

Labor Force Statistics from the Current Population Survey



HOUSEHOLD DATA HISTORICAL

A-1. Employment status of the civilian noninstitutional population 16 years and over, 1986 to date

[Numbers in thousands]

Year and month	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force						Not in labor force
		Number	Percent of population	Employed		Unemployed		
				Number	Percent of population	Number	Percent of labor force	
1986	180,587	117,834	65.3	109,597	60.7	8,237	7.0	62,752
1987	182,753	119,865	65.6	112,440	61.5	7,425	6.2	62,888
1988	184,613	121,669	65.9	114,968	62.3	6,701	5.5	62,944
1989	186,393	123,869	66.5	117,342	63.0	6,528	5.3	62,523
1990	189,164	125,840	66.5	118,793	62.8	7,047	5.6	63,324
1991	190,925	126,346	66.2	117,718	61.7	8,628	6.8	64,578
1992	192,805	128,105	66.4	118,492	61.5	9,613	7.5	64,700
1993	194,838	129,200	66.3	120,259	61.7	8,940	6.9	65,638
1994	196,814	131,056	66.6	123,060	62.5	7,996	6.1	65,758
1995	198,584	132,304	66.6	124,900	62.9	7,404	5.6	66,280
1996	200,591	133,943	66.8	126,708	63.2	7,236	5.4	66,647
1997	203,133	136,297	67.1	129,558	63.8	6,739	4.9	66,837
1998	205,220	137,673	67.1	131,463	64.1	6,210	4.5	67,547
1999	207,753	139,368	67.1	133,488	64.3	5,880	4.2	68,385
2000	212,577	142,583	67.1	136,891	64.4	5,692	4.0	69,994
2001	215,092	143,734	66.8	136,933	63.7	6,801	4.7	71,359
2002	217,570	144,863	66.6	136,485	62.7	8,378	5.8	72,707
2003	221,168	146,510	66.2	137,736	62.3	8,774	6.0	74,658
2004	223,357	147,401	66.0	139,252	62.3	8,149	5.5	75,956
2005	226,082	149,320	66.0	141,730	62.7	7,591	5.1	76,762
2006	228,815	151,428	66.2	144,427	63.1	7,001	4.6	77,387
2007	231,867	153,124	66.0	146,047	63.0	7,078	4.6	78,743
2008	233,788	154,287	66.0	145,362	62.2	8,924	5.8	79,501
2009	235,801	154,142	65.4	139,877	59.3	14,265	9.3	81,659
2010	237,830	153,889	64.7	139,064	58.5	14,825	9.6	83,941
2011	239,618	153,617	64.1	139,869	58.4	13,747	8.9	86,001
2012	243,284	154,975	63.7	142,469	58.6	12,506	8.1	88,310
2013	245,679	155,389	63.2	143,929	58.6	11,460	7.4	90,290
2014	247,947	155,922	62.9	146,305	59.0	9,617	6.2	92,025
2015	250,801	157,130	62.7	148,834	59.3	8,296	5.3	93,671
2016	253,538	159,187	62.8	151,436	59.7	7,751	4.9	94,351

Footnotes

(1) The population figures are not adjusted for seasonal variation.

NOTE: Revisions to population controls and other changes can affect the comparability of labor force levels over time. In recent years, updated population controls have been introduced annually with the release of January data. Additional information is online at <https://www.bls.gov/cps/documentation.htm#pop>.

Year and month	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force						Not in labor force
		Number	Percent of population	Employed		Unemployed		
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2017	255,079	160,320	62.9	153,337	60.1	6,982	4.4	94,759
2018	257,791	162,075	62.9	155,761	60.4	6,314	3.9	95,716
2019	259,175	163,539	63.1	157,538	60.8	6,001	3.7	95,636
2020	260,329	160,742	61.7	147,795	56.8	12,947	8.1	99,587
Monthly data, seasonally adjusted⁽¹⁾								
2020								
March	259,758	162,721	62.6	155,536	59.9	7,185	4.4	97,037
April	259,896	156,478	60.2	133,370	51.3	23,109	14.8	103,418
May	260,047	158,200	60.8	137,224	52.8	20,975	13.3	101,847
June	260,204	159,797	61.4	142,100	54.6	17,697	11.1	100,407
July	260,373	160,085	61.5	143,777	55.2	16,308	10.2	100,288
August	260,558	160,818	61.7	147,276	56.5	13,542	8.4	99,740
September	260,742	160,078	61.4	147,543	56.6	12,535	7.8	100,664
October	260,925	160,718	61.6	149,669	57.4	11,049	6.9	100,207
November	261,085	160,536	61.5	149,809	57.4	10,728	6.7	100,548
December	261,230	160,567	61.5	149,830	57.4	10,736	6.7	100,663
2021								
January	260,851	160,161	61.4	150,031	57.5	10,130	6.3	100,690
February	260,918	160,211	61.4	150,239	57.6	9,972	6.2	100,708
March	261,003	160,558	61.5	150,848	57.8	9,710	6.0	100,445
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