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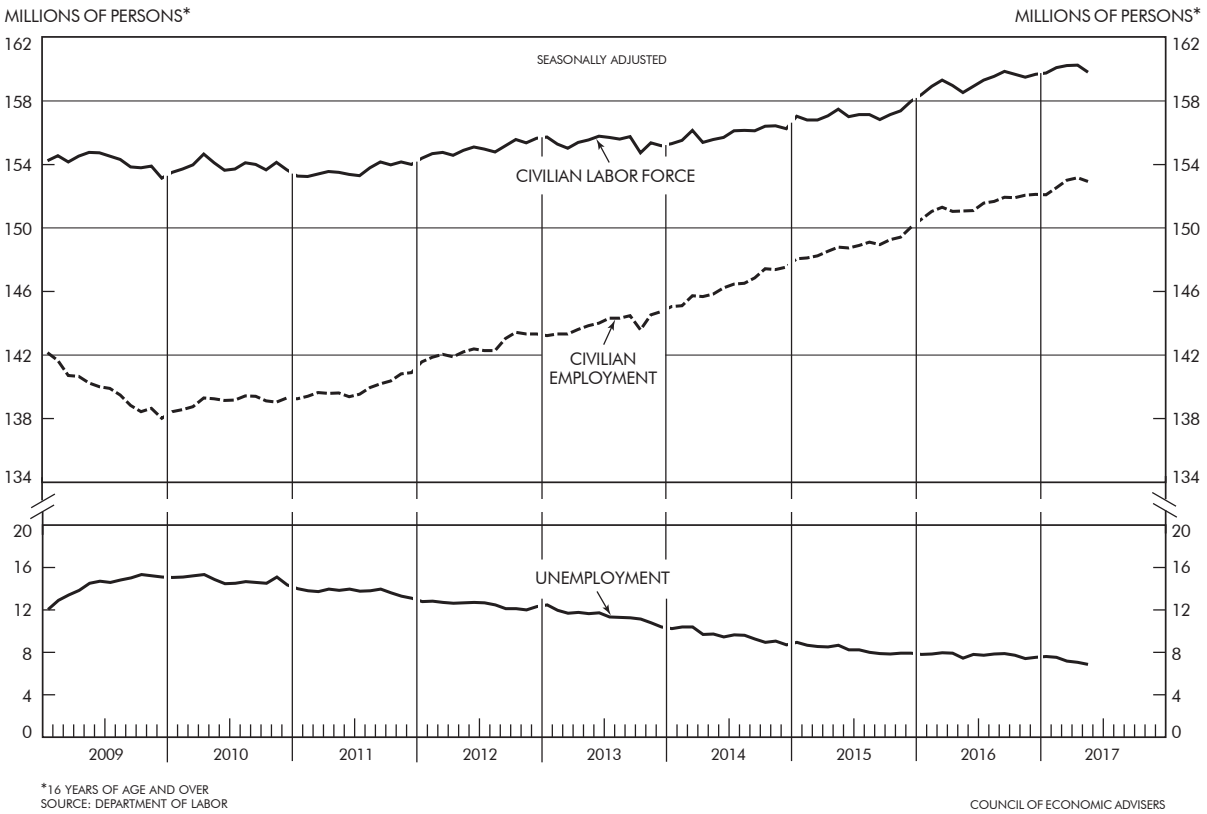
Status of the Labor Force

In May, unemployment as measured by the household survey fell 195,000 to 6.9 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
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
2016	253,538	159,187	151,436	78,084	68,387	4,965	7,751	3,675	3,151	925	94,351	62.8	59.7	4.9
2016: May	253,174	158,510	151,058	77,926	68,218	4,914	7,451	3,493	3,008	950	94,665	62.6	59.7	4.7
June	253,397	158,889	151,090	78,098	68,116	4,877	7,799	3,684	3,194	921	94,508	62.7	59.6	4.9
July	253,620	159,295	151,546	78,042	68,534	4,969	7,749	3,775	3,054	920	94,325	62.8	59.8	4.9
Aug	253,854	159,508	151,655	78,142	68,452	5,062	7,853	3,693	3,223	937	94,346	62.8	59.7	4.9
Sept	254,091	159,830	151,926	78,191	68,702	5,034	7,904	3,798	3,154	953	94,261	62.9	59.8	4.9
Oct	254,321	159,643	151,902	78,232	68,698	4,972	7,740	3,735	3,085	920	94,678	62.8	59.7	4.8
Nov	254,540	159,456	152,048	78,330	68,712	5,006	7,409	3,486	3,025	897	95,084	62.6	59.7	4.6
Dec	254,742	159,640	152,111	78,379	68,760	4,972	7,529	3,605	3,071	854	95,102	62.7	59.7	4.7
2017: Jan	254,082	159,716	152,081	78,503	68,550	5,028	7,635	3,609	3,136	890	94,366	62.9	59.9	4.8
Feb	254,246	160,056	152,528	78,573	68,932	5,023	7,528	3,564	3,079	884	94,190	63.0	60.0	4.7
Mar	254,414	160,201	153,000	78,556	69,271	5,173	7,202	3,491	2,890	822	94,213	63.0	60.1	4.5
Apr	254,588	160,213	153,156	78,838	69,213	5,105	7,056	3,253	2,922	881	94,375	62.9	60.2	4.4
May	254,767	159,784	152,923	78,801	69,105	5,017	6,861	3,141	2,883	837	94,983	62.7	60.0	4.3

[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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