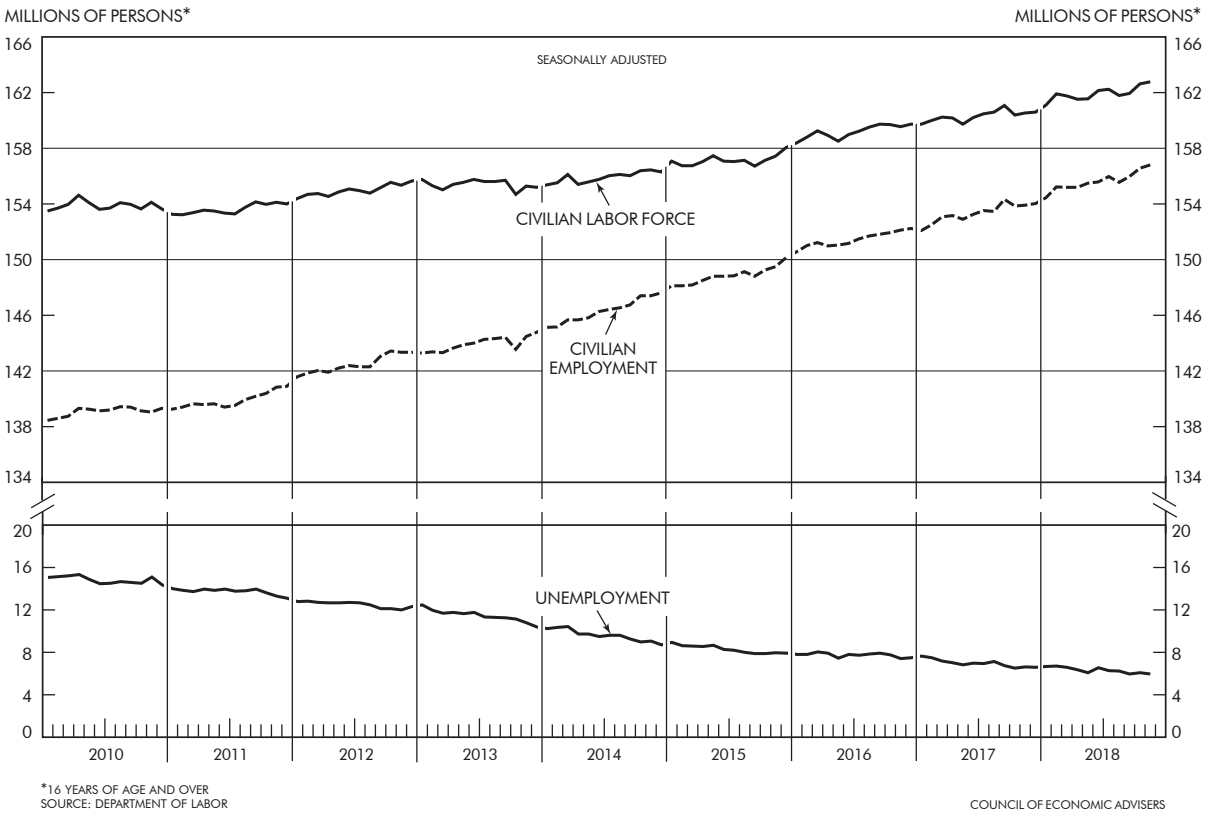
# EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

## Status of the Labor Force

In November, unemployment as measured by the household survey fell 100,000 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: 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 |
| Oct | 258,514 | 162,637 | 156,562 | 80,405 | 70,909 | 5,248 | 6,075 | 2,881 | 2,482 | 712 | 95,877 | 62.9 | 60.6 | 3.7 |
| Nov | 258,708 | 162,770 | 156,795 | 80,660 | 70,917 | 5,218 | 5,975 | 2,749 | 2,514 | 712 | 95,937 | 62.9 | 60.6 | 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.

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