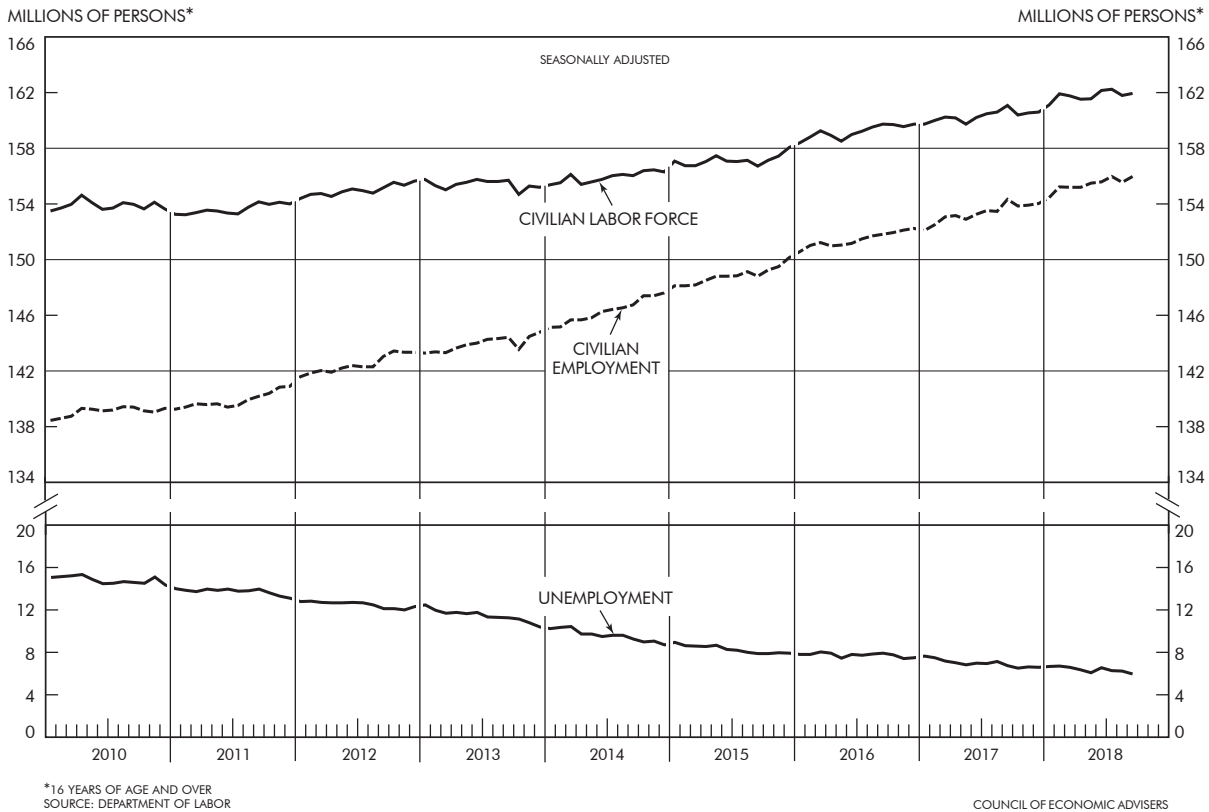


EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

Status of the Labor Force

In September, unemployment as measured by the household survey fell 270,000 to 6.0 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
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
2017	255,079	160,320	153,337	78,919	69,344	5,074	6,982	3,287	2,868	827	94,759	62.9	60.1	4.4
2017: Sept	255,562	161,082	154,324	79,393	69,692	5,238	6,759	3,168	2,804	786	94,480	63.0	60.4	4.2
Oct	255,766	160,371	153,846	79,248	69,576	5,022	6,524	3,118	2,611	796	95,395	62.7	60.2	4.1
Nov	255,949	160,533	153,917	79,324	69,665	4,928	6,616	3,050	2,637	929	95,416	62.7	60.1	4.1
Dec	256,109	160,597	154,021	79,431	69,614	4,977	6,576	3,117	2,679	780	95,512	62.7	60.1	4.1
2018: Jan	256,780	161,115	154,430	79,705	69,583	5,143	6,684	3,223	2,627	834	95,665	62.7	60.1	4.1
Feb	256,934	161,921	155,215	80,213	69,828	5,174	6,706	3,096	2,737	874	95,012	63.0	60.4	4.1
Mar	257,097	161,763	155,178	80,113	69,916	5,149	6,585	3,087	2,695	803	95,335	62.9	60.4	4.1
Apr	257,272	161,527	155,181	80,111	69,992	5,078	6,346	3,088	2,506	752	95,745	62.8	60.3	3.9
May	257,454	161,539	155,474	80,329	70,077	5,068	6,065	2,905	2,415	745	95,915	62.7	60.4	3.8
June	257,642	162,140	155,576	80,013	70,419	5,144	6,564	3,102	2,720	743	95,502	62.9	60.4	4.0
July	257,843	162,245	155,965	80,240	70,598	5,127	6,280	2,818	2,687	775	95,598	62.9	60.5	3.9
Aug	258,066	161,776	155,542	80,134	70,529	4,879	6,234	2,895	2,625	714	96,290	62.7	60.3	3.9
Sept	258,290	161,926	155,962	80,225	70,656	5,081	5,964	2,837	2,383	743	96,364	62.7	60.4	3.7

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.

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics).