

TABLE B-35.—*Civilian population and labor force, 1929–2005*

[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

Year or month	Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	Civilian labor force						Civilian labor force participation rate ²	Civilian employment/population ratio ³	Unemployment rate, civilian workers ⁴	
		Total	Employment			Unemployment	Not in labor force				
			Total	Agricultural	Non-agricultural						
		Thousands of persons 14 years of age and over							Percent		
1929 .....	.....	49,180	47,630	10,450	37,180	1,550	.....	.....	.....	3.2	
1933 .....	.....	51,590	38,760	10,090	28,670	12,830	.....	.....	.....	24.9	
1939 .....	.....	55,230	45,750	9,610	36,140	9,480	.....	.....	.....	17.2	
1940	99,840	55,640	47,520	9,540	37,980	8,120	44,200	55.7	47.6	14.6	
1941	99,900	55,910	50,350	9,100	41,250	5,560	43,990	56.0	50.4	9.9	
1942	98,640	56,410	53,750	9,250	44,500	2,660	42,230	57.2	54.5	4.7	
1943	94,640	55,540	54,470	9,080	45,390	1,070	39,100	58.7	57.6	1.9	
1944	93,220	54,630	53,960	8,950	45,010	670	38,590	58.6	57.9	1.2	
1945	94,090	53,860	52,820	8,580	44,240	1,040	40,230	57.2	56.1	1.9	
1946	103,070	57,520	55,250	8,320	46,930	2,270	45,550	55.8	53.6	3.9	
1947	106,018	60,168	57,812	8,256	49,557	2,356	45,850	56.8	54.5	3.9	
		Thousands of persons 16 years of age and over									
1947	101,827	59,350	57,038	7,890	49,148	2,311	42,477	58.3	56.0	3.9	
1948	103,068	60,621	58,343	7,629	50,714	2,276	42,447	58.8	56.6	3.8	
1949	103,994	61,286	57,651	7,658	49,993	3,637	42,708	58.9	55.4	5.9	
1950	104,995	62,208	58,918	7,160	51,758	3,288	42,787	59.2	56.1	5.3	
1951	104,621	62,017	59,961	6,726	53,235	2,055	42,604	59.2	57.3	3.3	
1952	105,231	62,138	60,250	6,500	53,749	1,883	43,093	59.0	57.3	3.0	
1953 ⁵	107,056	63,015	61,179	6,260	54,919	1,834	44,041	58.9	57.1	2.9	
1954	108,321	63,643	60,109	6,205	53,904	3,532	44,678	58.8	55.5	5.5	
1955	109,683	65,023	62,170	6,450	55,722	2,852	44,660	59.3	56.7	4.4	
1956	110,954	66,552	63,799	6,283	57,514	2,750	44,402	60.0	57.5	4.1	
1957	112,265	66,929	64,071	5,947	58,123	2,859	45,336	59.6	57.1	4.3	
1958	113,727	67,639	63,036	5,586	57,450	4,602	46,088	59.5	55.4	6.8	
1959	115,329	68,369	64,630	5,565	59,065	3,740	46,960	59.3	56.0	5.5	
1960 ⁵	117,245	69,628	65,778	5,458	60,318	3,852	47,617	59.4	56.1	5.5	
1961	118,771	70,459	65,746	5,200	60,546	4,714	48,312	59.3	55.4	6.7	
1962 ⁵	120,153	70,614	66,702	4,944	61,759	3,911	49,539	58.8	55.5	5.5	
1963	122,416	71,833	67,762	4,687	63,076	4,070	50,583	58.7	55.4	5.7	
1964	124,485	73,091	69,305	4,523	64,782	3,786	51,394	58.7	55.7	5.2	
1965	126,513	74,455	71,088	4,361	66,726	3,366	52,058	58.9	56.2	4.5	
1966	128,058	75,770	72,895	3,979	68,915	2,875	52,288	59.2	56.9	3.8	
1967	129,874	77,347	74,372	3,844	70,527	2,975	52,527	59.6	57.3	3.8	
1968	132,028	78,737	75,920	3,817	72,103	2,817	53,291	59.6	57.5	3.6	
1969	134,335	80,734	77,902	3,606	74,296	2,832	53,602	60.1	58.0	3.5	
1970	137,085	82,771	78,678	3,463	75,215	4,093	54,315	60.4	57.4	4.9	
1971	140,216	84,382	79,367	3,394	75,972	5,016	55,834	60.2	56.6	5.9	
1972 ⁵	144,126	87,034	82,153	3,484	78,669	4,882	57,091	60.4	57.0	5.6	
1973 ⁵	147,096	89,429	85,064	3,470	81,594	4,365	57,667	60.8	57.8	4.9	
1974	150,120	91,949	86,794	3,515	83,279	5,156	58,171	61.3	57.8	5.6	
1975	153,153	93,775	88,846	3,408	82,438	7,929	59,377	61.2	56.1	8.5	
1976	156,150	96,158	88,752	3,331	85,421	7,406	59,991	61.6	56.8	7.7	
1977	159,033	99,009	92,017	3,283	88,734	6,991	60,025	62.3	57.9	7.1	
1978 ⁵	161,910	102,251	96,048	3,387	92,661	6,202	59,659	63.2	59.3	6.1	
1979	164,863	104,962	98,824	3,347	95,477	6,137	59,900	63.7	59.9	5.8	
1980	167,745	106,940	99,303	3,364	95,938	7,637	60,806	63.8	59.2	7.1	
1981	170,130	108,670	100,397	3,368	97,030	8,273	61,460	63.9	59.0	7.6	
1982	172,271	110,204	99,526	3,401	96,125	10,678	62,067	64.0	57.8	9.7	
1983	174,215	111,550	100,834	3,383	97,450	10,717	62,665	64.0	57.9	9.6	
1984	176,383	113,544	105,005	3,321	101,685	8,539	62,839	64.4	59.5	7.5	
1985	178,206	115,461	107,150	3,179	103,971	8,312	62,744	64.8	60.1	7.2	
1986 ⁵	180,587	117,834	109,597	3,163	106,434	8,237	62,752	65.3	60.7	7.0	
1987	182,753	119,865	112,440	3,208	109,232	7,425	62,888	65.6	61.5	6.2	
1988	184,613	121,669	114,968	3,169	111,800	6,701	62,944	65.9	62.3	5.5	
1989	186,393	123,869	117,342	3,199	114,142	6,528	62,523	66.5	63.0	5.3	
1990 ⁵	189,164	125,840	118,793	3,223	115,570	7,047	63,324	66.5	62.8	5.6	
1991	190,925	126,346	117,718	3,269	114,449	8,628	64,578	66.2	61.7	6.8	
1992	192,805	128,105	118,492	3,247	115,245	9,613	64,700	66.4	61.5	7.5	
1993	194,838	129,200	120,259	3,115	117,144	8,940	65,638	66.3	61.7	6.9	
1994 ⁵	196,814	131,056	123,060	3,409	119,651	7,996	65,758	66.6	62.5	6.1	
1995	198,584	132,304	124,900	3,440	121,460	7,404	66,280	66.6	62.9	5.6	
1996	200,591	133,943	126,708	3,443	123,264	7,236	66,647	66.8	63.2	5.4	
1997 ⁵	203,133	136,297	129,558	3,399	126,159	6,739	66,837	67.1	63.8	4.9	
1998 ⁵	205,220	137,673	131,463	3,378	128,085	6,210	67,547	67.1	64.1	4.5	
1999 ⁵	207,753	139,368	133,488	3,281	130,207	5,880	68,385	67.1	64.3	4.2	

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.² Civilian labor force as percent of civilian noninstitutional population.³ Civilian employment as percent of civilian noninstitutional population.⁴ Unemployed as percent of civilian labor force.

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TABLE B-35.—*Civilian population and labor force, 1929–2005—Continued*

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		Total	Employment		Unemployment					
			Total	Agricultural		Non-agricultural				
Thousands of persons 16 years of age and over										
Percent										
2000 ^{5 6}	212,577	142,583	136,891	2,464	134,427	5,692	69,994	67.1	64.4	4.0
2001	215,092	143,734	136,933	2,299	134,635	6,801	71,359	66.8	63.7	4.7
2002	217,570	144,863	136,485	2,311	134,174	8,378	72,707	66.6	62.7	5.8
2003 ⁵	221,168	146,510	137,736	2,275	135,461	8,774	74,658	66.2	62.3	6.0
2004 ⁵	223,357	147,401	139,252	2,232	137,020	8,149	75,956	66.0	62.3	5.5
2005 ⁵	226,082	149,320	141,730	2,197	139,532	7,591	76,762	66.0	62.7	5.1
2002: Jan	216,506	143,883	135,698	2,385	133,230	8,184	72,623	66.5	62.7	5.7
Feb	216,663	144,663	136,442	2,397	134,126	8,221	72,000	66.8	63.0	5.7
Mar	216,823	144,485	136,195	2,369	133,816	8,290	72,338	66.6	62.8	5.7
Apr	217,006	144,718	136,136	2,373	133,833	8,582	72,287	66.7	62.7	5.9
May	217,198	144,933	136,546	2,263	134,277	8,387	72,265	66.7	62.9	5.8
June	217,407	144,803	136,415	2,170	134,153	8,388	72,605	66.6	62.7	5.8
July	217,630	144,803	136,410	2,336	134,082	8,392	72,827	66.5	62.7	5.8
Aug	217,866	145,007	136,695	2,132	134,584	8,311	72,859	66.6	62.7	5.7
Sept	218,107	145,562	137,305	2,284	135,108	8,257	72,545	66.7	63.0	5.7
Oct	218,340	145,313	137,001	2,440	134,587	8,312	73,027	66.6	62.7	5.7
Nov	218,548	145,050	136,517	2,255	134,183	8,533	73,499	66.4	62.5	5.9
Dec	218,741	145,065	136,400	2,349	134,073	8,665	73,676	66.3	62.4	6.0
2003: Jan ⁵	219,897	145,937	137,424	2,343	135,032	8,513	73,961	66.4	62.5	5.8
Feb ⁵	220,114	146,104	137,472	2,240	135,288	8,632	74,011	66.4	62.5	5.9
Mar	220,317	146,004	137,461	2,267	135,223	8,543	74,314	66.3	62.4	5.9
Apr	220,540	146,452	137,637	2,157	135,538	8,816	74,088	66.4	62.4	6.0
May	220,768	146,480	137,547	2,183	135,356	8,933	74,288	66.4	62.3	6.1
June	221,014	147,031	137,784	2,197	135,454	9,246	73,984	66.5	62.3	6.3
July	221,252	146,505	137,478	2,205	135,211	9,027	74,748	66.2	62.1	6.2
Aug	221,507	146,427	137,525	2,304	135,193	8,902	75,080	66.1	62.1	6.1
Sept	221,779	146,546	137,601	2,336	135,373	8,945	75,232	66.1	62.0	6.1
Oct	222,039	146,716	137,986	2,435	135,603	8,730	75,323	66.1	62.1	6.0
Nov	222,279	147,063	138,453	2,364	136,052	8,610	75,216	66.2	62.3	5.9
Dec	222,509	146,773	138,400	2,247	136,153	8,373	75,736	66.0	62.2	5.7
2004: Jan ⁵	222,161	146,817	138,472	2,211	136,205	8,345	75,344	66.1	62.3	5.7
Feb	222,357	146,681	138,495	2,227	136,294	8,186	75,675	66.0	62.3	5.6
Mar	222,550	146,849	138,452	2,189	136,291	8,397	75,701	66.0	62.2	5.7
Apr	222,757	146,800	138,659	2,250	136,420	8,140	75,957	65.9	62.2	5.5
May	222,967	147,021	138,843	2,296	136,524	8,178	75,946	65.9	62.3	5.6
June	223,196	147,427	139,181	2,251	136,816	8,247	75,768	66.1	62.4	5.6
July	223,422	147,773	139,591	2,242	137,329	8,182	75,649	66.1	62.5	5.5
Aug	223,677	147,558	139,558	2,317	137,227	8,000	76,119	66.0	62.4	5.4
Sept	223,941	147,476	139,495	2,223	137,391	7,981	76,465	65.9	62.3	5.4
Oct	224,192	147,808	139,768	2,163	137,675	8,040	76,384	65.9	62.3	5.4
Nov	224,422	148,250	140,276	2,192	138,045	7,974	76,172	66.1	62.5	5.4
Dec	224,640	148,173	140,133	2,190	137,944	8,040	76,467	66.0	62.4	5.4
2005: Jan ⁵	224,837	147,956	140,234	2,138	138,076	7,723	76,881	65.8	62.4	5.2
Feb	225,041	148,271	140,285	2,161	138,111	7,986	76,770	65.9	62.3	5.4
Mar	225,236	148,217	140,601	2,199	138,416	7,616	77,019	65.8	62.4	5.1
Apr	225,441	148,839	141,196	2,253	138,926	7,644	76,601	66.0	62.6	5.1
May	225,670	149,201	141,571	2,216	139,322	7,629	76,469	66.1	62.7	5.1
June	225,911	149,243	141,750	2,321	139,333	7,493	76,668	66.1	62.7	5.0
July	226,153	149,605	142,111	2,332	139,772	7,494	76,548	66.2	62.8	5.0
Aug	226,421	149,792	142,425	2,157	140,294	7,367	76,629	66.2	62.9	4.9
Sept	226,693	150,083	142,435	2,140	140,421	7,648	76,610	66.2	62.8	5.1
Oct	226,959	150,043	142,625	2,126	140,577	7,418	76,916	66.1	62.8	4.9
Nov	227,204	150,183	142,611	2,154	140,427	7,572	77,021	66.1	62.8	5.0
Dec	227,425	150,153	142,779	2,130	140,638	7,375	77,271	66.0	62.8	4.9

⁵Not strictly comparable with earlier data due to population adjustments or other changes. See *Employment and Earnings* for details on breaks in series.⁶Beginning in 2000, data for agricultural employment are for agricultural and related industries; data for this series and for non-agricultural employment are not strictly comparable with data for earlier years. Because of independent seasonal adjustment for these two series, monthly data will not add to total civilian employment.Note.—Labor force data in Tables B-35 through B-44 are based on household interviews and relate to the calendar week including the 12th of the month. For definitions of terms, area samples used, historical comparability of the data, comparability with other series, etc., see *Employment and Earnings*.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.