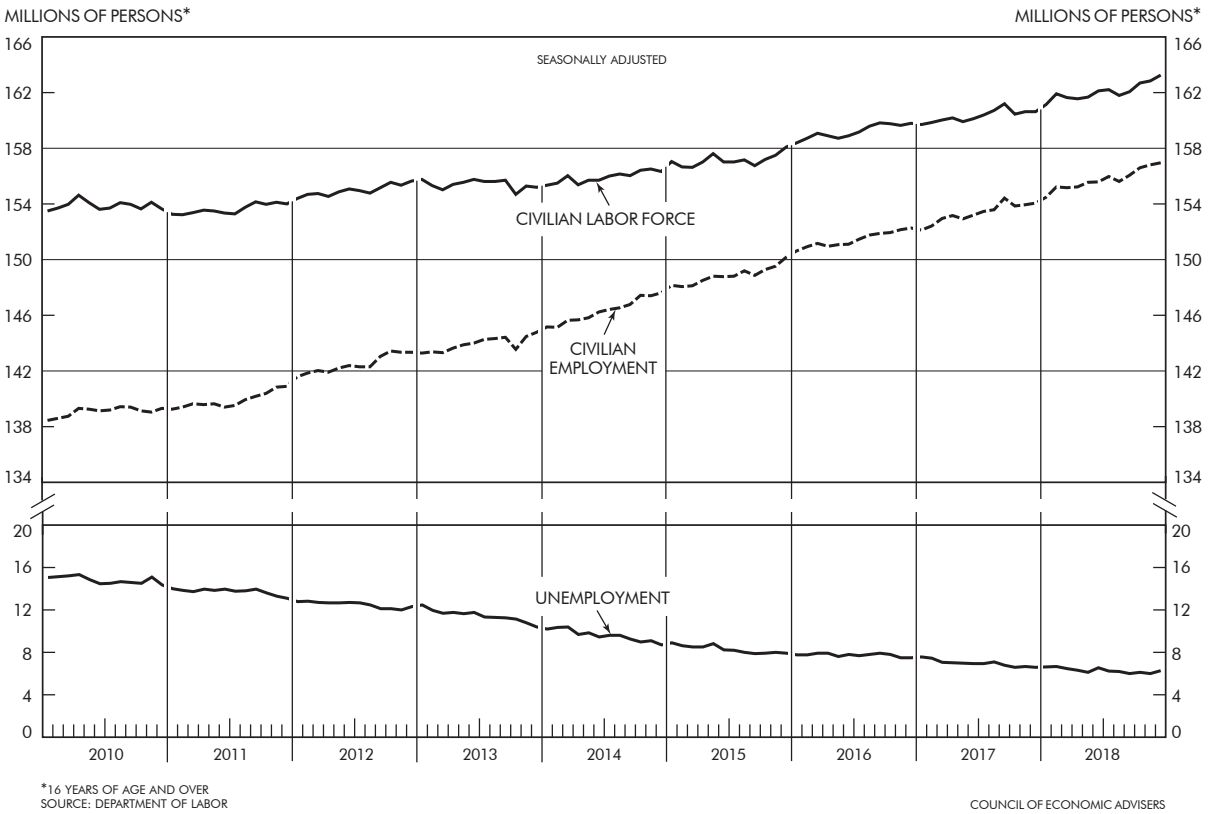
EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

Status of the Labor Force

In December, unemployment as measured by the household survey rose 276,000 to 6.3 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
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
2018	257,791	162,075	155,761	80,211	70,424	5,126	6,314	2,976	2,578	759	95,716	62.9	60.4	3.9
2017: Dec [r]	256,109	160,636	154,065	79,493	69,587	4,985	6,572	3,101	2,686	785	95,473	62.7	60.2	4.1
2018: Jan [r]	256,780	161,123	154,482	79,719	69,620	5,143	6,641	3,196	2,618	827	95,657	62.7	60.2	4.1
Feb [r]	256,934	161,900	155,213	80,186	69,849	5,178	6,687	3,072	2,746	870	95,033	63.0	60.4	4.1
Mar [r]	257,097	161,646	155,160	80,091	69,946	5,123	6,486	3,059	2,634	793	95,451	62.9	60.4	4.0
Apr [r]	257,272	161,551	155,216	80,108	70,033	5,074	6,335	3,055	2,525	755	95,721	62.8	60.3	3.9
May [r]	257,454	161,667	155,539	80,299	70,161	5,079	6,128	2,958	2,429	741	95,787	62.8	60.4	3.8
June [r]	257,642	162,129	155,592	80,006	70,455	5,131	6,537	3,097	2,701	740	95,513	62.9	60.4	4.0
July [r]	257,843	162,209	155,964	80,217	70,622	5,125	6,245	2,801	2,673	771	95,633	62.9	60.5	3.9
Aug [r]	258,066	161,802	155,604	80,149	70,563	4,892	6,197	2,895	2,590	712	96,264	62.7	60.3	3.8
Sept [r]	258,290	162,055	156,069	80,251	70,710	5,108	5,986	2,853	2,398	735	96,235	62.7	60.4	3.7
Oct [r]	258,514	162,694	156,582	80,388	70,935	5,258	6,112	2,889	2,507	715	95,821	62.9	60.6	3.8
Nov [r]	258,708	162,821	156,803	80,633	70,949	5,221	6,018	2,775	2,529	714	95,886	62.9	60.6	3.7
Dec	258,888	163,240	156,945	80,501	71,218	5,226	6,294	2,999	2,550	745	95,649	63.1	60.6	3.9

[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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