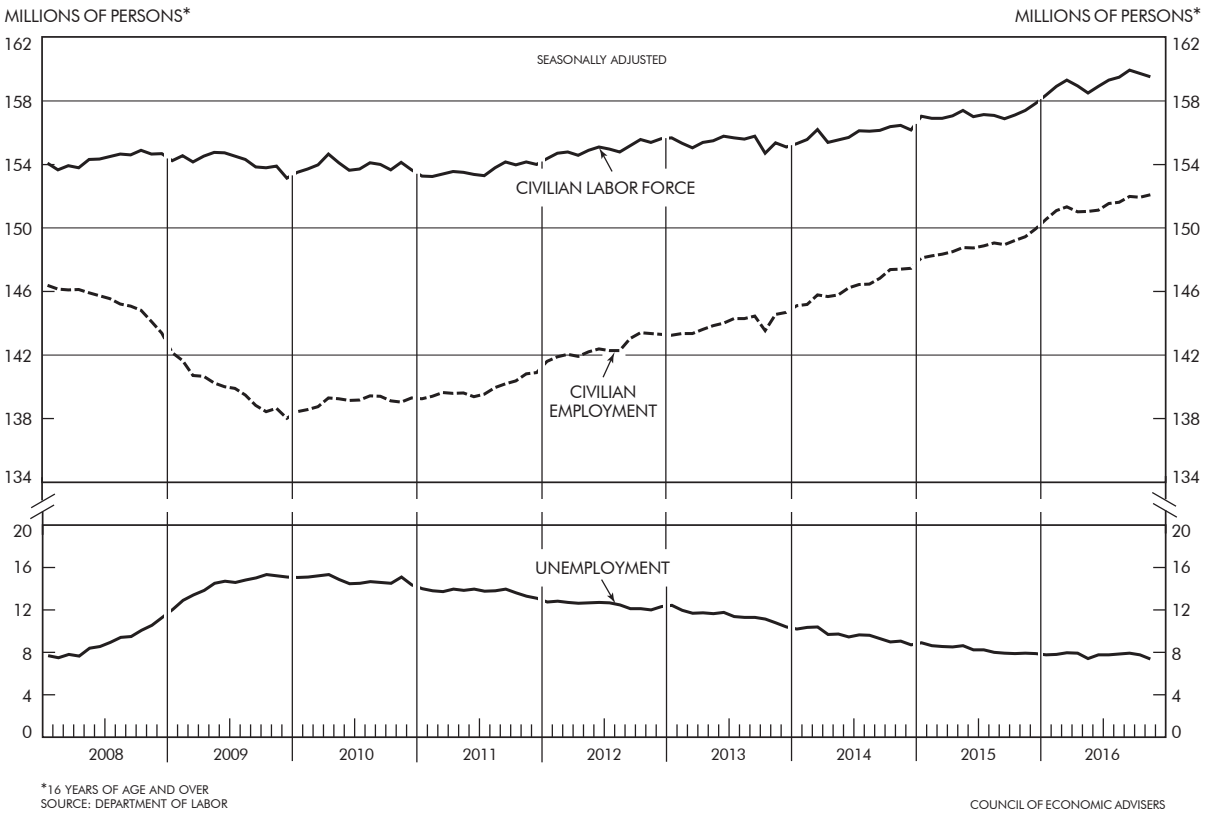
Status of the Labor Force

In November, unemployment as measured by the household survey fell by 387,000 to 7.4 million.



[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
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
2015	250,801	157,130	148,834	76,776	67,323	4,734	8,296	3,959	3,371	966	93,671	62.7	59.3	5.3
2015: Nov	251,747	157,367	149,444	76,823	67,891	4,729	7,924	3,800	3,249	875	94,380	62.5	59.4	5.0
Dec	251,936	157,833	149,929	77,119	67,911	4,899	7,904	3,808	3,157	938	94,103	62.6	59.5	5.0
2016: Jan	252,397	158,335	150,544	77,704	67,940	4,901	7,791	3,629	3,231	931	94,062	62.7	59.6	4.9
Feb	252,577	158,890	151,074	77,991	68,094	4,990	7,815	3,677	3,219	920	93,688	62.9	59.8	4.9
Mar	252,768	159,286	151,320	78,096	68,293	4,931	7,966	3,719	3,317	929	93,482	63.0	59.9	5.0
Apr	252,969	158,924	151,004	77,999	68,072	4,934	7,920	3,749	3,230	941	94,044	62.8	59.7	5.0
May	253,174	158,466	151,030	77,917	68,209	4,904	7,436	3,490	3,009	937	94,708	62.6	59.7	4.7
June	253,397	158,880	151,097	78,127	68,107	4,864	7,783	3,661	3,196	926	94,517	62.7	59.6	4.9
July	253,620	159,287	151,517	78,048	68,508	4,961	7,770	3,786	3,065	920	94,333	62.8	59.7	4.9
Aug	253,854	159,463	151,614	78,143	68,415	5,056	7,849	3,695	3,215	938	94,391	62.8	59.7	4.9
Sept	254,091	159,907	151,968	78,195	68,723	5,050	7,939	3,825	3,169	945	94,184	62.9	59.8	5.0
Oct	254,321	159,712	151,925	78,233	68,716	4,976	7,787	3,771	3,094	922	94,609	62.8	59.7	4.9
Nov	254,540	159,486	152,085	78,343	68,730	5,013	7,400	3,480	3,023	897	95,055	62.7	59.7	4.6

[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.
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