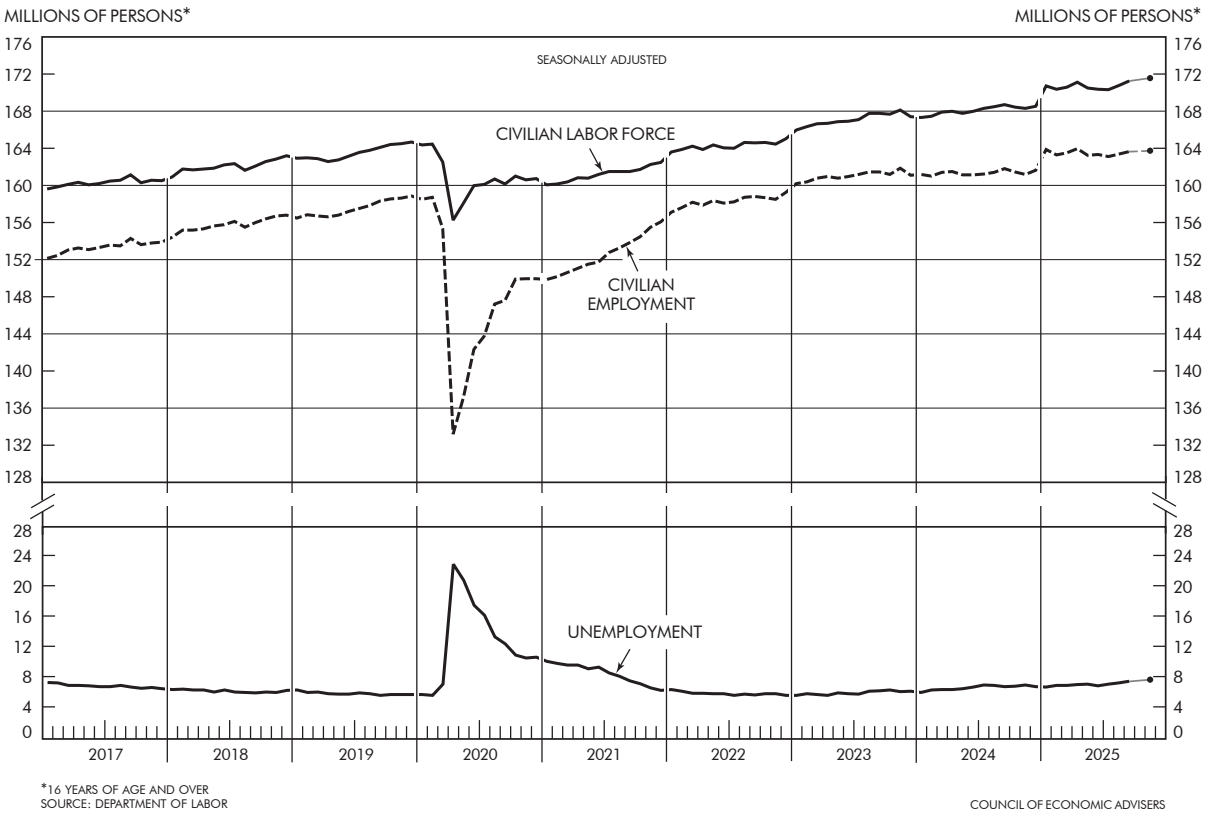
EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

Status of the Labor Force

In November, unemployment as measured by the household survey was at 7.8 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
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
2019	259,175	163,539	157,538	80,917	71,470	5,150	6,001	2,819	2,435	746	95,636	63.1	60.8	3.7
2020	260,329	160,742	147,795	76,227	66,873	4,695	12,947	6,118	5,804	1,025	99,587	61.7	56.8	8.1
2021	261,445	161,204	152,581	78,216	69,099	5,266	8,623	4,302	3,625	696	100,241	61.7	58.4	5.3
2022	263,973	164,287	158,291	81,409	71,283	5,600	5,996	2,867	2,453	675	99,686	62.2	60.0	3.6
2023	266,942	167,116	161,037	82,698	72,692	5,647	6,080	2,985	2,382	713	99,826	62.6	60.3	3.6
2024	268,571	168,106	161,346	82,514	73,170	5,661	6,761	3,206	2,731	823	100,465	62.6	60.1	4.0
2024: Nov	269,463	168,304	161,183	82,633	72,988	5,562	7,121	3,348	2,932	841	101,159	62.5	59.8	4.2
Dec	269,638	168,547	161,661	82,739	73,135	5,786	6,886	3,206	2,859	821	101,091	62.5	60.0	4.1
2025: Jan	272,685	170,744	163,895	83,803	74,380	5,712	6,849	3,264	2,822	763	101,941	62.6	60.1	4.0
Feb	272,847	170,359	163,307	83,311	74,205	5,792	7,052	3,283	2,910	858	102,487	62.4	59.9	4.1
Mar	273,023	170,591	163,508	83,563	74,159	5,786	7,083	3,324	2,838	921	102,431	62.5	59.9	4.2
Apr	273,197	171,135	163,969	83,858	74,379	5,732	7,166	3,451	2,862	853	102,062	62.6	60.0	4.2
May	273,385	170,510	163,273	83,704	73,979	5,590	7,237	3,383	2,989	866	102,875	62.4	59.7	4.2
June	273,585	170,380	163,366	83,872	74,134	5,361	7,015	3,378	2,732	905	103,204	62.3	59.7	4.1
July	273,785	170,342	163,106	83,660	74,155	5,291	7,236	3,450	2,836	950	103,443	62.2	59.6	4.2
Aug	274,001	170,778	163,394	84,171	73,881	5,342	7,384	3,586	2,939	859	103,223	62.3	59.6	4.3
Sept	274,226	171,248	163,645	83,932	74,096	5,617	7,603	3,540	3,211	852	102,978	62.4	59.7	4.4
Oct	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nov	274,633	171,571	163,741	84,025	74,303	5,412	7,831	3,627	3,150	1,054	103,061	62.5	59.6	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.
See *Employment and Earnings* for details on breaks in series. Data for October 2025 are unavailable due to the 2025 lapse in appropriations.

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

AUTHENTICATED
U.S. GOVERNMENT
INFORMATION
GPO