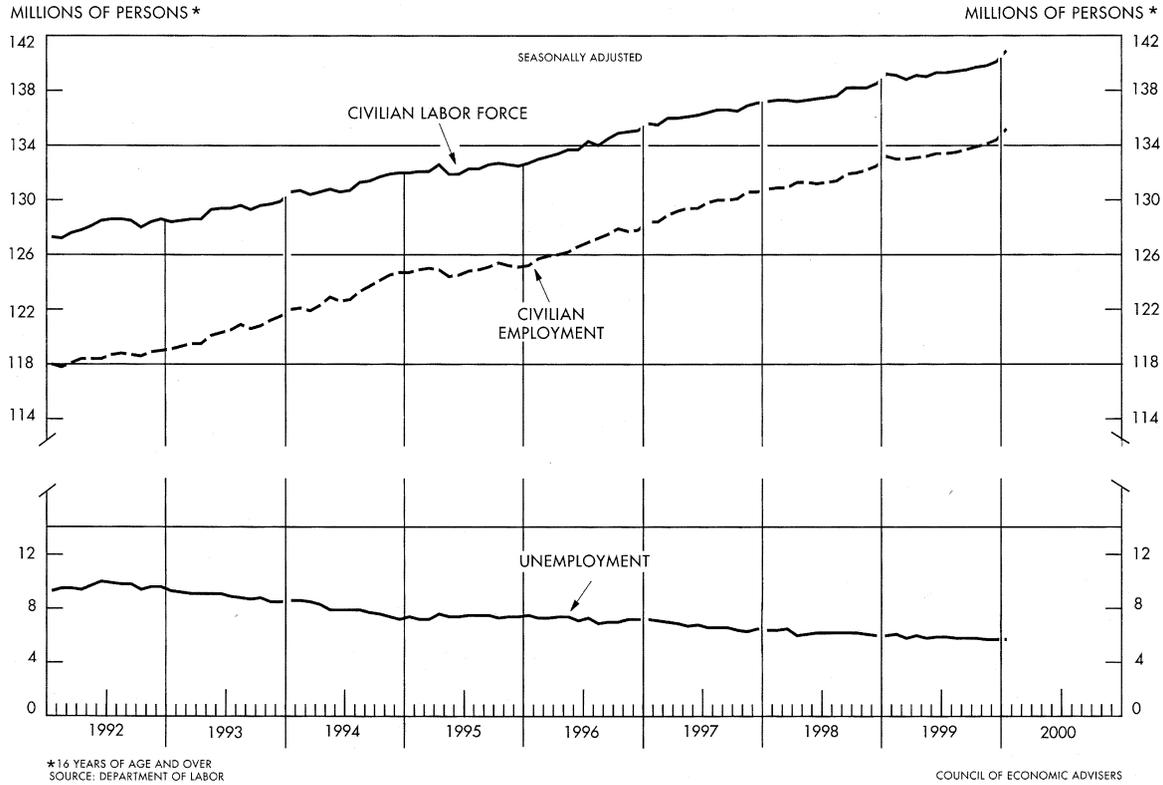


EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In January, after adjusting for revised population controls, employment rose by 918,000, and unemployment rose by 7,000. (Series revised.)



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Period	Civilian noninstitutional population NSA	Civilian labor force	Civilian employment				Unemployment			Percent ²		
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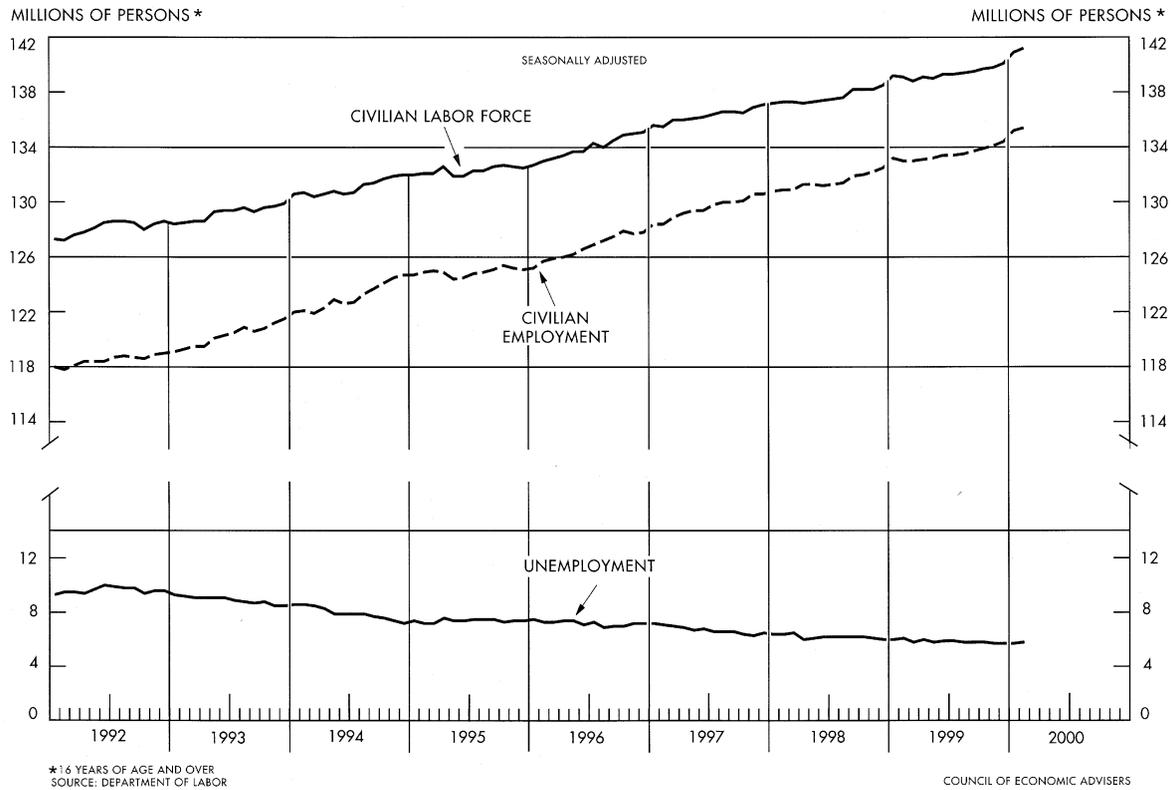
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In February, employment rose by 141,000, and unemployment rose by 115,000.



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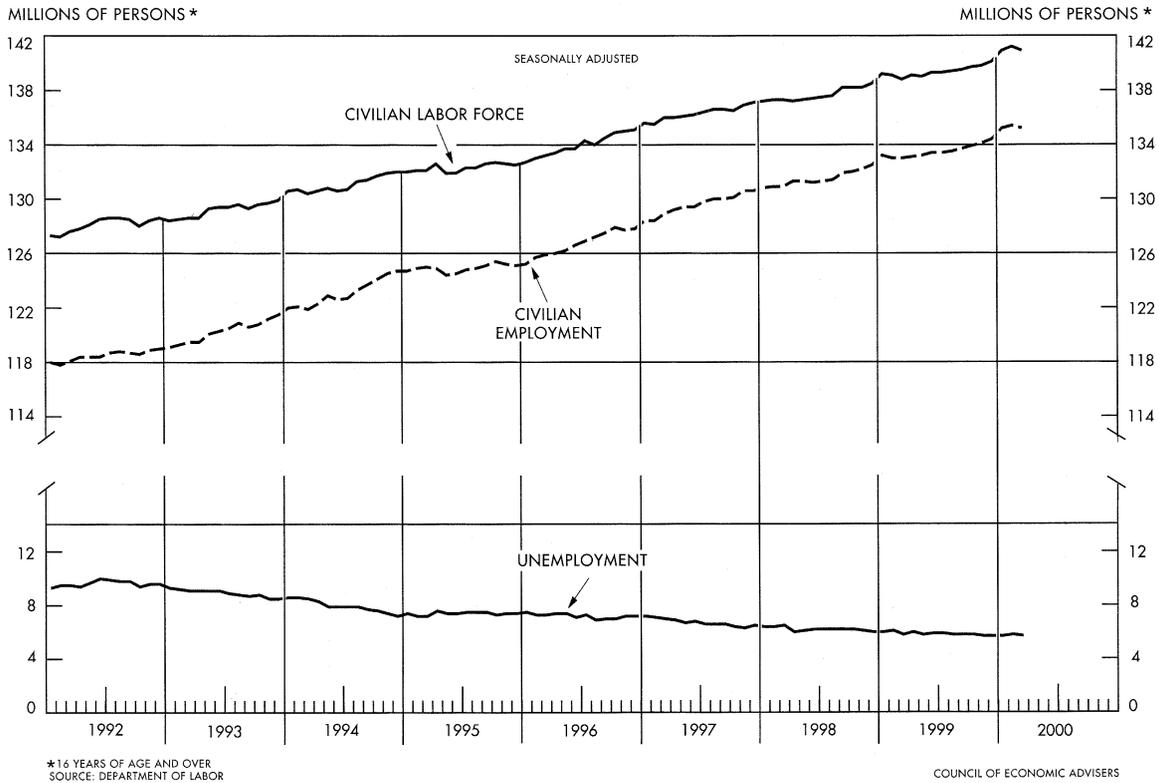
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In March, employment fell by 203,000, and unemployment fell by 96,000.



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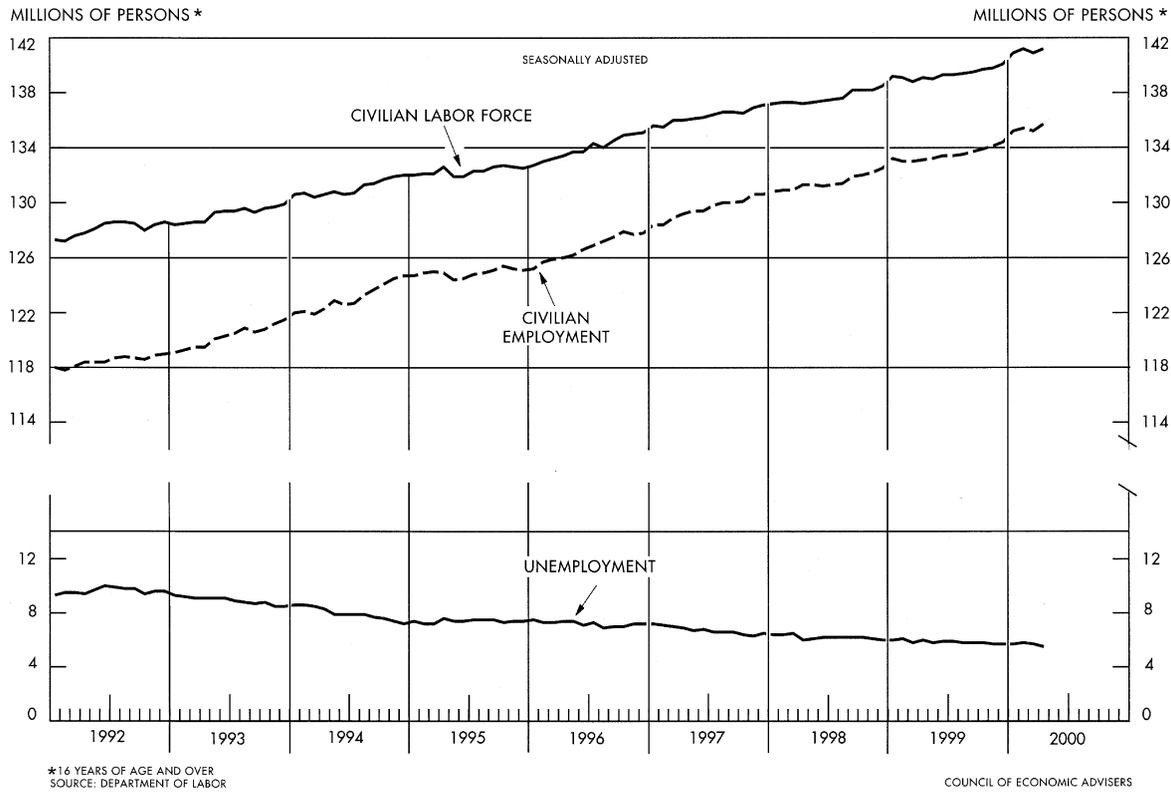
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

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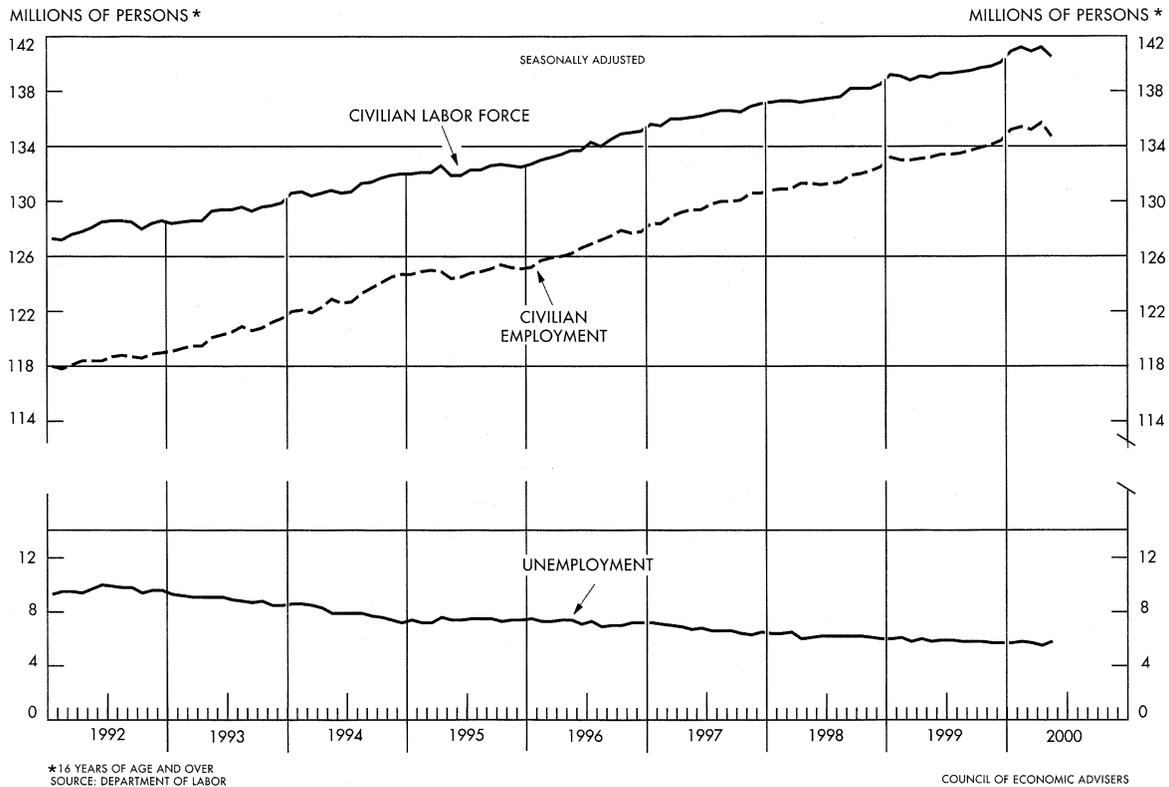
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STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

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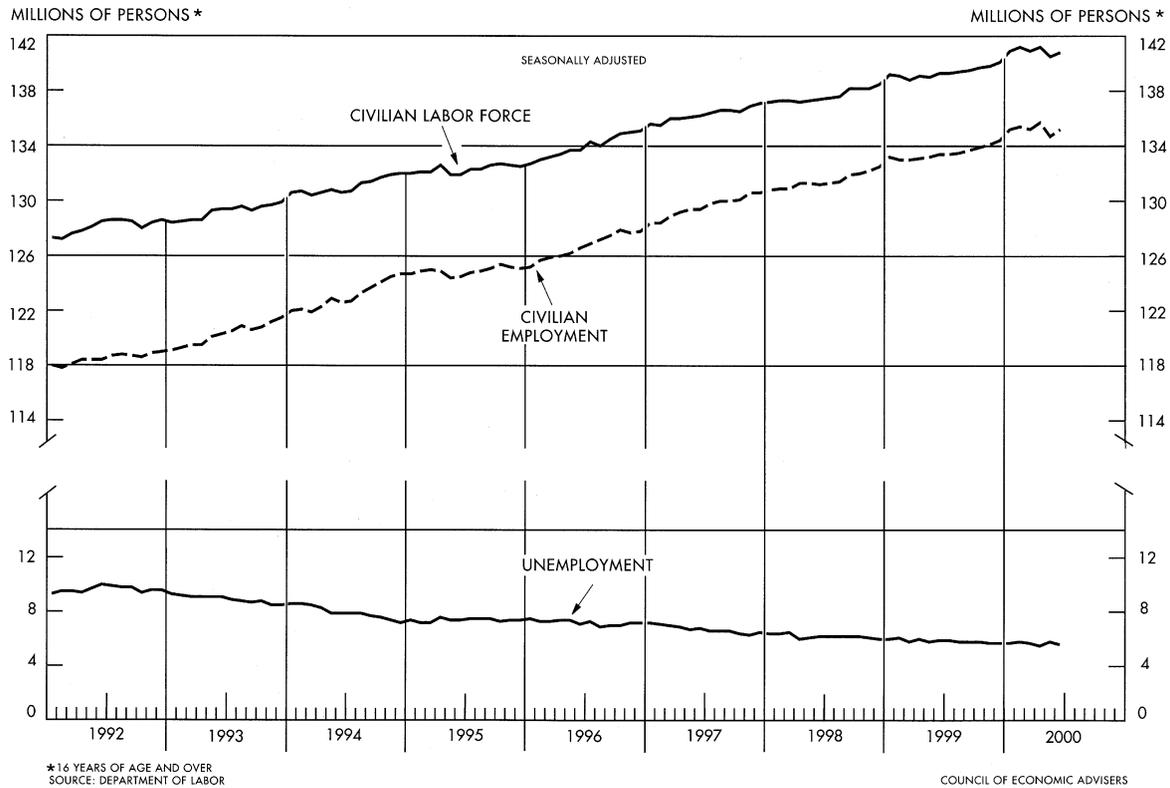
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In June, employment rose by 464,000, and unemployment fell by 191,000.



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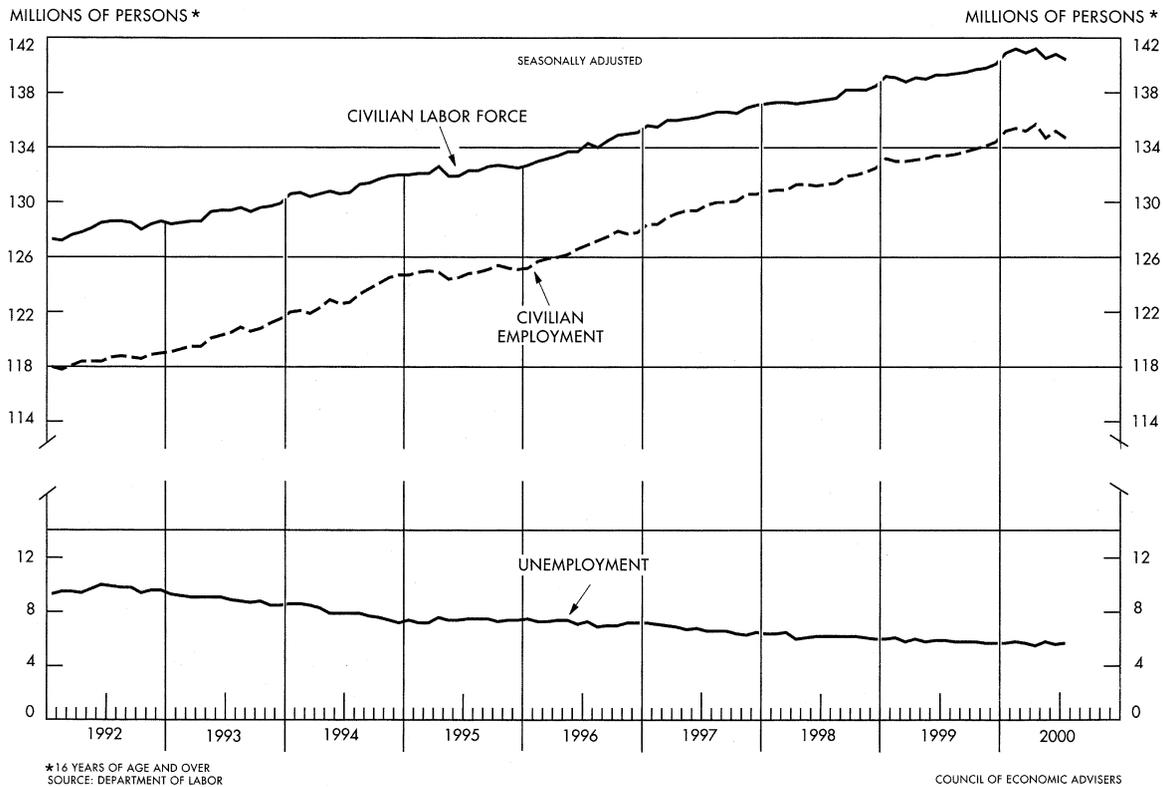
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STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In July, employment fell by 430,000, and unemployment rose by 67,000.



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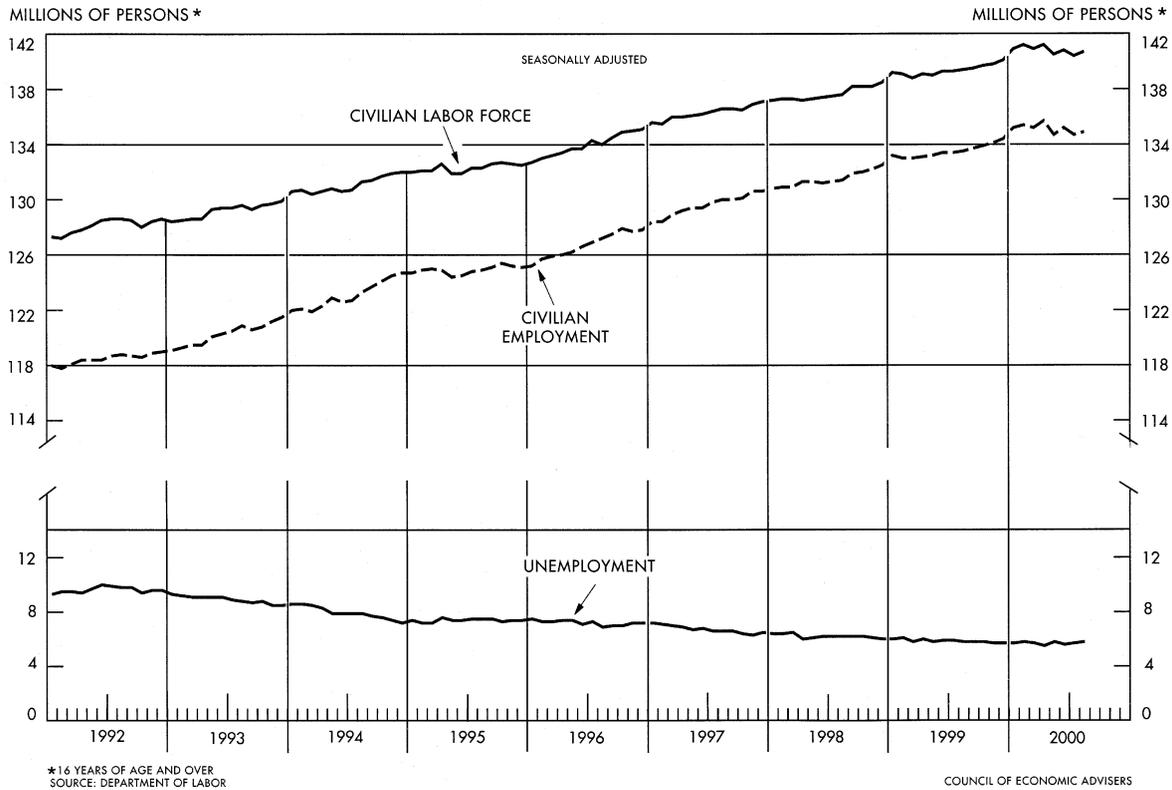
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In August, employment rose by 163,000, and unemployment rose by 179,000.



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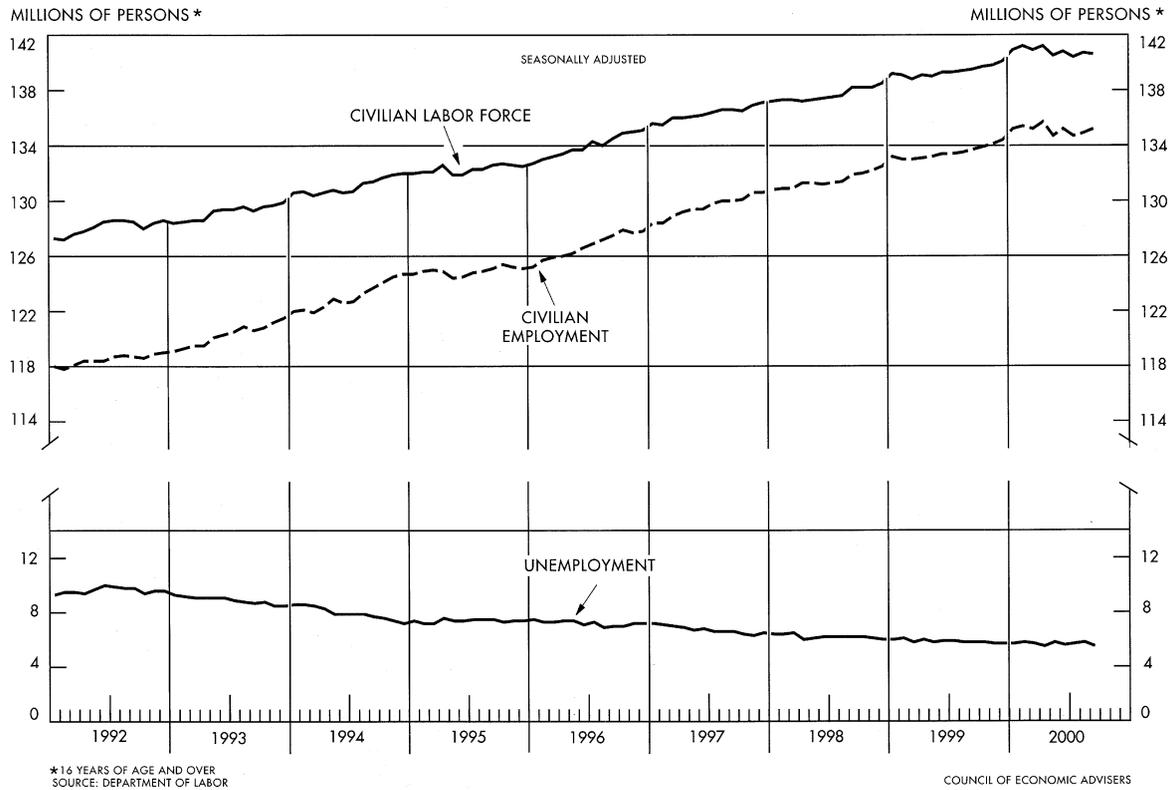
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In September, employment rose by 249,000, and unemployment fell by 352,000.



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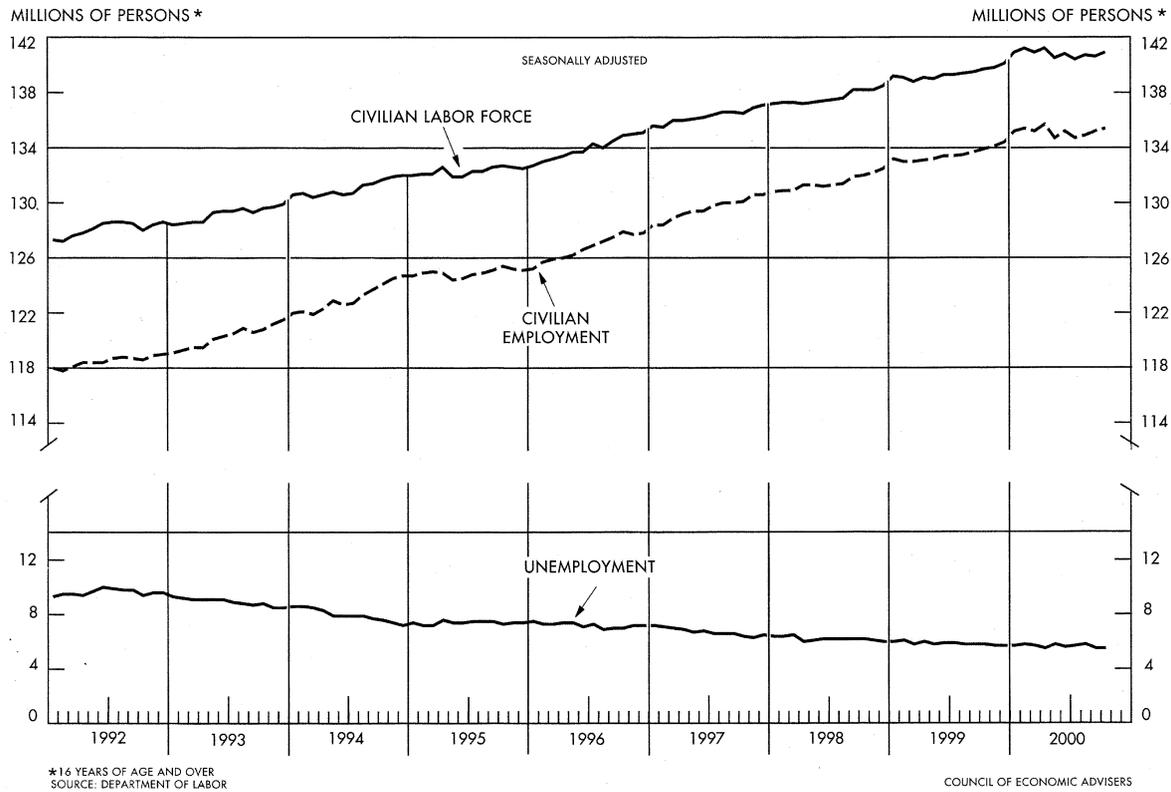
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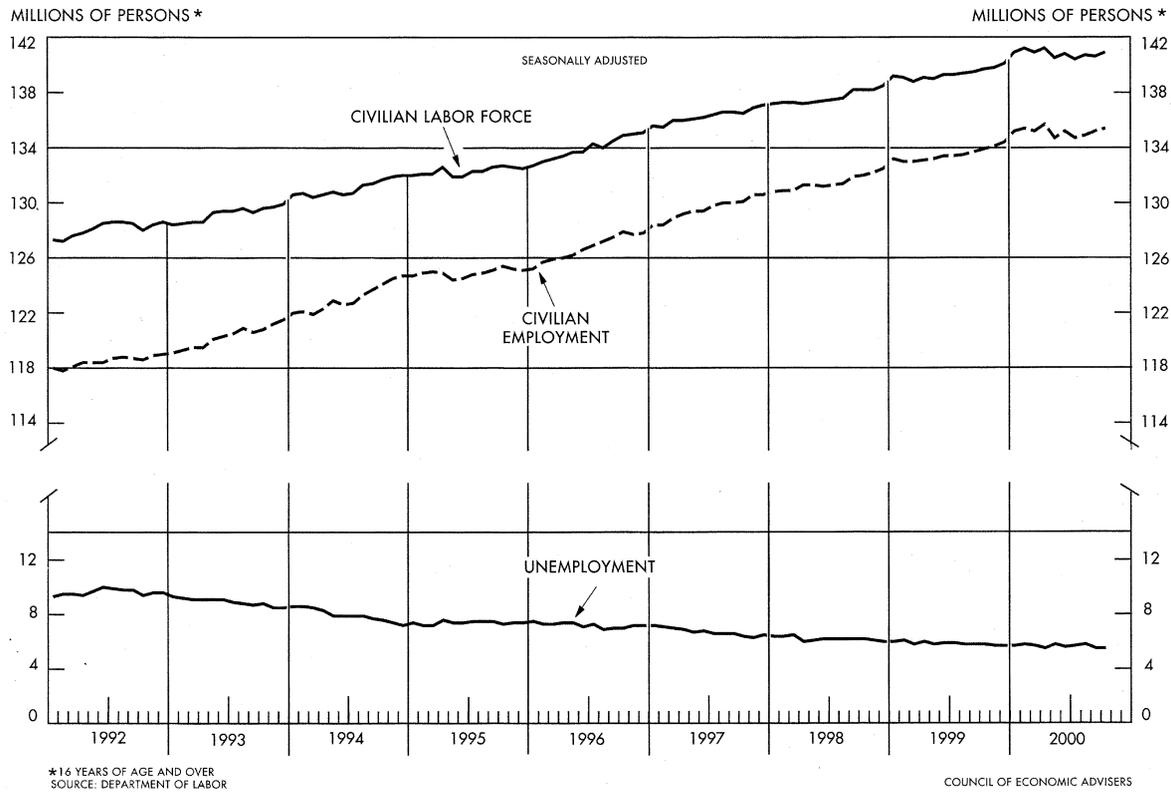
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					Total	Part time for economic reasons ¹						
1990 ³	189,164	125,840	118,793	3,223	115,570	4,950	7,047	1,525	63,324	66.5	62.8	5.6
1991	190,925	126,346	117,718	3,269	114,449	5,874	8,628	2,357	64,578	66.2	61.7	6.8
1992	192,805	128,105	118,492	3,247	115,245	6,240	9,613	3,408	64,700	66.4	61.5	7.5
1993	194,838	129,200	120,259	3,115	117,144	6,230	8,940	3,094	65,638	66.3	61.7	6.9
1994 ⁴	196,814	131,056	123,060	3,409	119,651	4,414	7,996	2,860	65,758	66.6	62.5	6.1
1995	198,584	132,304	124,900	3,440	121,460	4,279	7,404	2,363	66,280	66.6	62.9	5.6
1996	200,591	133,943	126,708	3,443	123,264	4,123	7,236	2,316	66,647	66.8	63.2	5.4
1997 ³	203,133	136,297	129,558	3,399	126,159	3,879	6,739	2,062	66,837	67.1	63.8	4.9
1998 ³	205,220	137,673	131,463	3,378	128,025	3,501	6,210	1,637	67,547	67.1	64.1	4.5
1999 ³	207,753	139,368	133,488	3,281	130,207	3,189	5,880	1,480	68,385	67.1	64.3	4.2
1999: Oct	208,483	139,697	133,940	3,238	130,702	2,983	5,757	1,434	68,786	67.0	64.2	4.1
Nov	208,666	139,834	134,098	3,310	130,788	3,105	5,736	1,401	68,832	67.0	64.3	4.1
Dec	208,832	140,108	134,420	3,279	131,141	3,157	5,688	1,388	68,724	67.1	64.4	4.1
2000: Jan ³	208,782	140,910	135,221	3,371	131,850	3,066	5,689	1,372	67,872	67.5	64.8	4.0
Feb	208,907	141,165	135,362	3,408	131,954	2,985	5,804	1,277	67,742	67.6	64.8	4.1
Mar	209,053	140,867	135,159	3,359	131,801	3,003	5,708	1,295	68,187	67.4	64.7	4.1
Apr	209,216	141,230	135,706	3,355	132,351	3,021	5,524	1,250	67,986	67.5	64.9	3.9
May	209,371	140,489	134,715	3,298	131,417	3,096	5,774	1,337	68,882	67.1	64.3	4.1
June	209,543	140,762	135,179	3,321	131,858	2,967	5,583	1,242	68,781	67.2	64.5	4.0
July	209,727	140,399	134,749	3,299	131,450	2,940	5,650	1,331	69,329	66.9	64.2	4.0
Aug	209,935	140,742	134,912	3,344	131,569	3,038	5,829	1,384	69,193	67.0	64.3	4.1
Sept	210,161	140,639	135,161	3,340	131,821	3,021	5,477	1,226	69,522	66.9	64.3	3.9
Oct	210,378	140,918	135,422	3,233	132,188	3,031	5,496	1,320	69,460	67.0	64.4	3.9

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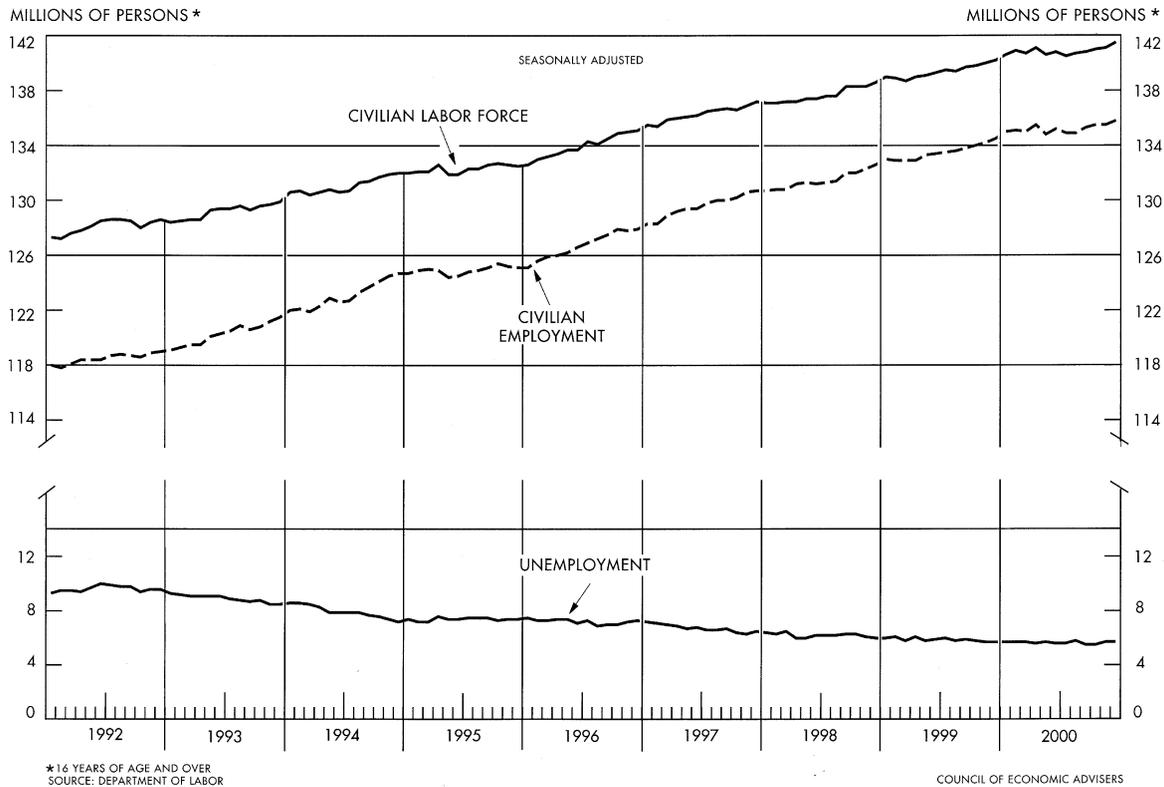
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Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In December, employment rose by 358,000, and unemployment fell by 5,000. (Series revised.)



[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			Percent ²		
			Total	Agricultural	Nonagricultural		Total	15 weeks and over	Not in labor force	Labor force participation rate	Employment/population ratio	Unemployment rate
					Total	Part time for economic reasons ¹						
1991	190,925	126,346	117,718	3,269	114,449	5,874	8,628	2,357	64,578	66.2	61.7	6.8
1992	192,805	128,105	118,492	3,247	115,245	6,240	9,613	3,408	64,700	66.4	61.5	7.5
1993	194,838	129,200	120,259	3,115	117,144	6,230	8,940	3,094	65,638	66.3	61.7	6.9
1994 ³	196,814	131,056	123,060	3,409	119,651	4,414	7,996	2,860	65,758	66.6	62.5	6.1
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1996	200,591	133,943	126,708	3,443	123,264	4,123	7,236	2,316	66,647	66.8	63.2	5.4
1997 ⁴	203,133	136,297	129,558	3,399	126,159	3,879	6,739	2,062	66,837	67.1	63.8	4.9
1998 ⁴	205,220	137,673	131,463	3,378	128,025	3,501	6,210	1,637	67,547	67.1	64.1	4.5
1999 ⁴	207,753	139,368	133,488	3,281	130,207	3,189	5,880	1,480	68,385	67.1	64.3	4.2
2000 ⁴	209,699	140,863	135,208	3,305	131,903	3,045	5,655	1,309	68,836	67.2	64.5	4.0
1999: Dec ^r	208,832	140,185	134,498	3,325	131,173	3,148	5,687	1,368	68,647	67.1	64.4	4.1
2000: Jan ^{r4}	208,782	140,645	134,976	3,356	131,620	3,048	5,669	1,364	68,137	67.4	64.6	4.0
Feb ^r	208,907	140,860	135,120	3,367	131,753	2,997	5,740	1,292	68,047	67.4	64.7	4.1
Mar ^r	209,053	140,705	135,013	3,338	131,675	3,002	5,692	1,300	68,348	67.3	64.6	4.0
Apr ^r	209,216	141,114	135,517	3,360	132,157	3,021	5,597	1,274	68,102	67.4	64.8	4.0
May ^r	209,371	140,573	134,843	3,294	131,549	3,077	5,730	1,325	68,798	67.1	64.4	4.1
June ^r	209,543	140,757	135,183	3,313	131,870	2,981	5,574	1,260	68,786	67.2	64.5	4.0
July ^r	209,727	140,546	134,898	3,295	131,603	2,972	5,648	1,319	69,181	67.0	64.3	4.0
Aug ^r	209,935	140,724	134,939	3,317	131,622	3,038	5,785	1,373	69,211	67.0	64.3	4.1
Sept ^r	210,161	140,847	135,310	3,356	131,954	3,030	5,537	1,247	69,314	67.0	64.4	3.9
Oct ^r	210,378	141,000	135,464	3,241	132,223	3,044	5,536	1,311	69,378	67.0	64.4	3.9
Nov	210,577	141,136	135,478	3,176	132,302	3,285	5,658	1,317	69,441	67.0	64.3	4.0
Dec	210,743	141,489	135,836	3,274	132,562	3,088	5,653	1,326	69,254	67.1	64.5	4.0

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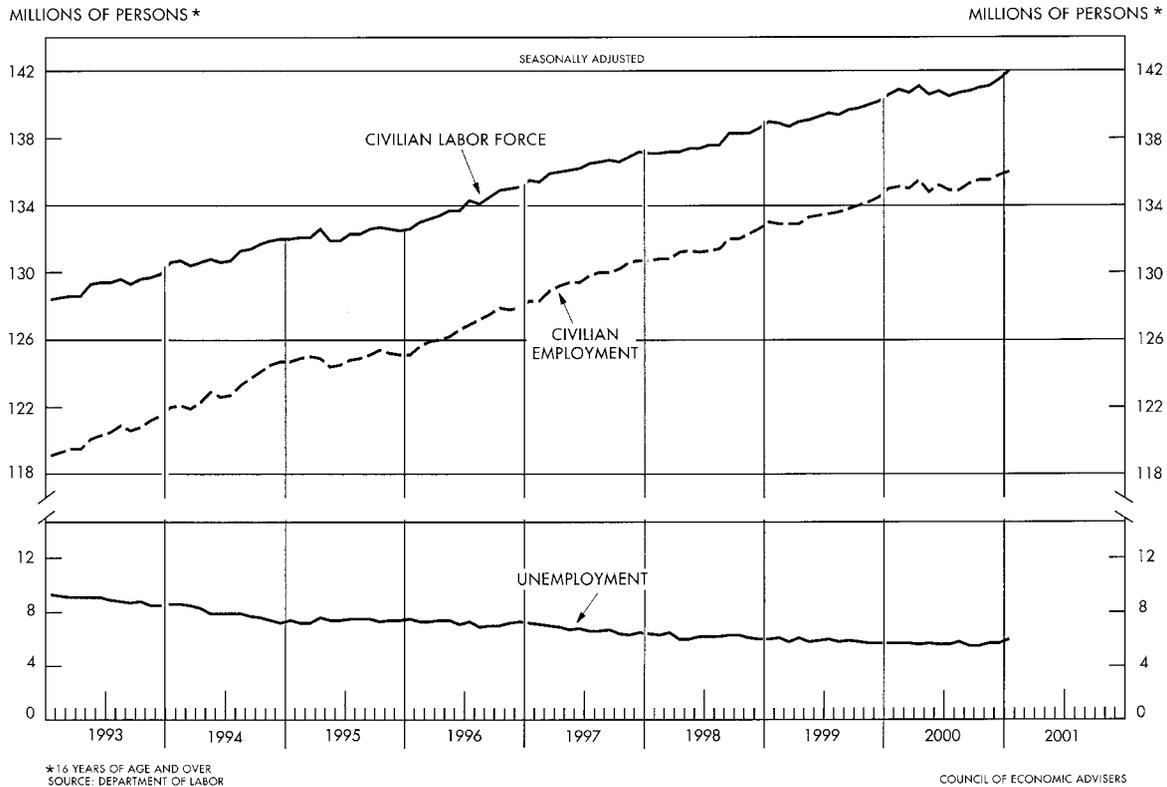
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Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In January, employment rose by 163,000, and unemployment rose by 303,000.



[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			Percent ²		
			Total	Agricultural	Nonagricultural		Total	15 weeks and over	Not in labor force	Labor force participation rate	Employment/population ratio	Unemployment rate
					Total	Part time for economic reasons ¹						
1991	190,925	126,346	117,718	3,269	114,449	5,874	8,628	2,357	64,578	66.2	61.7	6.8
1992	192,805	128,105	118,492	3,247	115,245	6,240	9,613	3,408	64,700	66.4	61.5	7.5
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1998 ⁴	205,220	137,673	131,463	3,378	128,025	3,501	6,210	1,637	67,547	67.1	64.1	4.5
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Feb	208,907	140,860	135,120	3,367	131,753	2,997	5,740	1,292	68,047	67.4	64.7	4.1
Mar	209,053	140,705	135,013	3,338	131,675	3,002	5,692	1,300	68,348	67.3	64.6	4.0
Apr	209,216	141,114	135,517	3,360	132,157	3,021	5,597	1,274	68,102	67.4	64.8	4.0
May	209,371	140,573	134,843	3,294	131,549	3,077	5,730	1,325	68,798	67.1	64.4	4.1
June	209,543	140,757	135,183	3,313	131,870	2,981	5,574	1,260	68,786	67.2	64.5	4.0
July	209,727	140,546	134,898	3,295	131,603	2,972	5,648	1,319	69,181	67.0	64.3	4.0
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Sept	210,161	140,847	135,310	3,356	131,954	3,030	5,537	1,247	69,314	67.0	64.4	3.9
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Nov	210,577	141,136	135,478	3,176	132,302	3,285	5,658	1,317	69,441	67.0	64.3	4.0
Dec	210,743	141,489	135,836	3,274	132,562	3,088	5,653	1,326	69,254	67.1	64.5	4.0
2001: Jan ⁴	210,889	141,955	135,999	3,179	132,819	3,227	5,956	1,371	68,934	67.3	64.5	4.2

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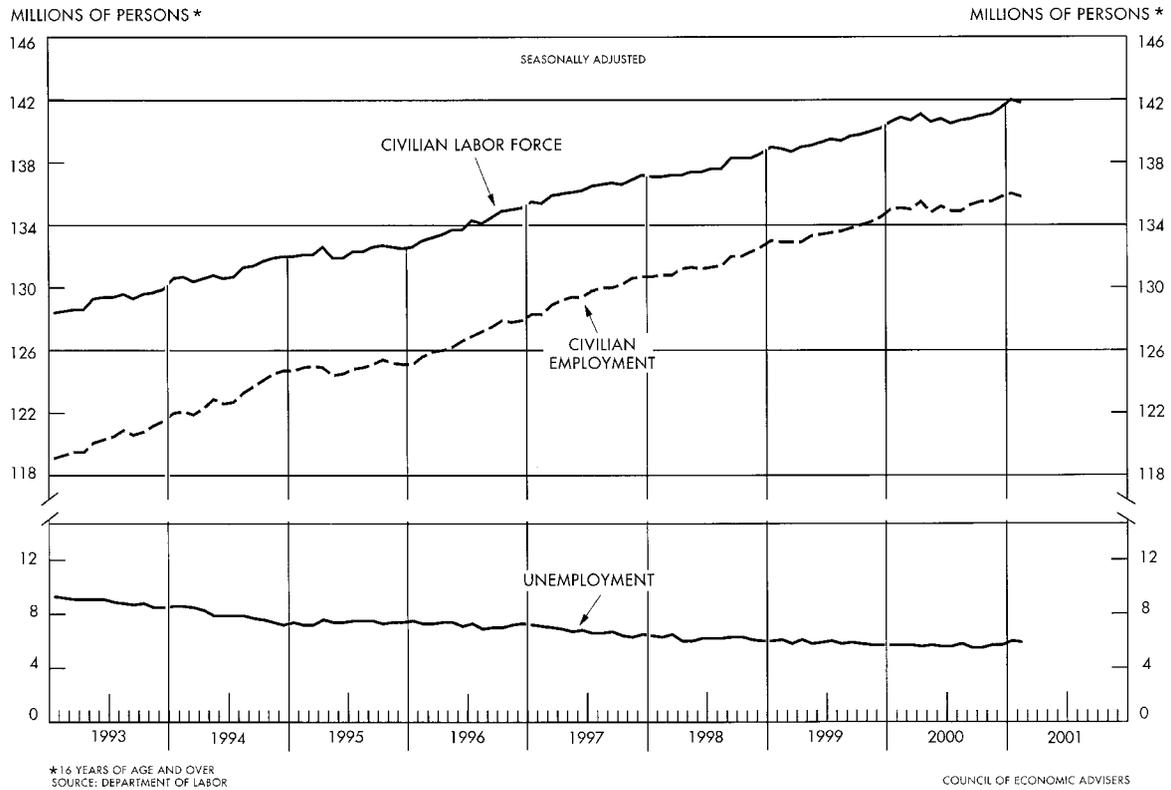
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Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In February, employment fell by 184,000, and unemployment fell by 20,000.



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Period	Civilian noninstitutional population NSA	Civilian labor force	Civilian employment				Unemployment			Percent ²		
			Total	Agricultural	Nonagricultural		Total	15 weeks and over	Not in labor force	Labor force participation rate	Employment/population ratio	Unemployment rate
					Total	Part time for economic reasons ¹						
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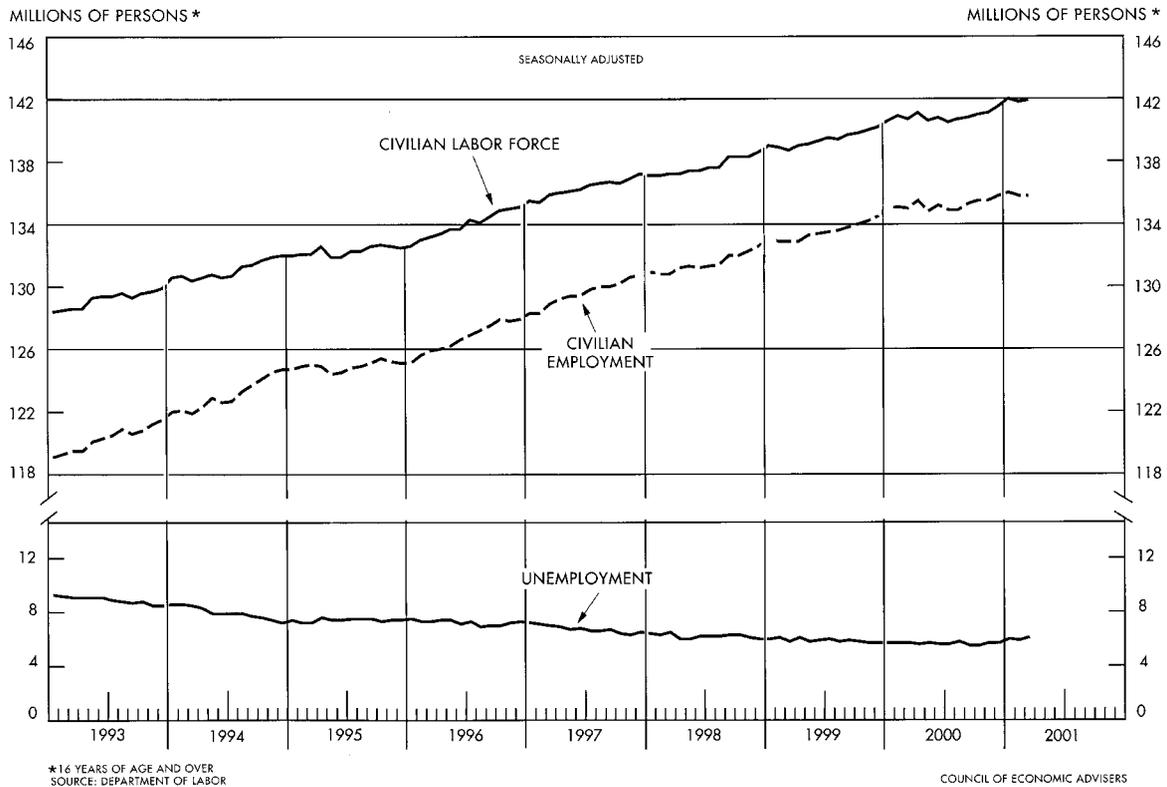
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In March, employment fell by 35,000, and unemployment rose by 152,000.



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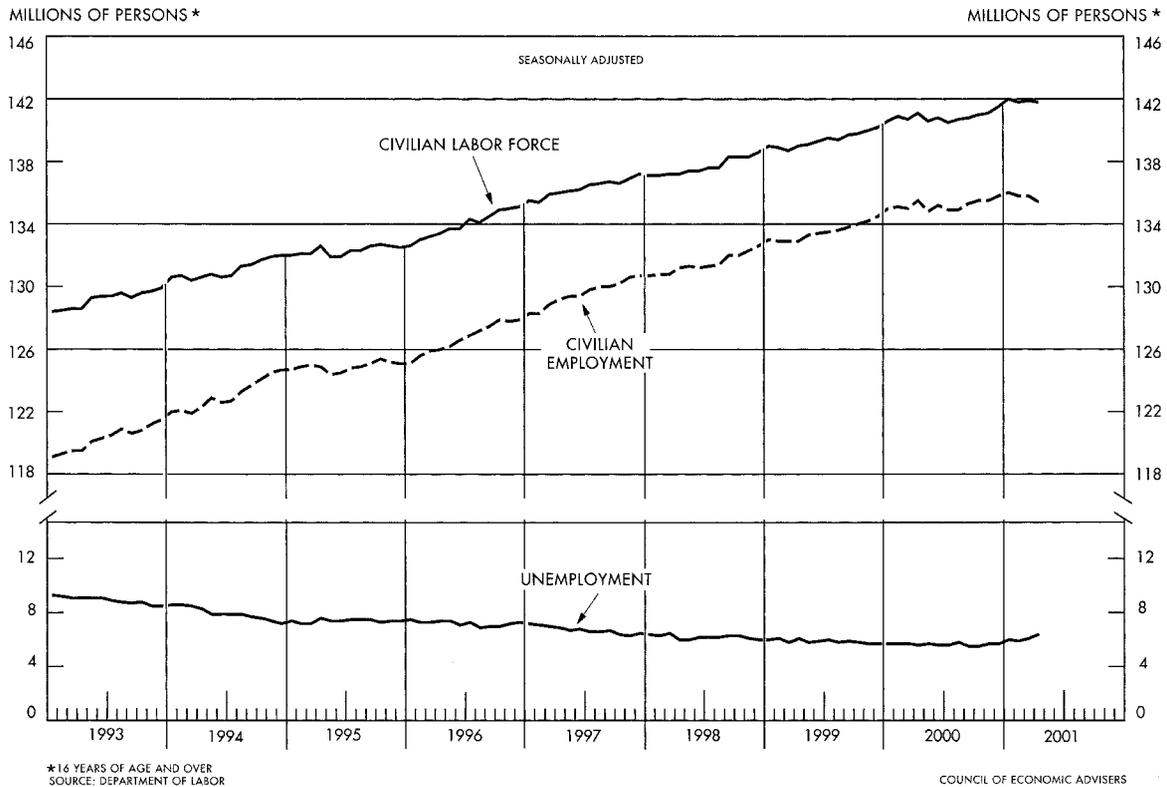
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In April, employment fell by 426,000, and unemployment rose by 314,000.



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1992	192,805	128,105	118,492	3,247	115,245	6,240	9,613	3,408	64,700	66.4	61.5	7.5
1993	194,838	129,200	120,259	3,115	117,144	6,230	8,940	3,094	65,638	66.3	61.7	6.9
1994 ³	196,814	131,056	123,060	3,409	119,651	4,414	7,996	2,860	65,758	66.6	62.5	6.1
1995	198,584	132,304	124,900	3,440	121,460	4,279	7,404	2,363	66,280	66.6	62.9	5.6
1996	200,591	133,943	126,708	3,443	123,264	4,123	7,236	2,316	66,647	66.8	63.2	5.4
1997 ⁴	203,133	136,297	129,558	3,399	126,159	3,879	6,739	2,062	66,837	67.1	63.8	4.9
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2000: Apr	209,216	141,114	135,517	3,360	132,157	3,021	5,597	1,274	68,102	67.4	64.8	4.0
May	209,371	140,573	134,843	3,294	131,549	3,077	5,730	1,325	68,798	67.1	64.4	4.1
June	209,543	140,757	135,183	3,313	131,870	2,981	5,574	1,260	68,786	67.2	64.5	4.0
July	209,727	140,546	134,898	3,295	131,603	2,972	5,648	1,319	69,181	67.0	64.3	4.0
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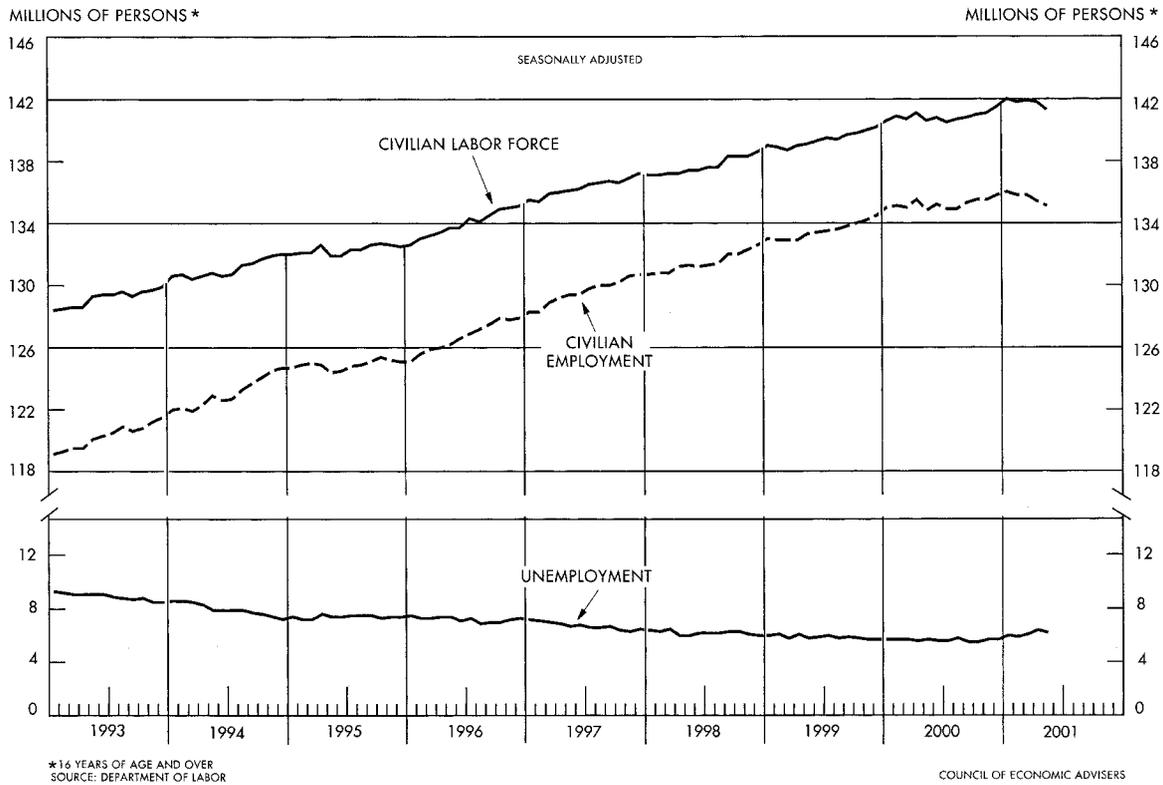
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In May, employment fell by 251,000, and unemployment fell by 233,000.



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Period	Civilian noninstitutional population NSA	Civilian labor force	Civilian employment				Unemployment			Percent ²		
			Total	Agricultural	Nonagricultural		Total	15 weeks and over	Not in labor force	Labor force participation rate	Employment/population ratio	Unemployment rate
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1991	190,925	126,346	117,718	3,269	114,449	5,874	8,628	2,357	64,578	66.2	61.7	6.8
1992	192,805	128,105	118,492	3,247	115,245	6,240	9,613	3,408	64,700	66.4	61.5	7.5
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1998 ⁴	205,220	137,673	131,463	3,378	128,025	3,501	6,210	1,637	67,547	67.1	64.1	4.5
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June	209,543	140,757	135,183	3,313	131,870	2,981	5,574	1,260	68,786	67.2	64.5	4.0
July	209,727	140,546	134,898	3,295	131,603	2,972	5,648	1,319	69,181	67.0	64.3	4.0
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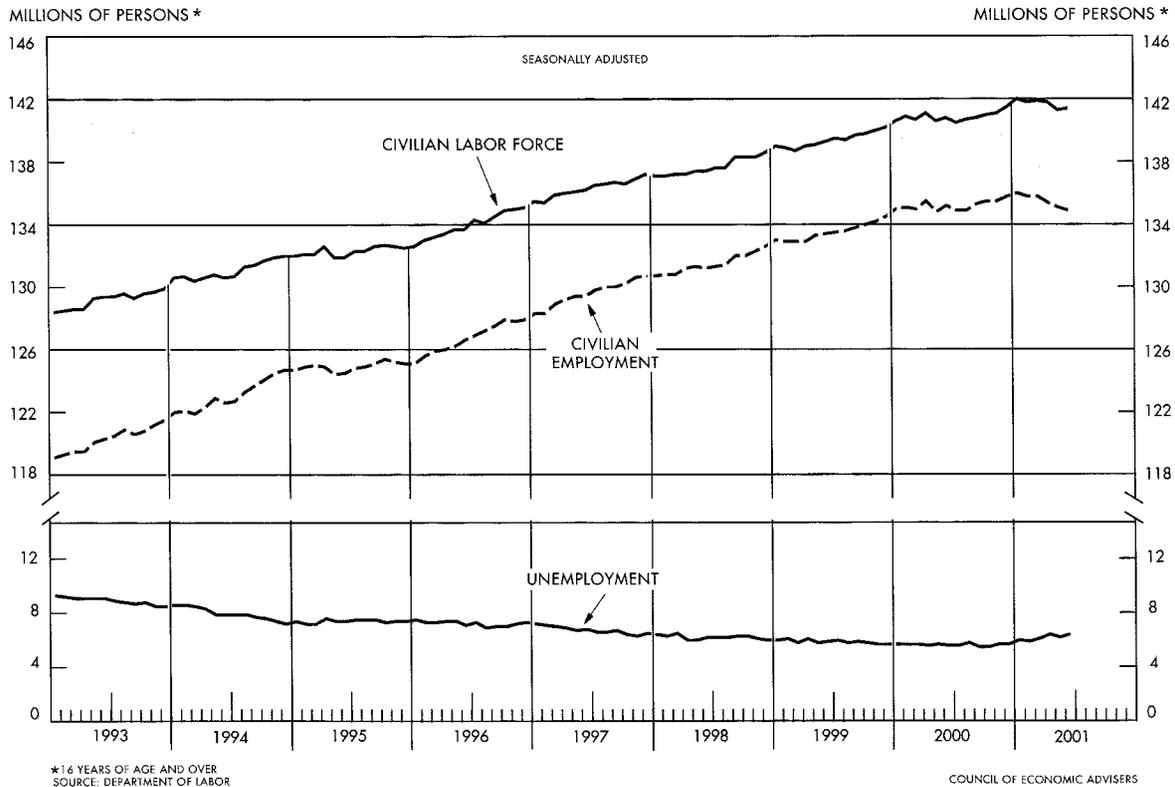
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In June, employment fell by 171,000, and unemployment rose by 253,000.



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Period	Civilian noninstitutional population NSA	Civilian labor force	Civilian employment				Unemployment			Percent ²		
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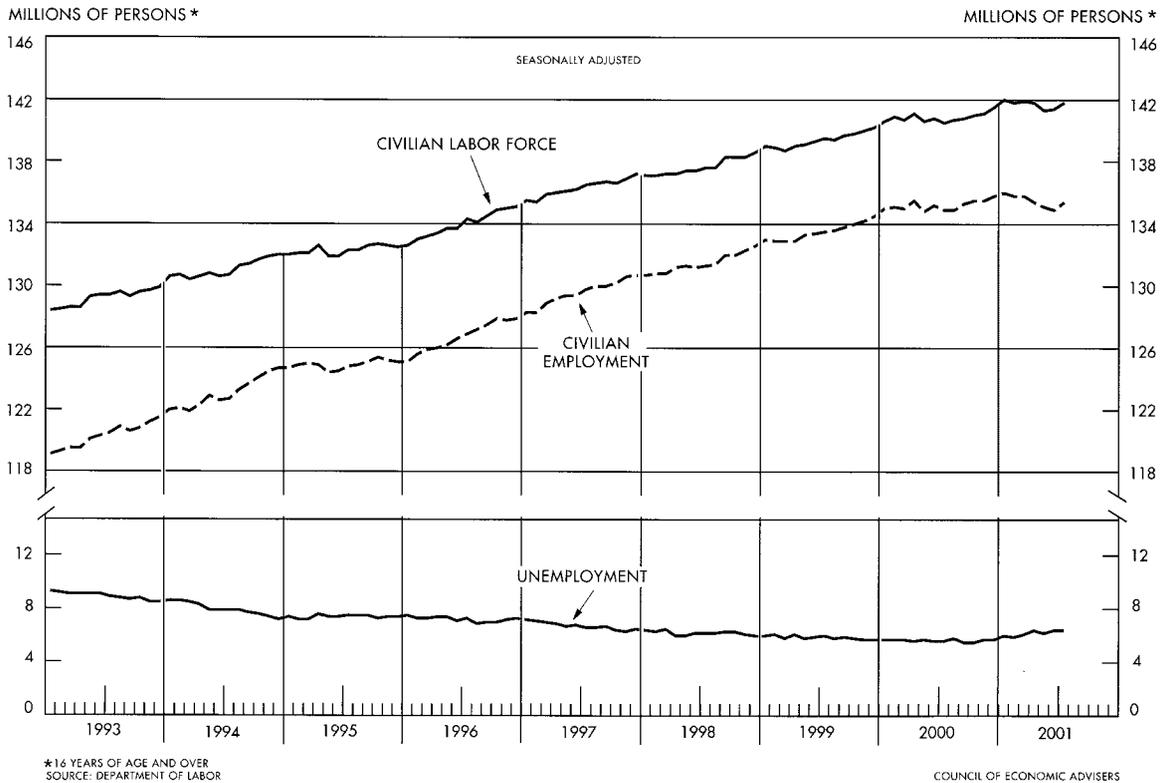
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In July, employment rose by 447,000, and unemployment fell by 27,000.



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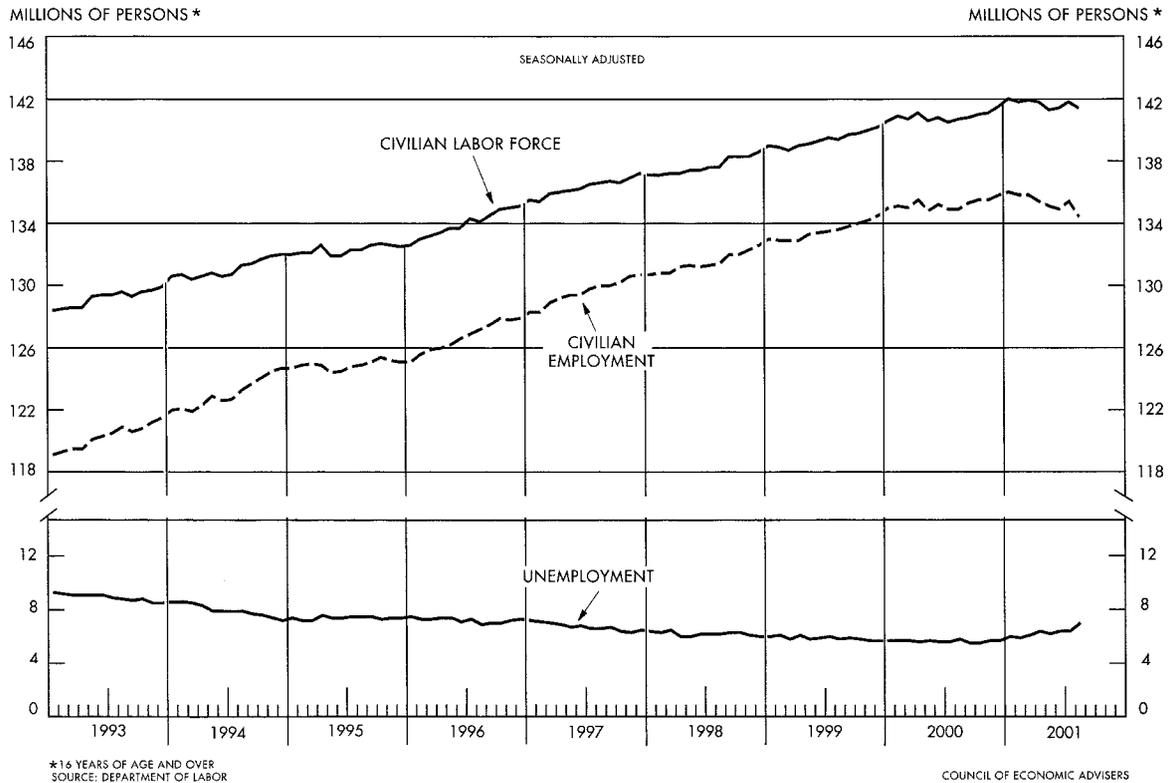
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In August, employment fell by 986,000, and unemployment rose by 562,000.



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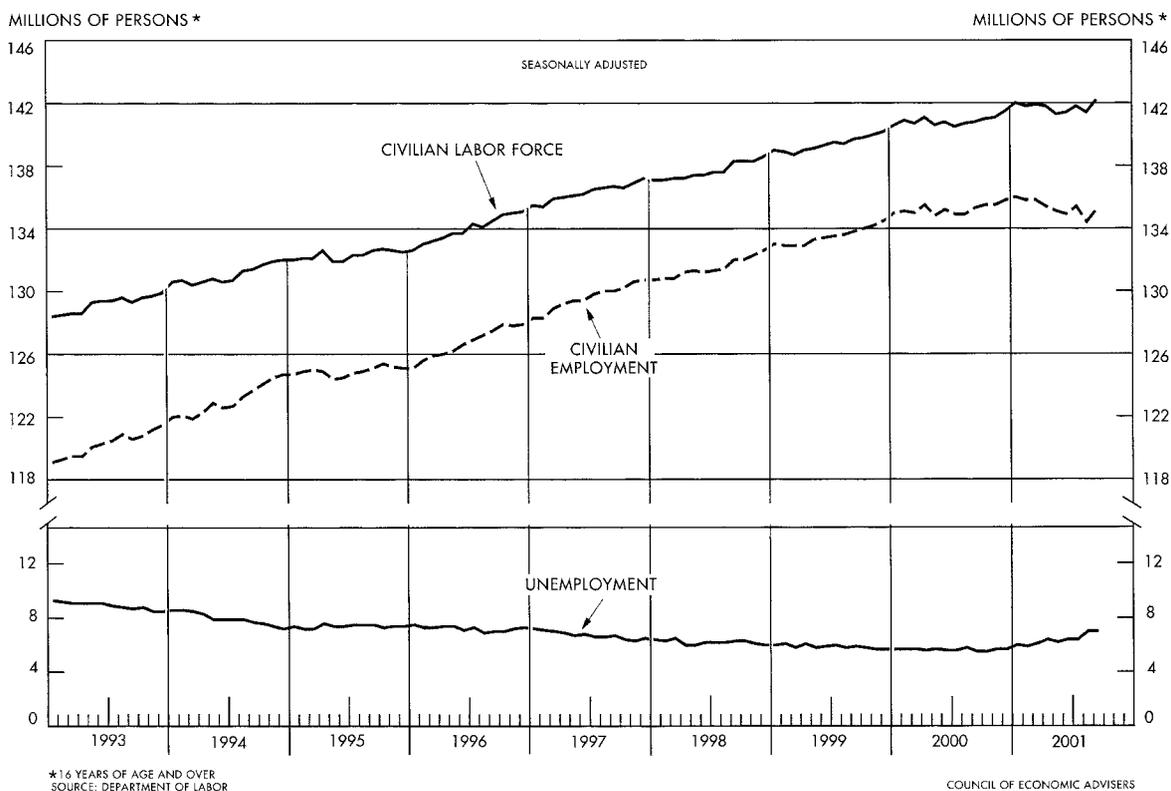
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STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In September, employment rose by 788,000, and unemployment rose by 52,000.



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1994 ³	196,814	131,056	123,060	3,409	119,651	4,414	7,996	2,860	65,758	66.6	62.5	6.1
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1996	200,591	133,943	126,708	3,443	123,264	4,123	7,236	2,316	66,647	66.8	63.2	5.4
1997 ⁴	203,133	136,297	129,558	3,399	126,159	3,879	6,739	2,062	66,837	67.1	63.8	4.9
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Dec	210,743	141,489	135,836	3,274	132,562	3,088	5,653	1,326	69,254	67.1	64.5	4.0
2001: Jan ⁴	210,889	141,955	135,999	3,179	132,819	3,227	5,956	1,371	68,934	67.3	64.5	4.2
Feb	211,026	141,751	135,815	3,135	132,680	3,143	5,936	1,490	69,275	67.2	64.4	4.2
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May	211,525	141,272	135,103	3,193	131,910	3,197	6,169	1,484	70,254	66.8	63.9	4.4
June	211,725	141,354	134,932	2,995	131,937	3,532	6,422	1,540	70,370	66.8	63.7	4.5
July	211,921	141,774	135,379	3,045	132,334	3,336	6,395	1,587	70,147	66.9	63.9	4.5
Aug	212,135	141,350	134,393	3,117	131,276	3,196	6,957	1,817	70,785	66.6	63.4	4.9
Sept	212,357	142,190	135,181	3,220	131,961	4,045	7,009	1,884	70,167	67.0	63.7	4.9

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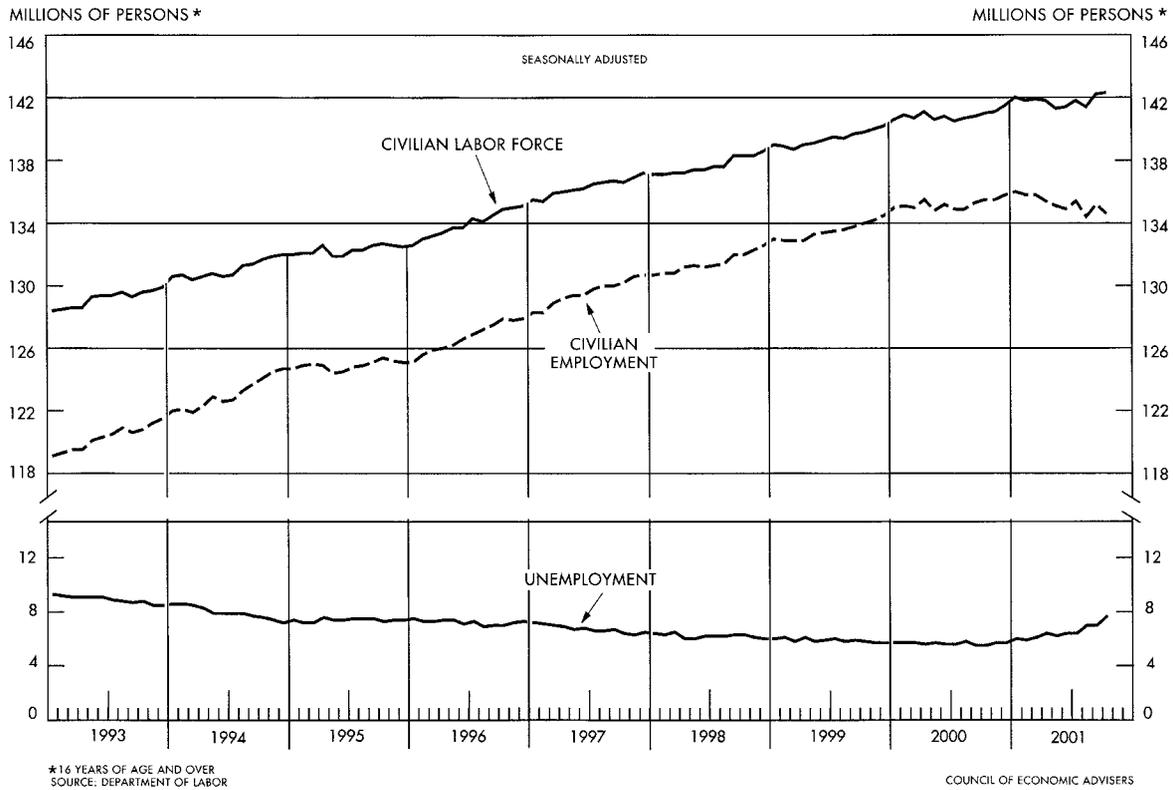
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Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In October, employment fell by 619,000, and unemployment rose by 732,000.



[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			Percent ²		
			Total	Agricultural	Nonagricultural		Total	15 weeks and over	Not in labor force	Labor force participation rate	Employment/population ratio	Unemployment rate
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1991	190,925	126,346	117,718	3,269	114,449	5,874	8,628	2,357	64,578	66.2	61.7	6.8
1992	192,805	128,105	118,492	3,247	115,245	6,240	9,613	3,408	64,700	66.4	61.5	7.5
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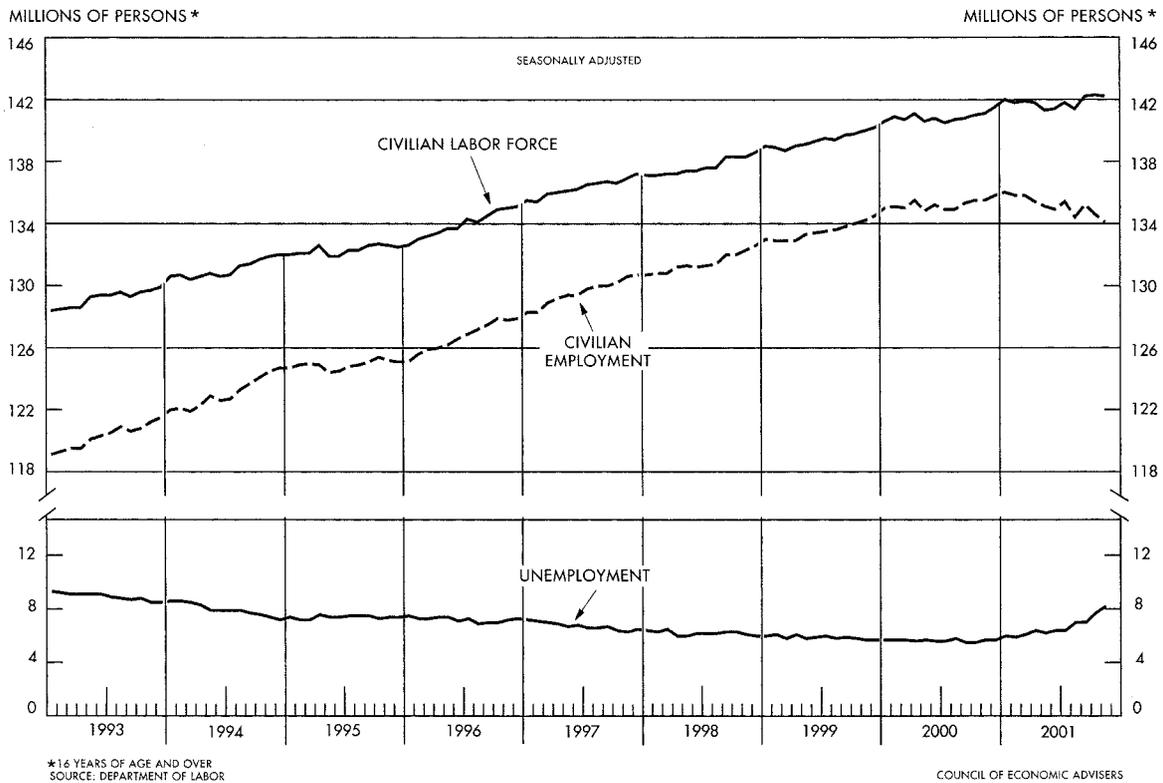
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In November, employment fell by 478,000, and unemployment rose by 419,000.



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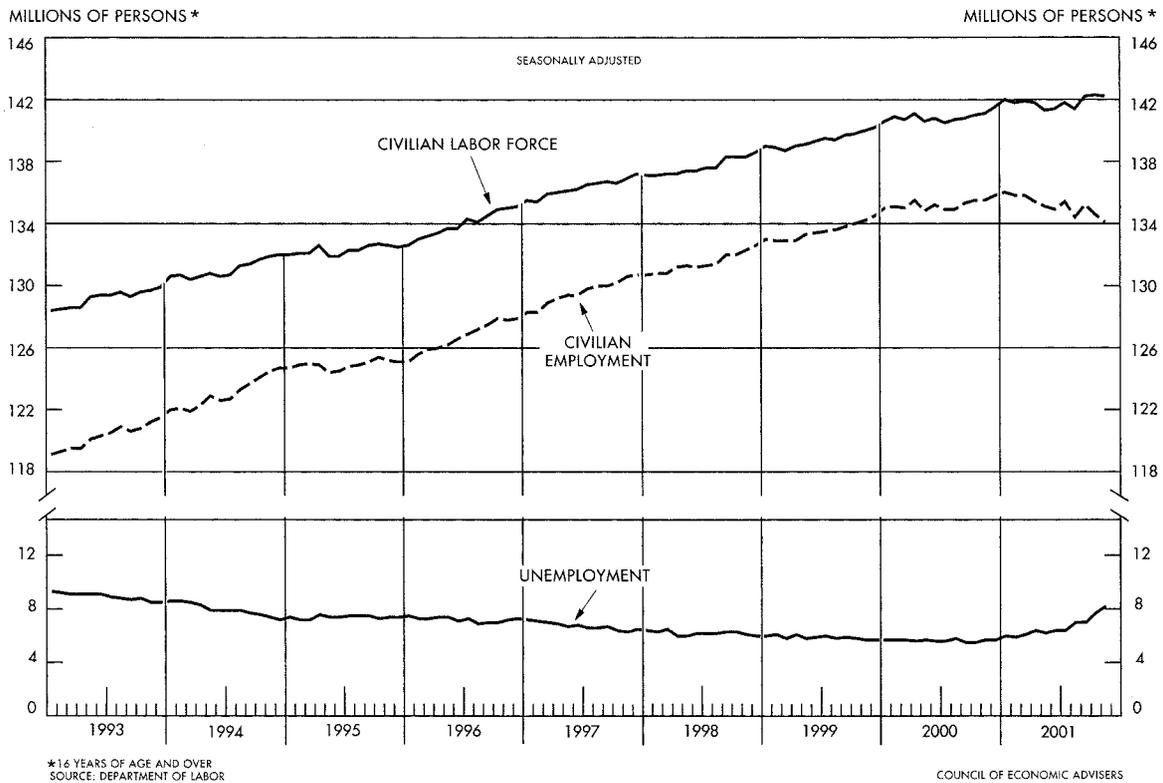
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

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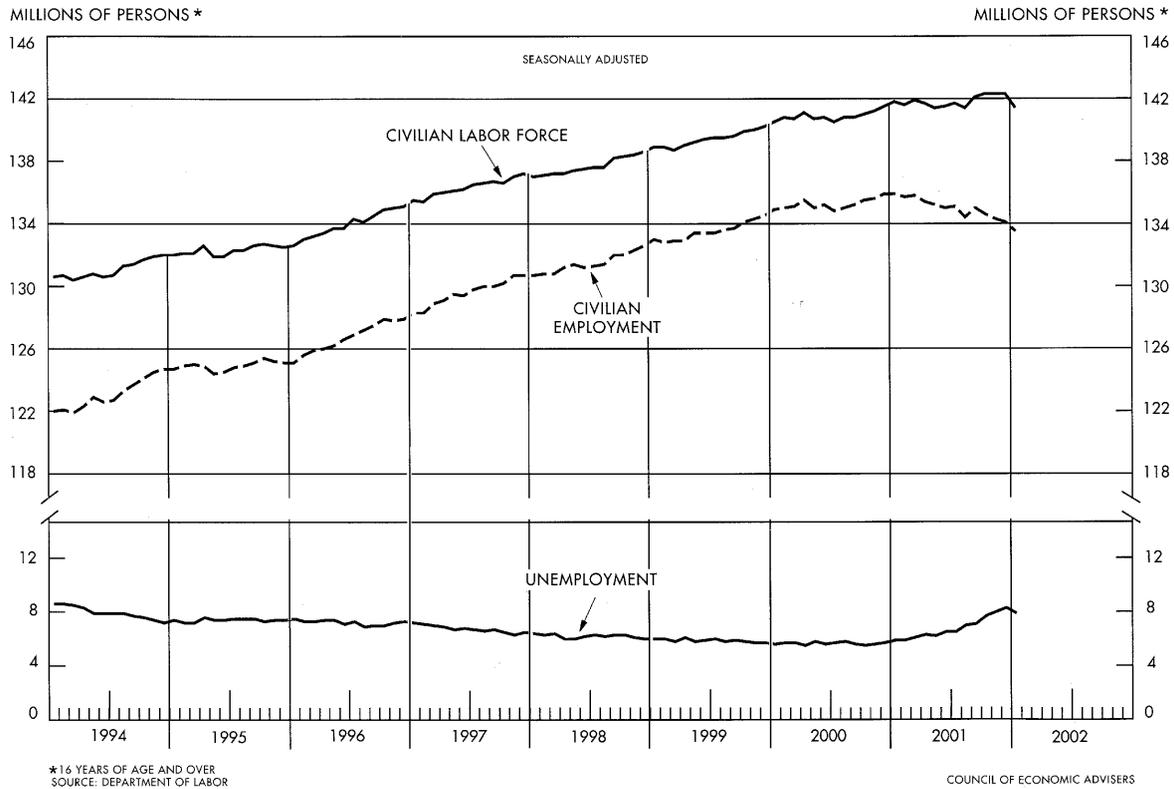
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In January, employment fell by 587,000, and unemployment fell by 337,000. (Series revised.)



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Period	Civilian noninstitutional population NSA	Civilian labor force	Civilian employment				Unemployment			Percent ²		
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2001	211,864	141,815	135,073	3,144	131,929	3,529	6,742	1,746	70,050	66.9	63.8	4.8
2001: Jan ^r	210,889	141,757	135,870	3,169	132,701	3,172	5,887	1,357	69,132	67.2	64.4	4.2
Feb ^r	211,026	141,622	135,734	3,133	132,601	3,137	5,888	1,466	69,404	67.1	64.3	4.2
Mar ^r	211,171	141,869	135,808	3,163	132,645	3,064	6,061	1,510	69,302	67.2	64.3	4.3
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May ^r	211,525	141,445	135,235	3,193	132,042	3,231	6,210	1,503	70,080	66.9	63.9	4.4
June ^r	211,725	141,468	135,003	3,044	131,959	3,556	6,465	1,571	70,257	66.8	63.8	4.6
July ^r	211,921	141,651	135,106	3,055	132,051	3,425	6,545	1,630	70,270	66.8	63.8	4.6
Aug ^r	212,135	141,380	134,408	3,126	131,282	3,246	6,972	1,798	70,755	66.6	63.4	4.9
Sept ^r	212,357	142,068	135,004	3,181	131,823	4,015	7,064	1,907	70,289	66.9	63.6	5.0
Oct ^r	212,581	142,280	134,615	3,203	131,412	4,222	7,665	2,042	70,301	66.9	63.3	5.4
Nov ^r	212,767	142,279	134,253	3,154	131,099	4,017	8,026	2,317	70,488	66.9	63.1	5.6
Dec	212,927	142,314	134,055	3,246	130,809	4,119	8,259	2,410	70,613	66.8	63.0	5.8
2002: Jan	213,089	141,390	133,468	3,273	130,195	3,781	7,922	2,546	71,699	66.4	62.6	5.6

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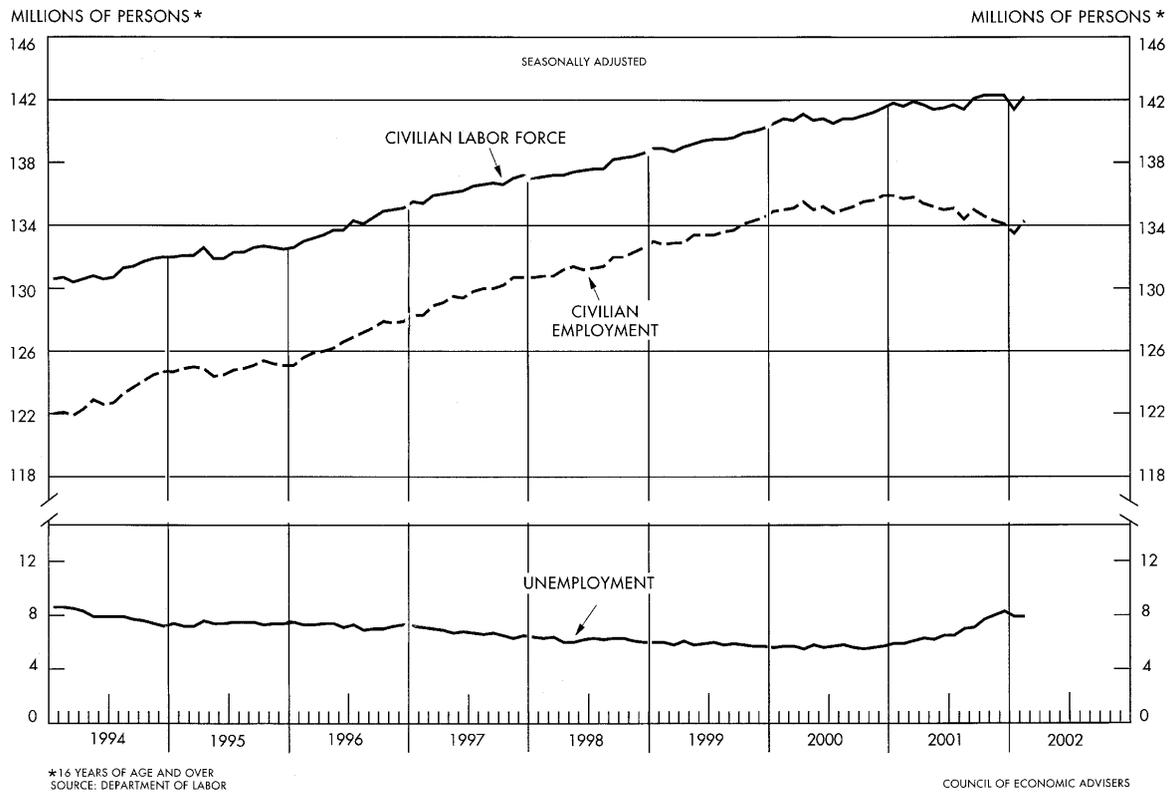
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In February, employment rose by 851,000, and unemployment fell by 31,000.



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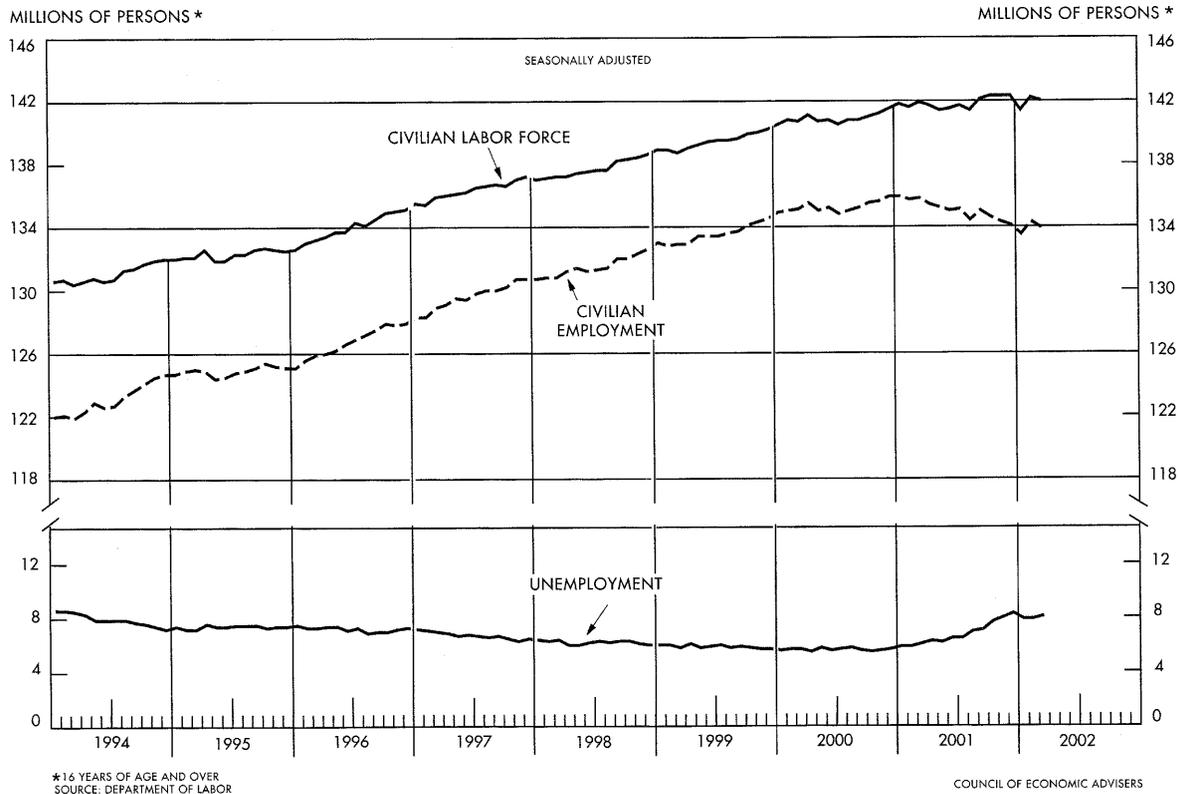
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In March, employment fell by 425,000, and unemployment rose by 220,000.



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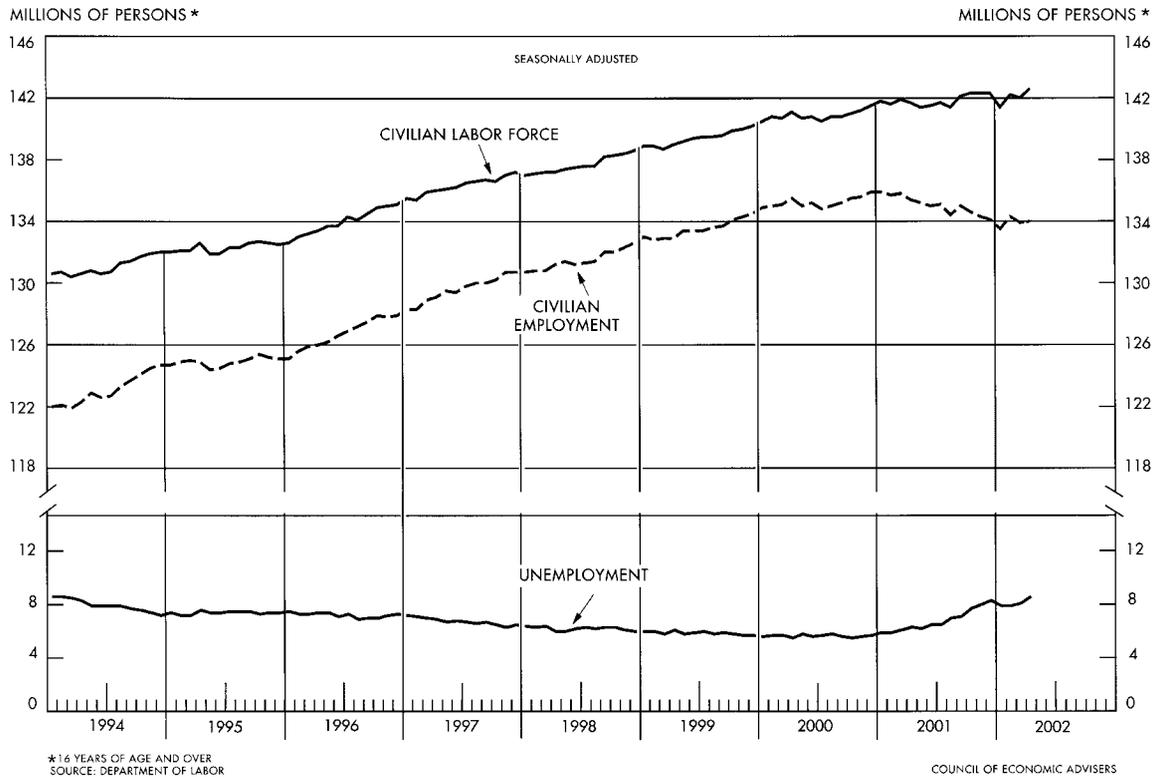
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

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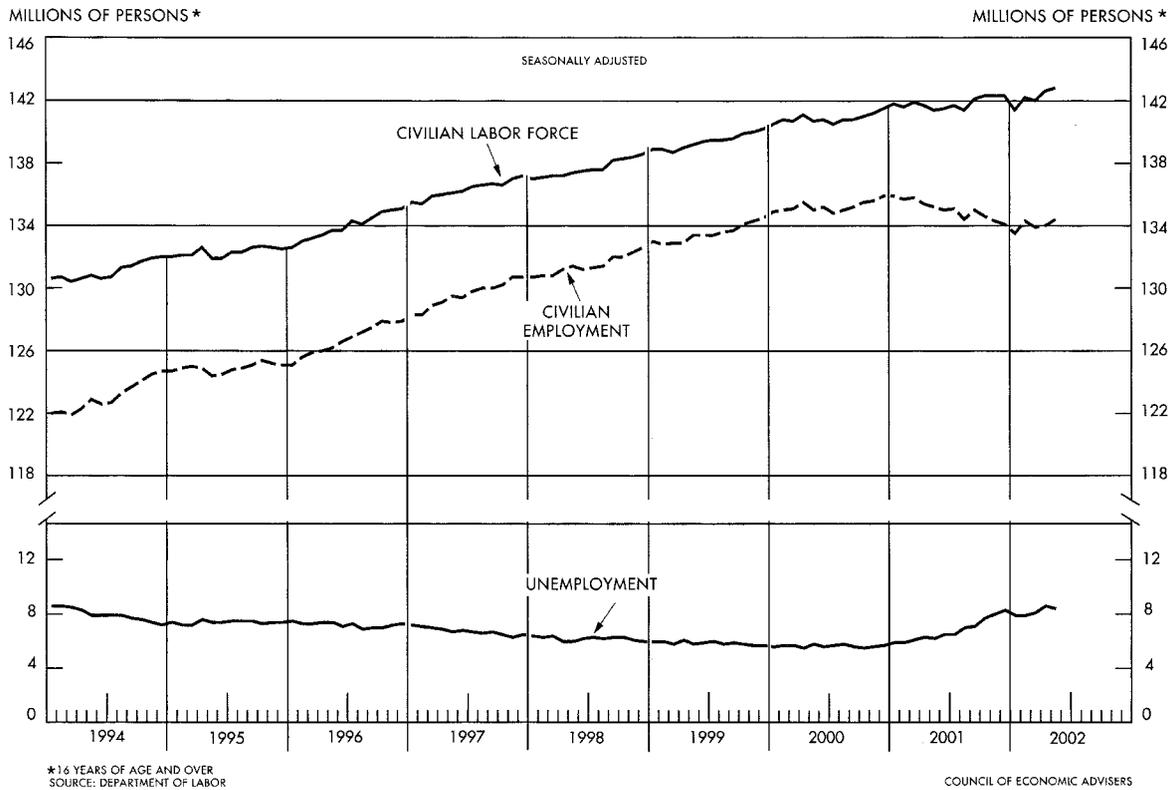
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In May, employment rose by 441,000, and unemployment fell by 243,000.



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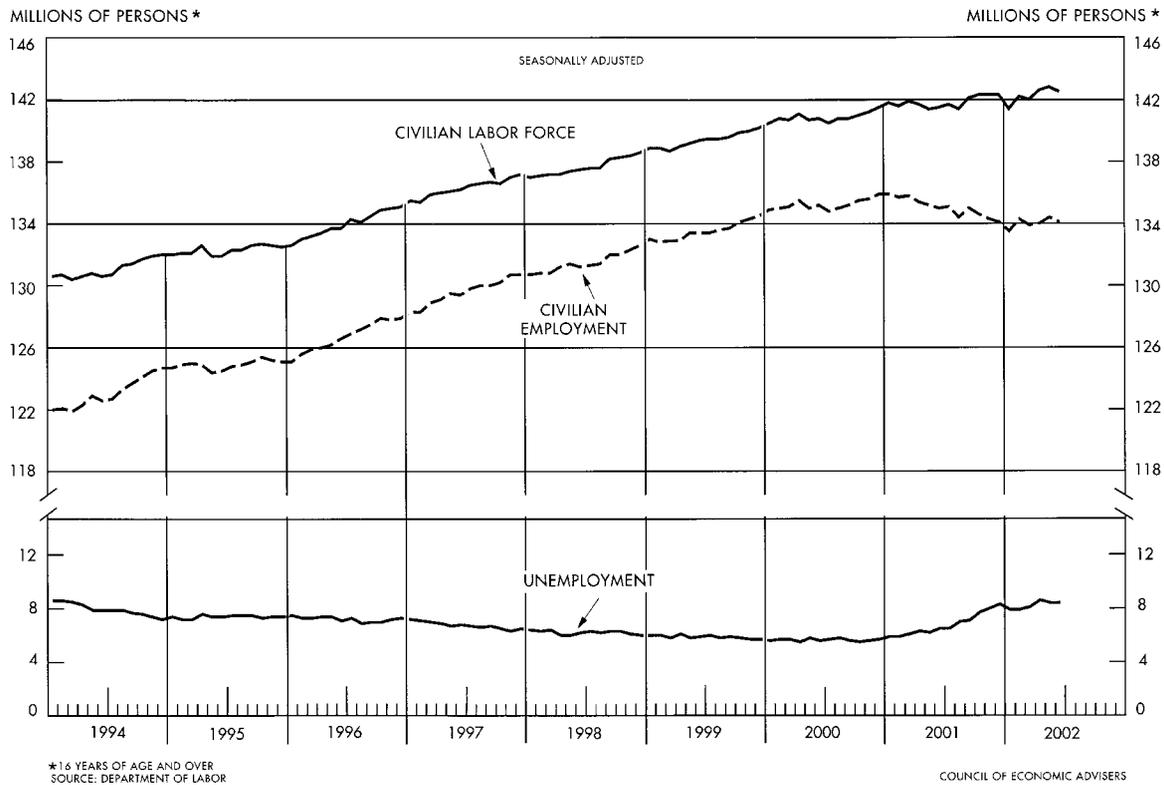
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In June, employment fell by 364,000, and unemployment rose by 73,000.



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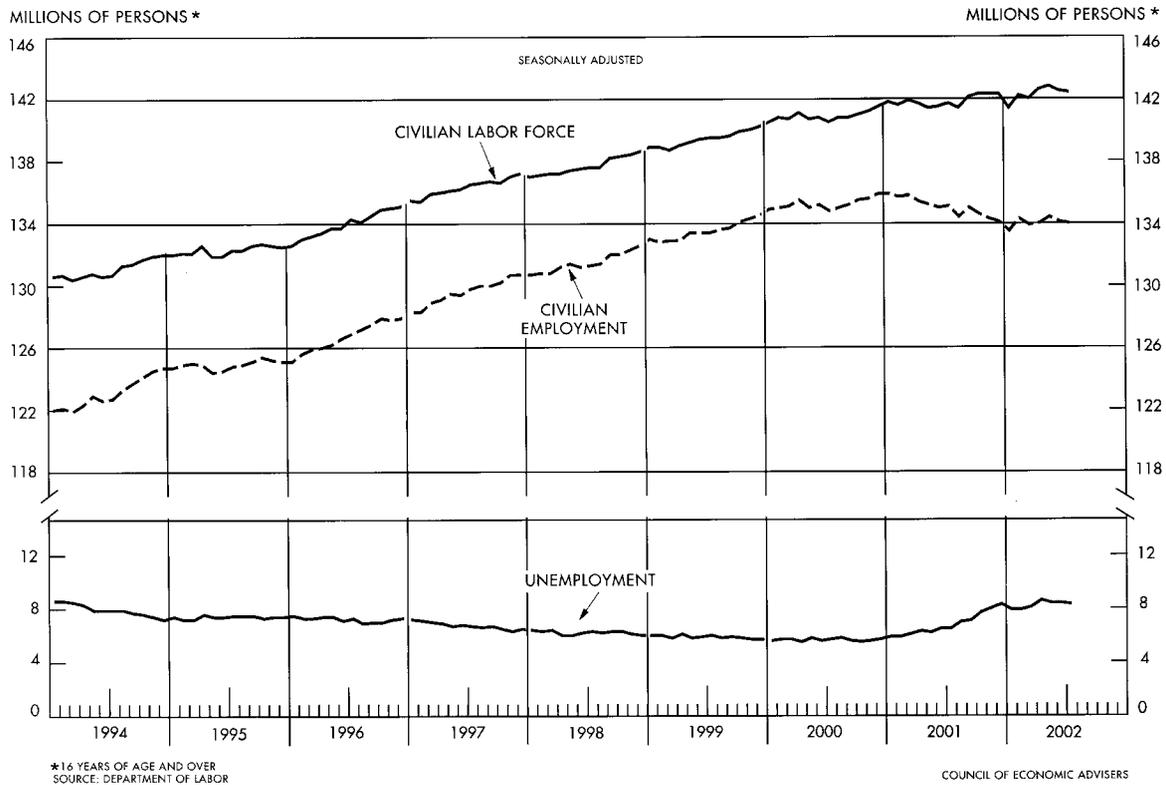
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In July, employment fell by 8,000, and unemployment fell by 79,000.



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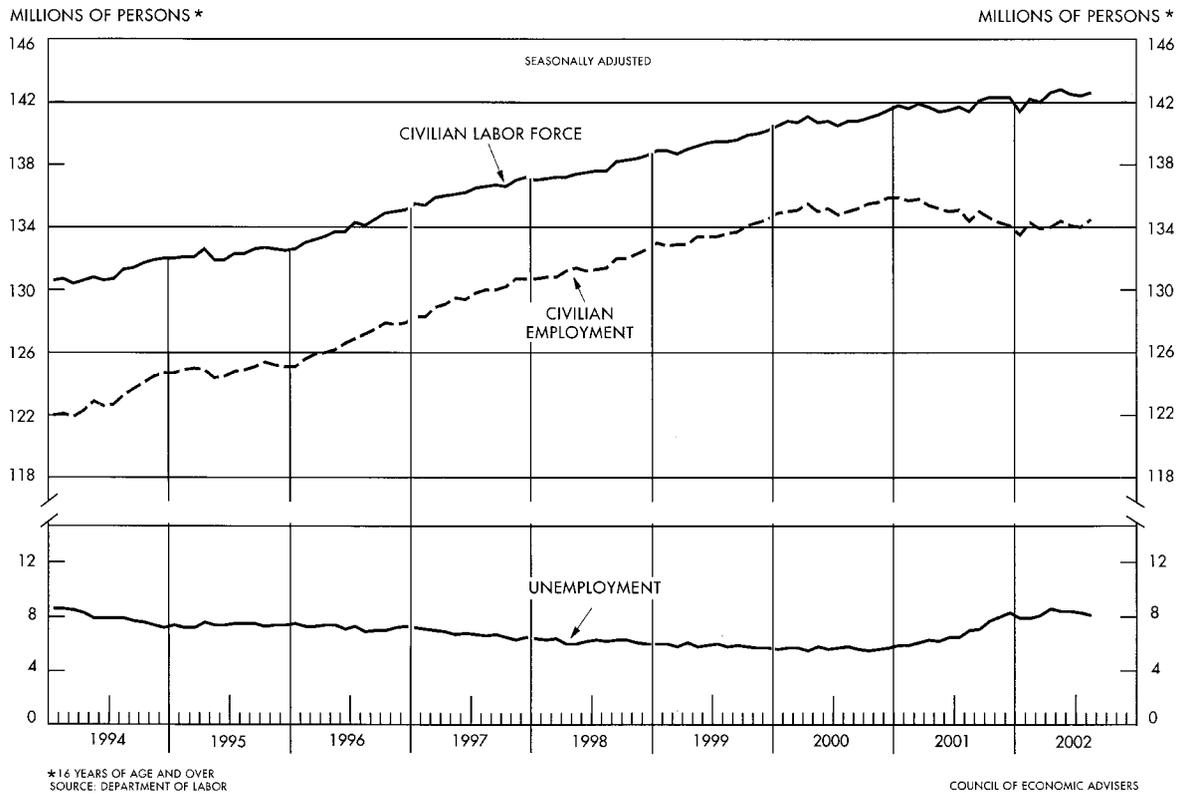
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In August, employment rose by 429,000, and unemployment fell by 203,000.



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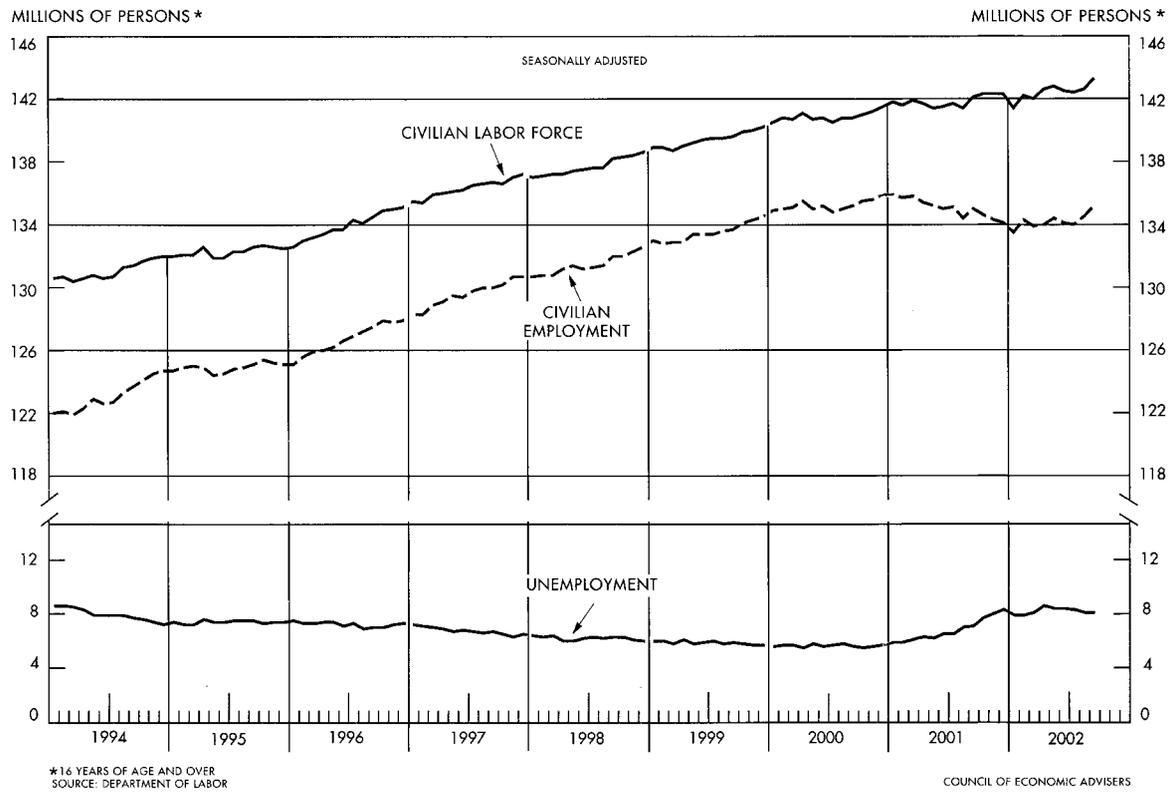
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In September, employment rose by 711,000, and unemployment fell by 50,000.



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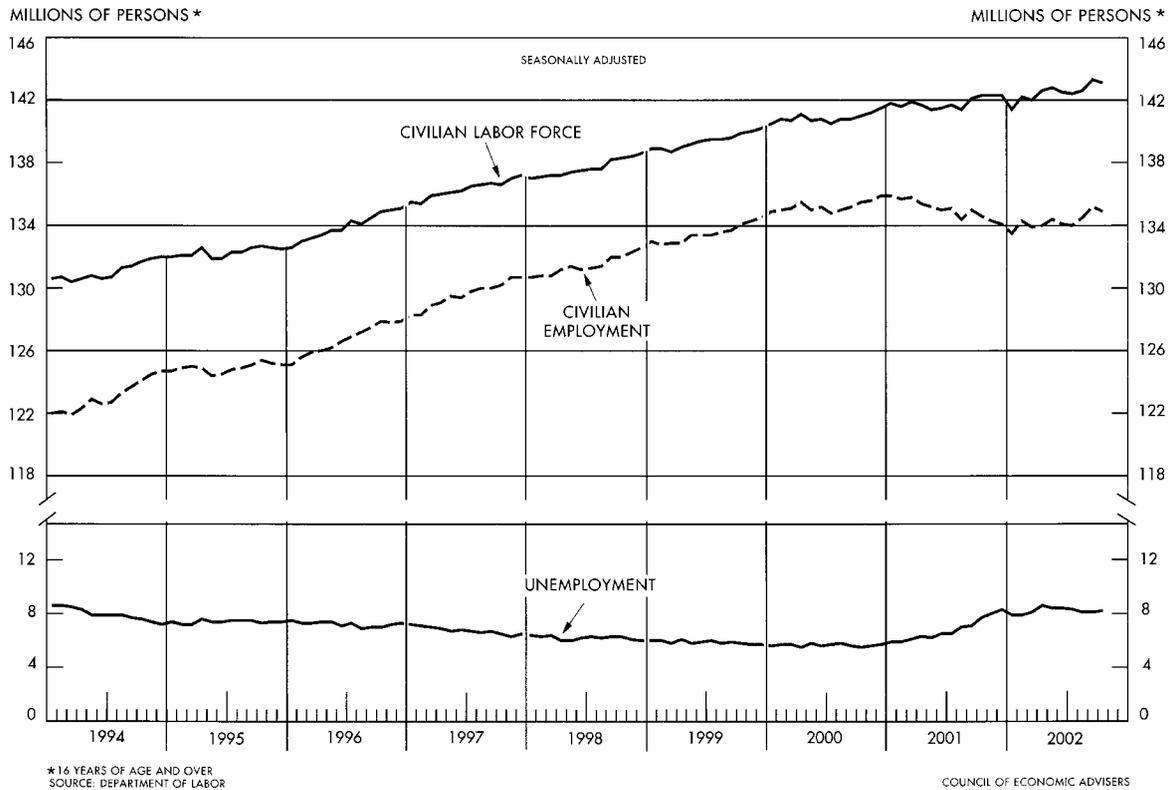
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In October, employment fell by 271,000, and unemployment rose by 117,000.



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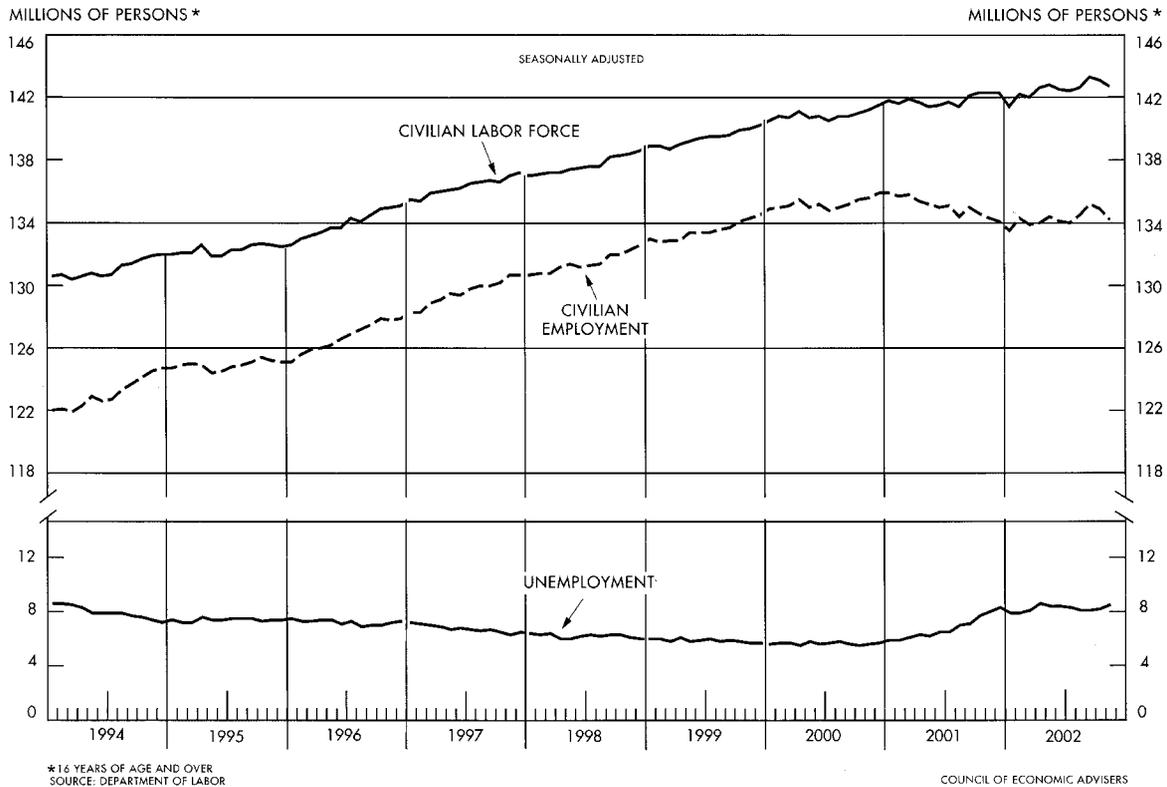
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In November, employment fell by 689,000, and unemployment rose by 299,000.



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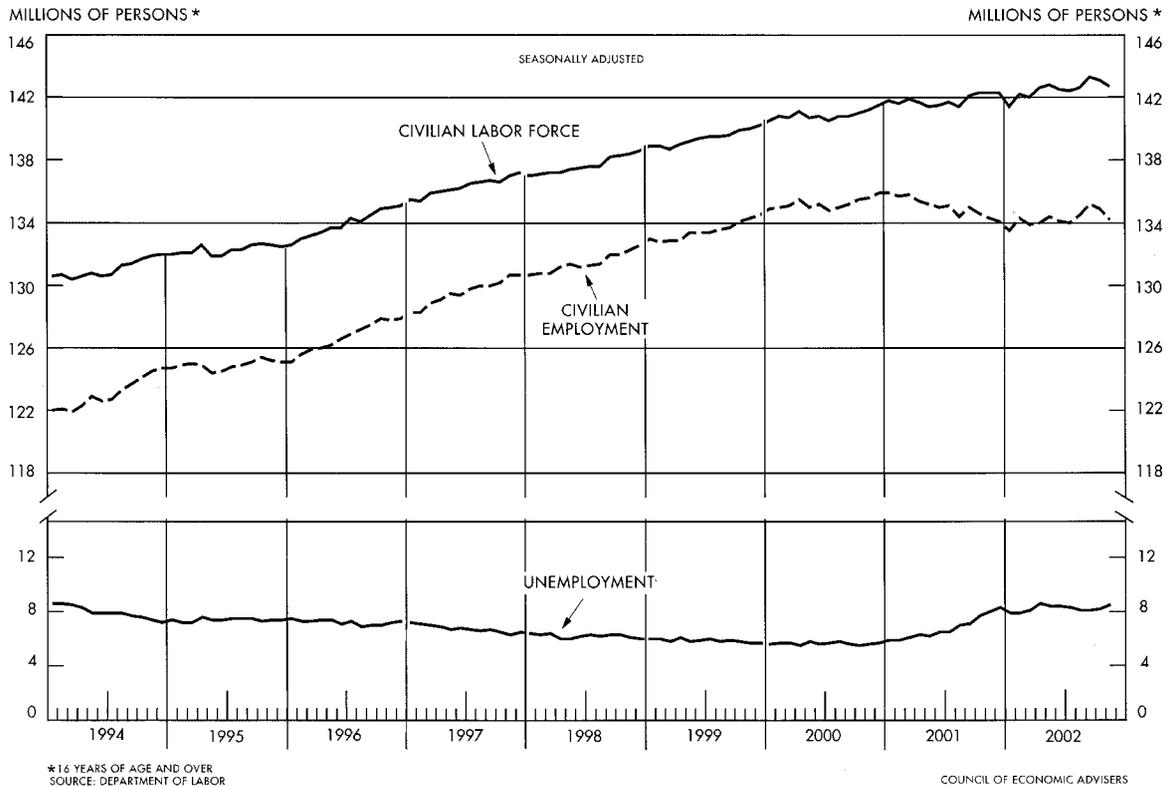
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

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2000 ⁴	209,699	140,863	135,208	3,305	131,903	3,045	5,655	1,309	68,836	67.2	64.5	4.0
2001	211,864	141,815	135,073	3,144	131,929	3,529	6,742	1,746	70,050	66.9	63.8	4.8
2001: Nov	212,767	142,279	134,253	3,154	131,099	4,017	8,026	2,317	70,488	66.9	63.1	5.6
2001: Dec	212,927	142,314	134,055	3,246	130,809	4,119	8,259	2,410	70,613	66.8	63.0	5.8
2002: Jan	213,089	141,390	133,468	3,273	130,195	3,781	7,922	2,546	71,699	66.4	62.6	5.6
2002: Feb	213,206	142,211	134,319	3,246	131,073	3,998	7,891	2,561	70,995	66.7	63.0	5.5
2002: Mar	213,334	142,005	133,894	3,126	130,768	3,848	8,111	2,688	71,329	66.6	62.8	5.7
2002: Apr	213,492	142,570	133,976	3,154	130,823	4,009	8,594	2,854	70,922	66.8	62.8	6.0
2002: May	213,658	142,769	134,417	3,097	131,320	3,818	8,351	2,952	70,889	66.8	62.9	5.8
2002: June	213,842	142,476	134,053	3,110	130,942	3,758	8,424	3,103	71,366	66.6	62.7	5.9
2002: July	214,023	142,390	134,045	3,282	130,763	3,949	8,345	2,883	71,633	66.5	62.6	5.9
2002: Aug	214,225	142,616	134,474	3,188	131,286	4,060	8,142	2,783	71,609	66.6	62.8	5.7
2002: Sept	214,429	143,277	135,185	3,298	131,887	4,068	8,092	2,900	71,152	66.8	63.0	5.6
2002: Oct	214,643	143,123	134,914	3,525	131,389	4,148	8,209	2,980	71,519	66.7	62.9	5.7
2002: Nov	214,819	142,733	134,225	3,357	130,867	4,032	8,508	3,022	72,087	66.4	62.5	6.0

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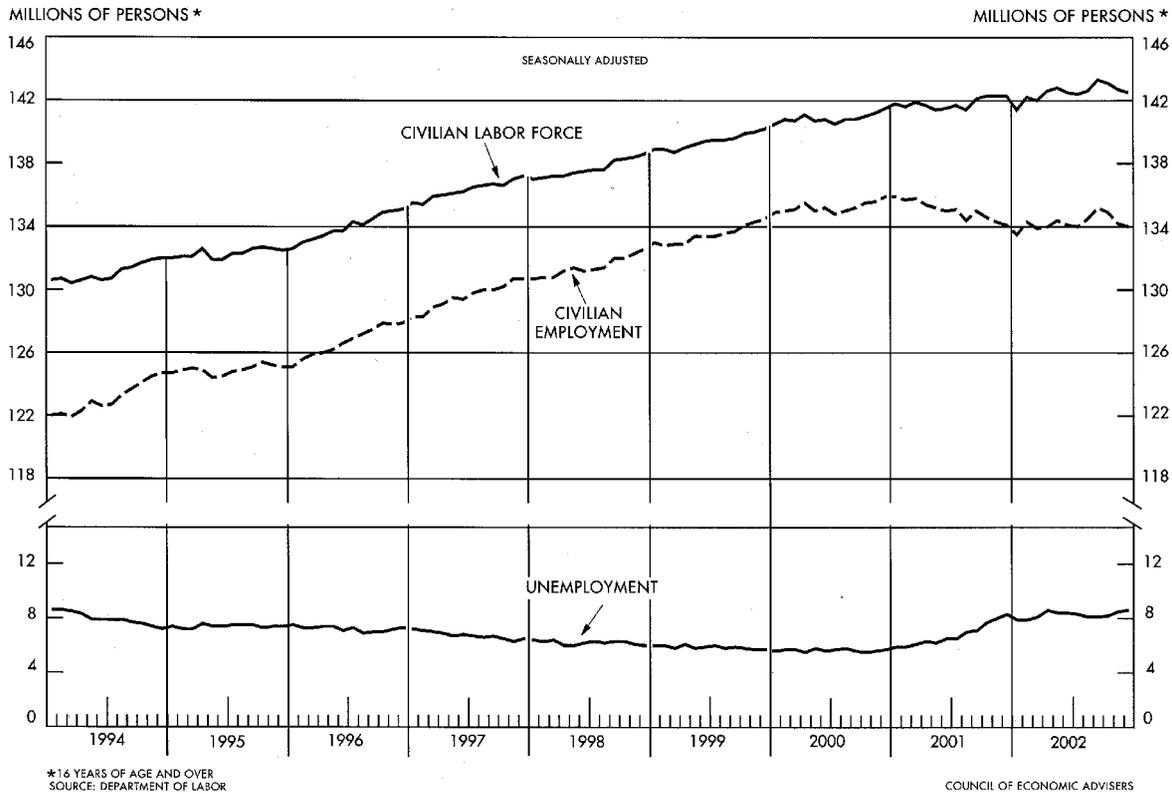
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Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In December, employment fell by 273,000, and unemployment rose by 82,000.



[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 ²		
			Total	Agricultural	Nonagricultural		Total	15 weeks and over		Labor force participation rate	Employment/population ratio	Unemployment rate
					Total	Part time for economic reasons ¹						
1993	194,838	129,200	120,259	3,115	117,144	6,230	8,940	3,094	65,638	66.3	61.7	6.9
1994 ³	196,814	131,056	123,060	3,409	119,651	4,414	7,996	2,860	65,758	66.6	62.5	6.1
1995	198,584	132,304	124,900	3,440	121,460	4,279	7,404	2,363	66,280	66.6	62.9	5.6
1996	200,591	133,943	126,708	3,443	123,264	4,123	7,236	2,316	66,647	66.8	63.2	5.4
1997 ⁴	203,133	136,297	129,558	3,399	126,159	3,879	6,739	2,062	66,837	67.1	63.8	4.9
1998 ⁴	205,220	137,673	131,463	3,378	128,085	3,501	6,210	1,637	67,547	67.1	64.1	4.5
1999 ⁴	207,753	139,368	133,488	3,281	130,207	3,189	5,880	1,480	68,385	67.1	64.3	4.2
2000 ⁴	209,699	140,863	135,208	3,305	131,903	3,045	5,655	1,309	68,836	67.2	64.5	4.0
2001	211,864	141,815	135,073	3,144	131,929	3,529	6,742	1,746	70,050	66.9	63.8	4.8
2002	213,977	142,535	134,269	3,248	131,020	3,959	8,266	2,861	71,442	66.6	62.7	5.8
2001: Dec	212,927	142,314	134,055	3,246	130,809	4,119	8,259	2,410	70,613	66.8	63.0	5.8
2002: Jan	213,089	141,390	133,468	3,273	130,195	3,781	7,922	2,546	71,699	66.4	62.6	5.6
Feb	213,206	142,211	134,319	3,246	131,073	3,998	7,891	2,561	70,995	66.7	63.0	5.5
Mar	213,334	142,005	133,894	3,126	130,768	3,848	8,111	2,688	71,329	66.6	62.8	5.7
Apr	213,492	142,570	133,976	3,154	130,823	4,009	8,594	2,854	70,922	66.8	62.8	6.0
May	213,658	142,769	134,417	3,097	131,320	3,818	8,351	2,952	70,889	66.8	62.9	5.8
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July	214,023	142,390	134,045	3,282	130,763	3,949	8,345	2,883	71,633	66.5	62.6	5.9
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Oct	214,643	143,123	134,914	3,525	131,389	4,148	8,209	2,980	71,519	66.7	62.9	5.7
Nov	214,819	142,733	134,225	3,357	130,867	4,032	8,508	3,022	72,087	66.4	62.5	6.0
Dec	214,968	142,542	133,952	3,311	130,640	3,928	8,590	3,225	72,425	66.3	62.3	6.0

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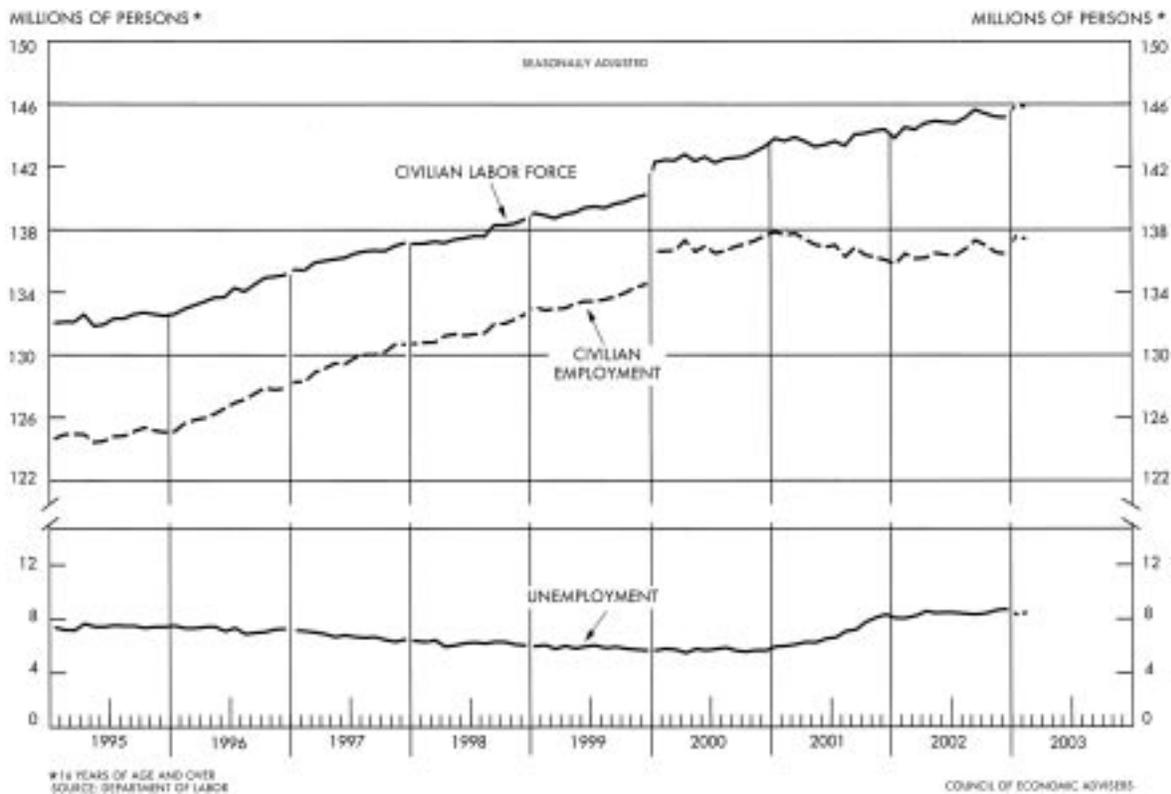
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Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

In February, employment was 137.4 million and the number of unemployed persons was 8.5 million. (Series revised.)



[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
1993	194,838	129,200	120,259	62,355	52,099	5,805	8,940	4,287	3,288	1,365	65,638	66.3	61.7	6.9
1994 ²	196,814	131,056	123,060	63,294	53,606	6,161	7,996	3,627	3,049	1,320	65,758	66.6	62.5	6.1
1995	198,584	132,304	124,900	64,085	54,396	6,419	7,404	3,239	2,819	1,346	66,280	66.6	62.9	5.6
1996	200,591	133,943	126,708	64,897	55,311	6,500	7,236	3,146	2,783	1,306	66,647	66.8	63.2	5.4
1997 ³	203,133	136,297	129,558	66,284	56,613	6,661	6,739	2,882	2,585	1,271	66,836	67.1	63.8	4.9
1998 ³	205,220	137,673	131,463	67,135	57,278	7,051	6,210	2,580	2,424	1,205	67,547	67.1	64.1	4.5
1999 ³	207,753	139,368	133,488	67,761	58,555	7,172	5,880	2,433	2,285	1,162	68,385	67.1	64.3	4.2
2000 ^{3r}	212,577	142,583	136,891	69,634	60,067	7,189	5,692	2,376	2,235	1,081	69,994	67.1	64.4	4.0
2001 ^r	215,092	143,734	136,933	69,776	60,417	6,740	6,801	3,040	2,599	1,162	71,359	66.8	63.7	4.7
2002 ^{3r}	217,570	144,863	136,485	69,734	60,420	6,332	8,378	3,896	3,228	1,253	72,707	66.6	62.7	5.8
2002: Feb ^r	216,663	144,510	136,450	69,591	60,441	6,418	8,060	3,678	3,163	1,219	72,153	66.7	63.0	5.6
Mar ^r	216,823	144,367	136,143	69,517	60,161	6,464	8,224	3,789	3,153	1,282	72,456	66.6	62.8	5.7
Apr ^r	217,006	144,763	136,196	69,627	60,237	6,331	8,567	3,898	3,379	1,290	72,243	66.7	62.8	5.9
May ^r	217,198	144,911	136,487	69,918	60,262	6,307	8,424	3,848	3,289	1,287	72,287	66.7	62.8	5.8
June ^r	217,407	144,852	136,383	69,739	60,320	6,324	8,469	3,950	3,236	1,283	72,556	66.6	62.7	5.8
July ^r	217,630	144,786	136,343	69,792	60,262	6,289	8,443	3,879	3,272	1,292	72,844	66.5	62.6	5.8
Aug ^r	217,866	145,123	136,757	69,895	60,581	6,280	8,366	3,906	3,180	1,280	72,743	66.6	62.8	5.8
Sept ^r	218,107	145,634	137,312	70,213	60,675	6,425	8,321	3,895	3,184	1,243	72,473	66.8	63.0	5.7
Oct ^r	218,340	145,393	136,988	69,921	60,668	6,400	8,405	3,962	3,308	1,135	72,947	66.6	62.7	5.8
Nov ^r	218,548	145,180	136,542	69,617	60,697	6,228	8,637	4,153	3,224	1,261	73,369	66.4	62.5	5.9
Dec ^r	218,741	145,150	136,439	69,600	60,676	6,164	8,711	4,145	3,360	1,206	73,591	66.4	62.4	6.0
2003: Jan ³	219,897	145,838	137,536	69,967	61,443	6,125	8,302	4,026	3,035	1,241	74,059	66.3	62.5	5.7
Feb ³	220,114	145,857	137,408	70,293	61,073	6,042	8,450	3,962	3,237	1,251	74,257	66.3	62.4	5.8

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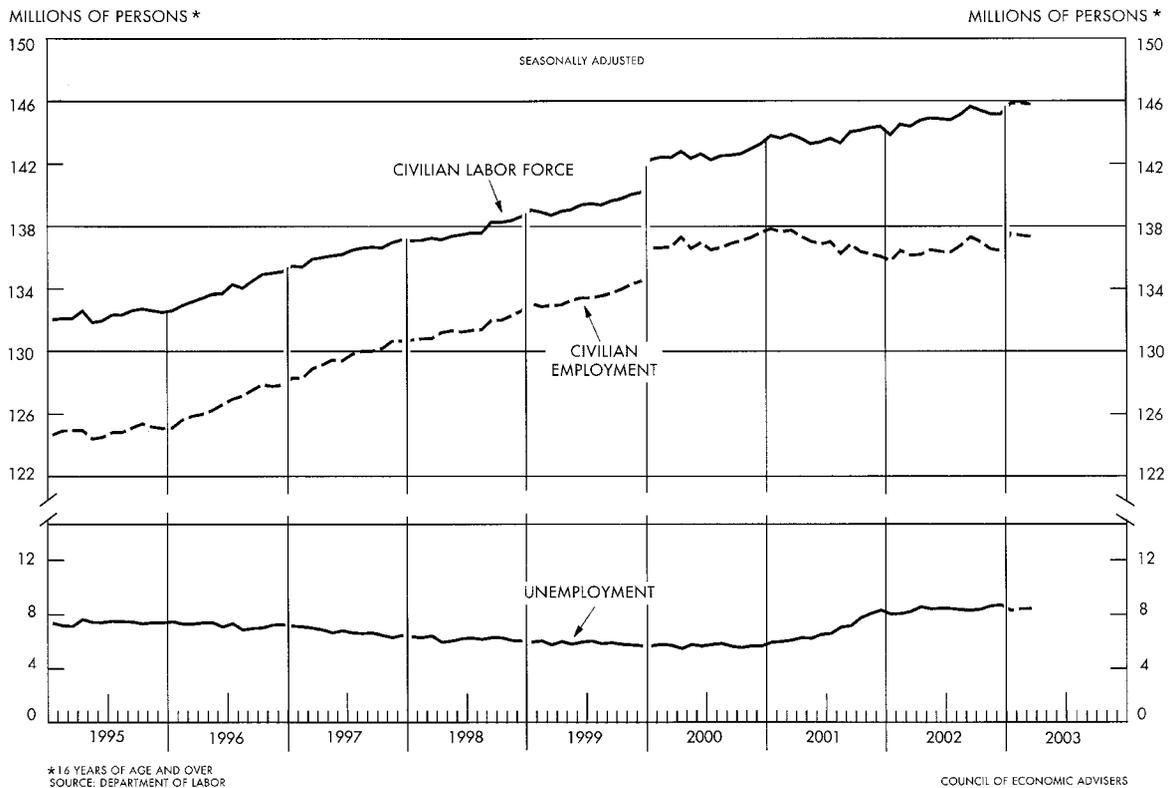
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

In March, employment fell by 60,000 and unemployment fell by 5,000.



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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
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Oct	218,340	145,393	136,988	69,921	60,668	6,400	8,405	3,962	3,308	1,135	72,947	66.6	62.7	5.8
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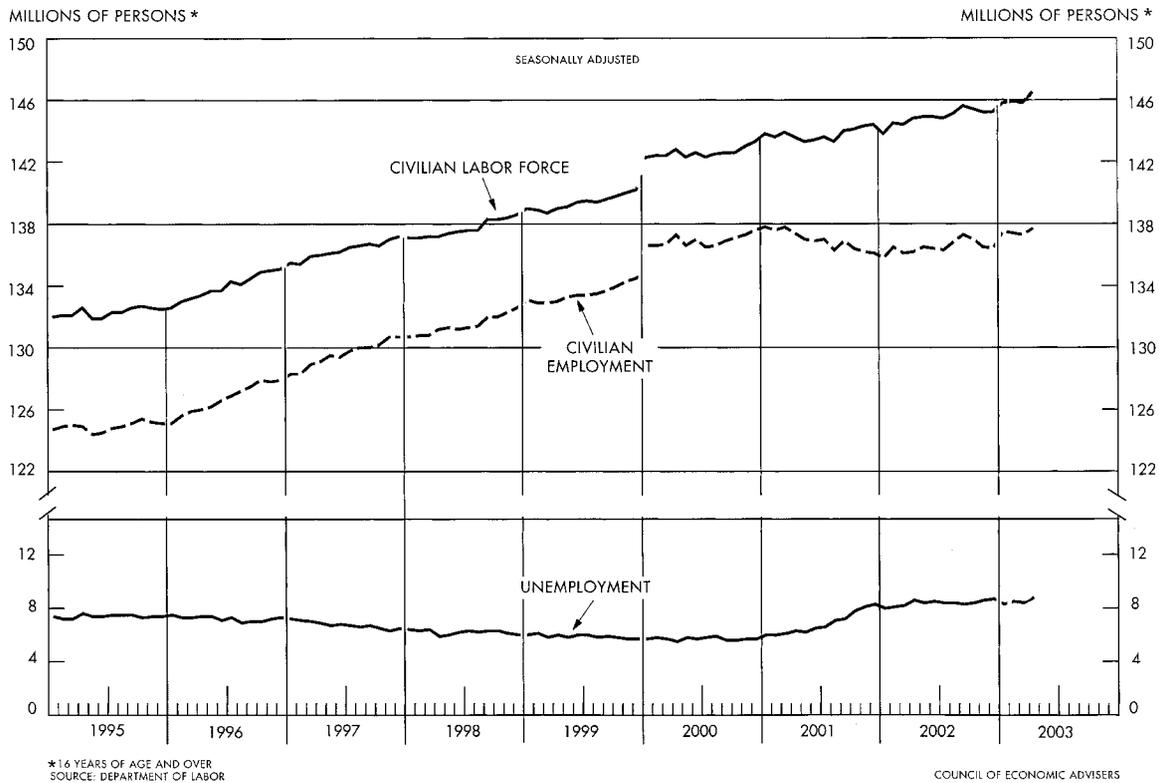
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

In April, employment rose by 339,000 and unemployment rose by 341,000.



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Mar	220,317	145,793	137,348	70,293	61,227	5,829	8,445	3,944	3,250	1,251	74,524	66.2	62.3	5.8
Apr	220,540	146,473	137,687	70,364	61,401	5,923	8,786	4,207	3,276	1,303	74,067	66.4	62.4	6.0

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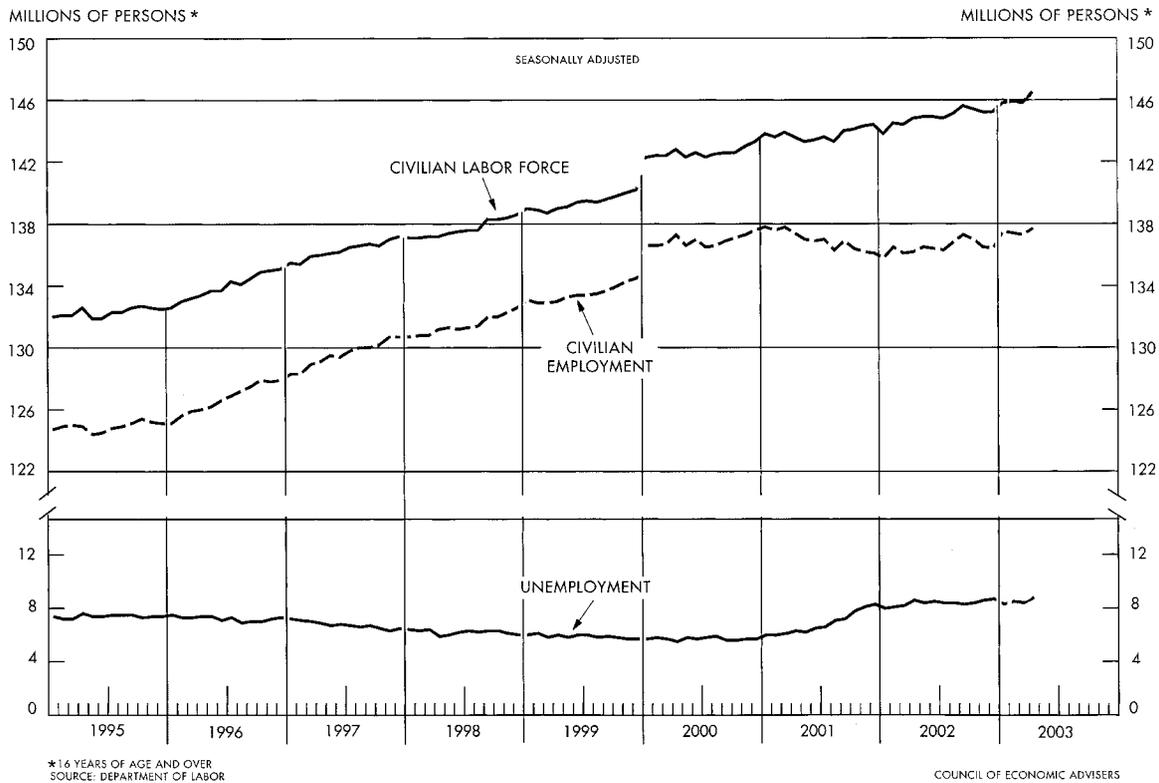
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

In April, employment rose by 339,000 and unemployment rose by 341,000.



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2002 ³	217,570	144,863	136,485	69,734	60,420	6,332	8,378	3,896	3,228	1,253	72,707	66.6	62.7	5.8
2002: Apr	217,006	144,763	136,196	69,627	60,237	6,331	8,567	3,898	3,379	1,290	72,243	66.7	62.8	5.9
May	217,198	144,911	136,487	69,918	60,262	6,307	8,424	3,848	3,289	1,287	72,287	66.7	62.8	5.8
June	217,407	144,852	136,383	69,739	60,320	6,324	8,469	3,950	3,236	1,283	72,556	66.6	62.7	5.8
July	217,630	144,786	136,343	69,792	60,262	6,289	8,443	3,879	3,272	1,292	72,844	66.5	62.6	5.8
Aug	217,866	145,123	136,757	69,895	60,581	6,280	8,366	3,906	3,180	1,280	72,743	66.6	62.8	5.8
Sept	218,107	145,634	137,312	70,213	60,675	6,425	8,321	3,895	3,184	1,243	72,473	66.8	63.0	5.7
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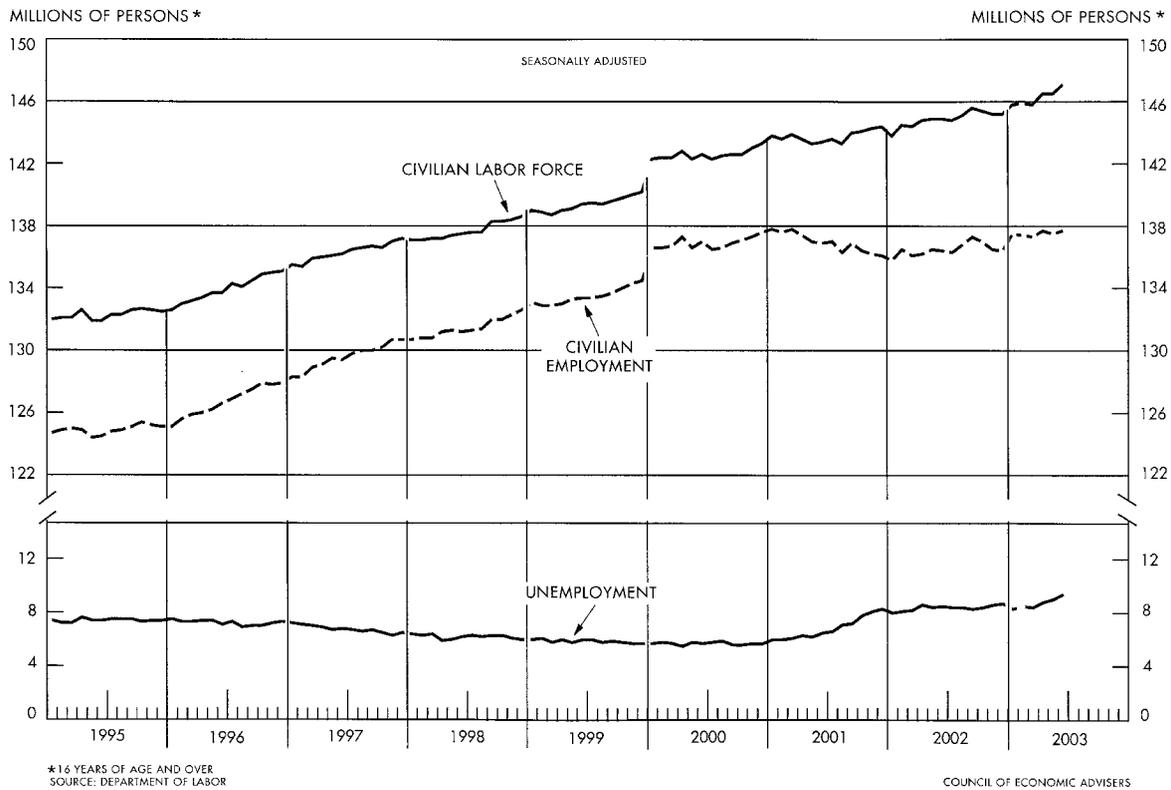
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

In June, employment rose by 251,000 and unemployment rose by 360,000.



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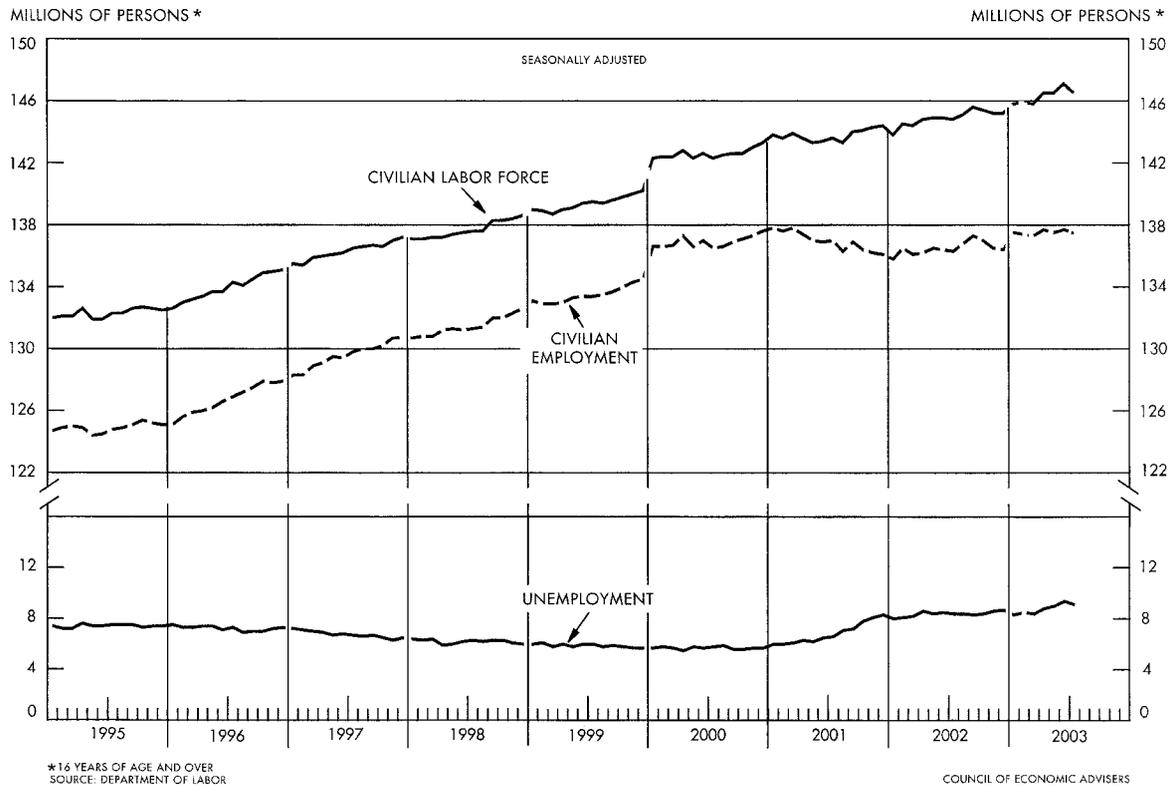
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

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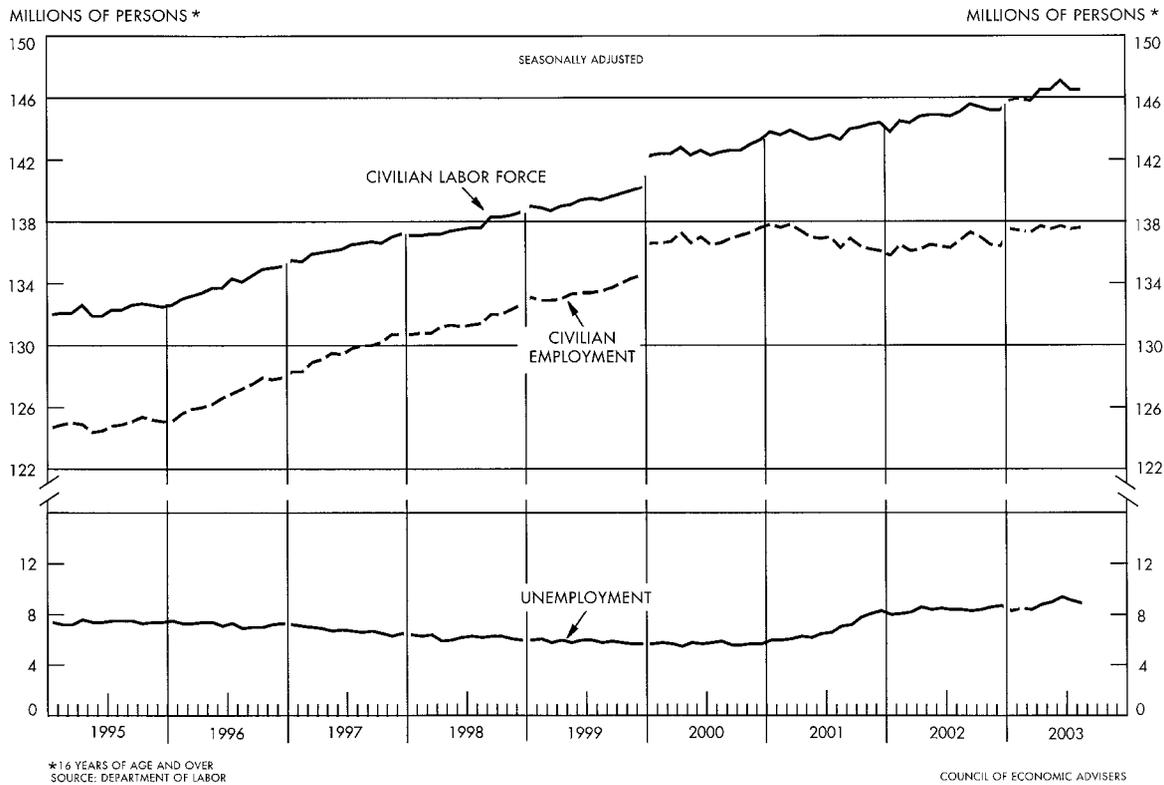
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

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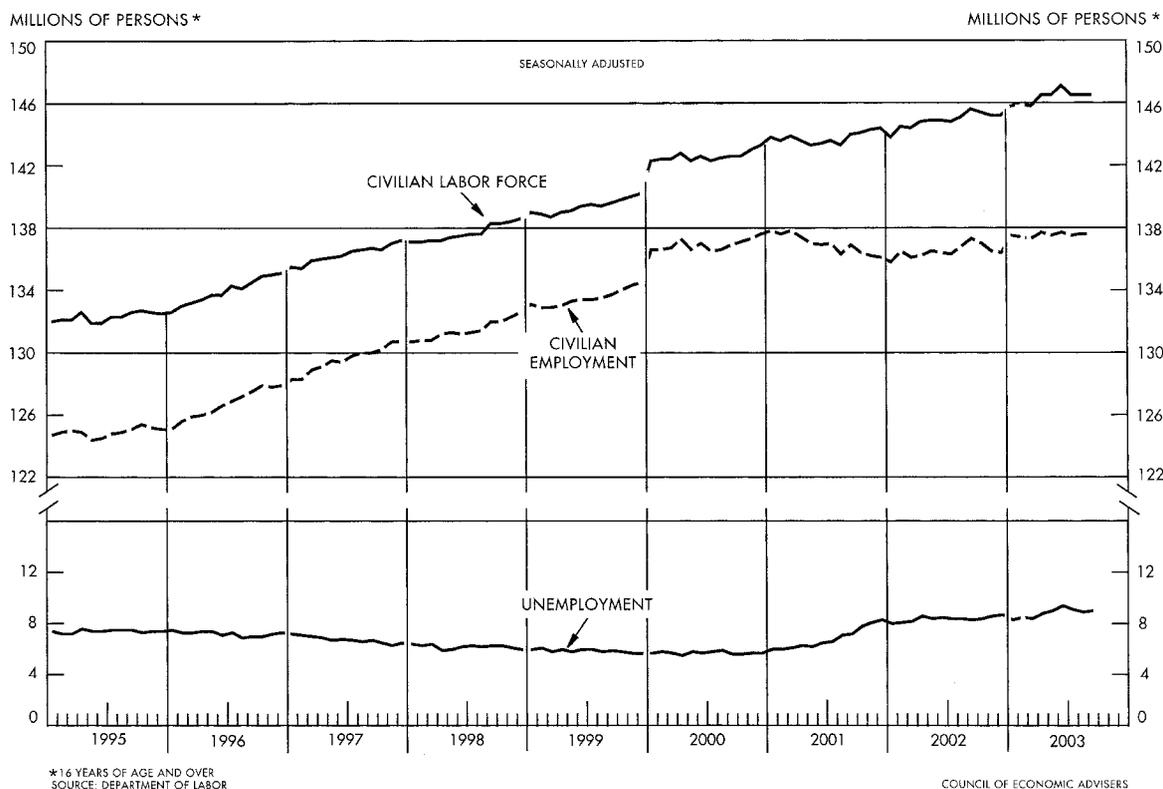
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STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

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Oct	218,340	145,393	136,988	69,921	60,668	6,400	8,405	3,962	3,308	1,135	72,947	66.6	62.7	5.8
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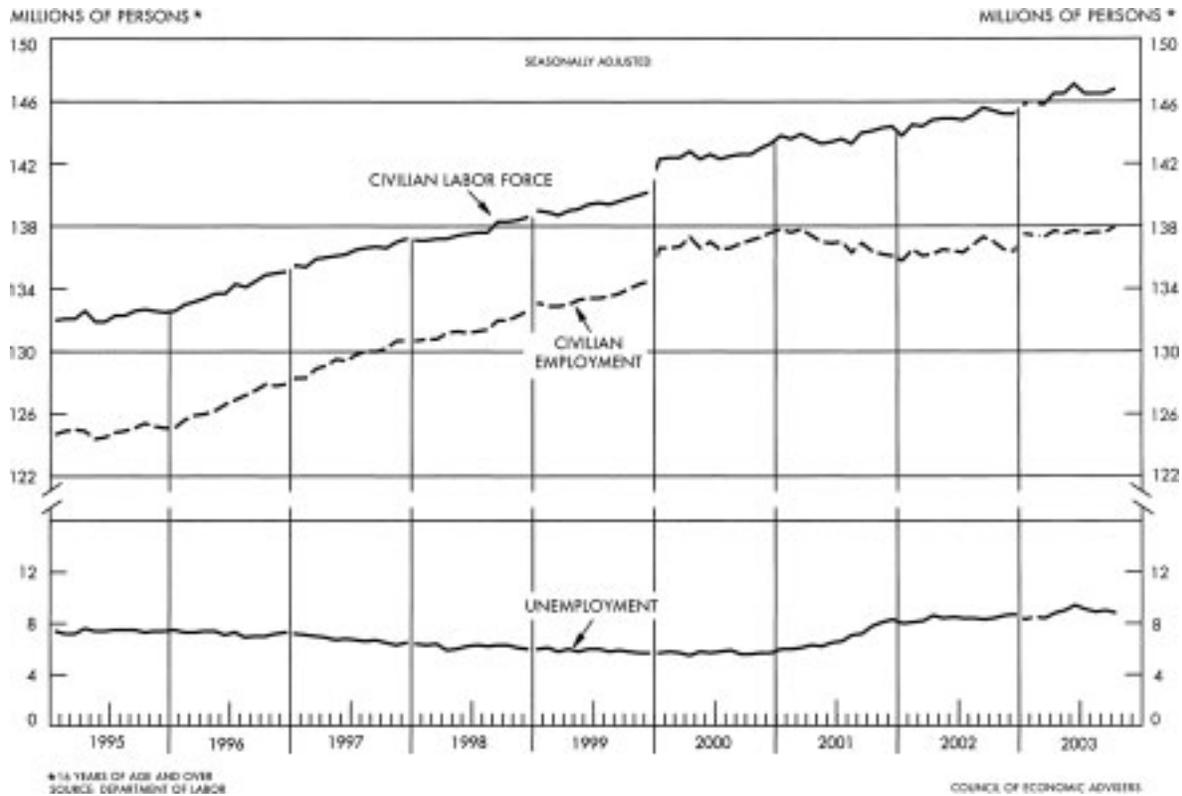
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STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In October, employment rose by 441,000 and unemployment fell by 194,000.



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1995	198,584	132,304	124,900	64,085	54,396	6,419	7,404	3,239	2,819	1,346	66,280	66.6	62.9	5.6
1996	200,591	133,943	126,708	64,897	55,311	6,500	7,236	3,146	2,783	1,306	66,647	66.8	63.2	5.4
1997 ³	203,133	136,297	129,558	66,284	56,613	6,661	6,739	2,882	2,585	1,271	66,836	67.1	63.8	4.9
1998 ³	205,220	137,673	131,463	67,135	57,278	7,051	6,210	2,580	2,424	1,205	67,547	67.1	64.1	4.5
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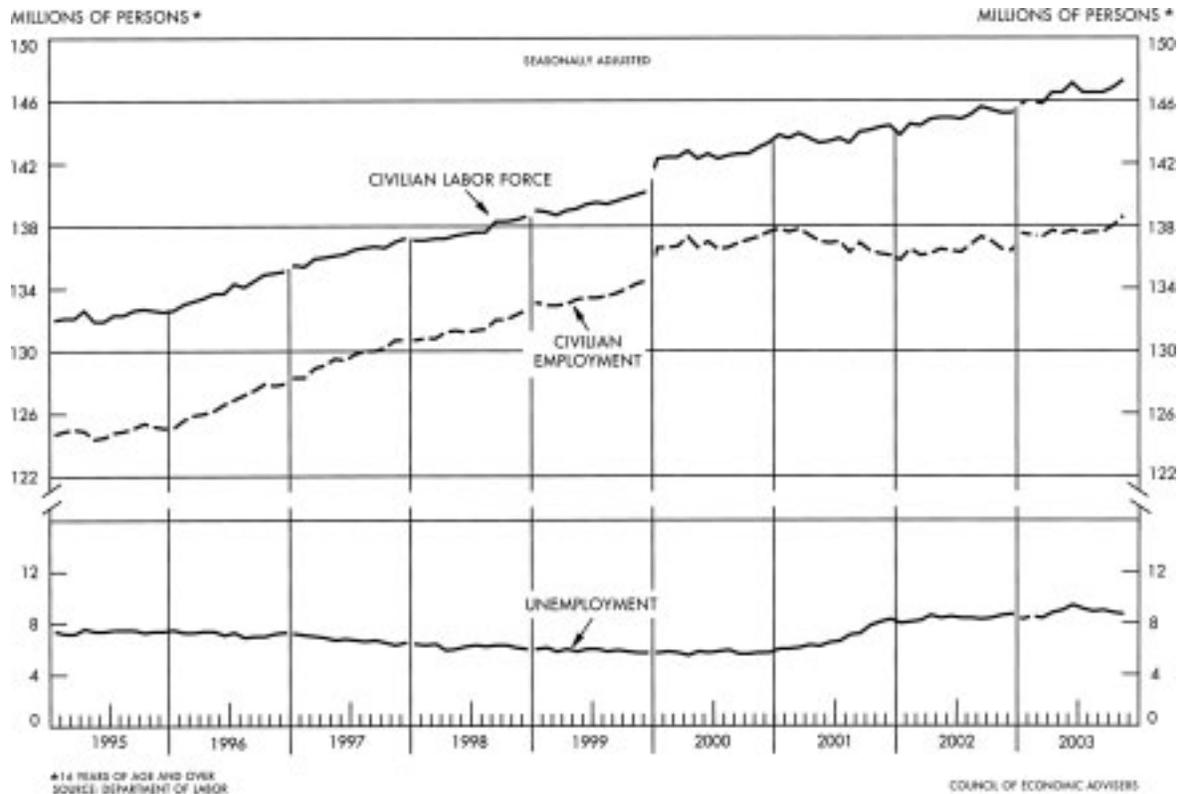
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STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

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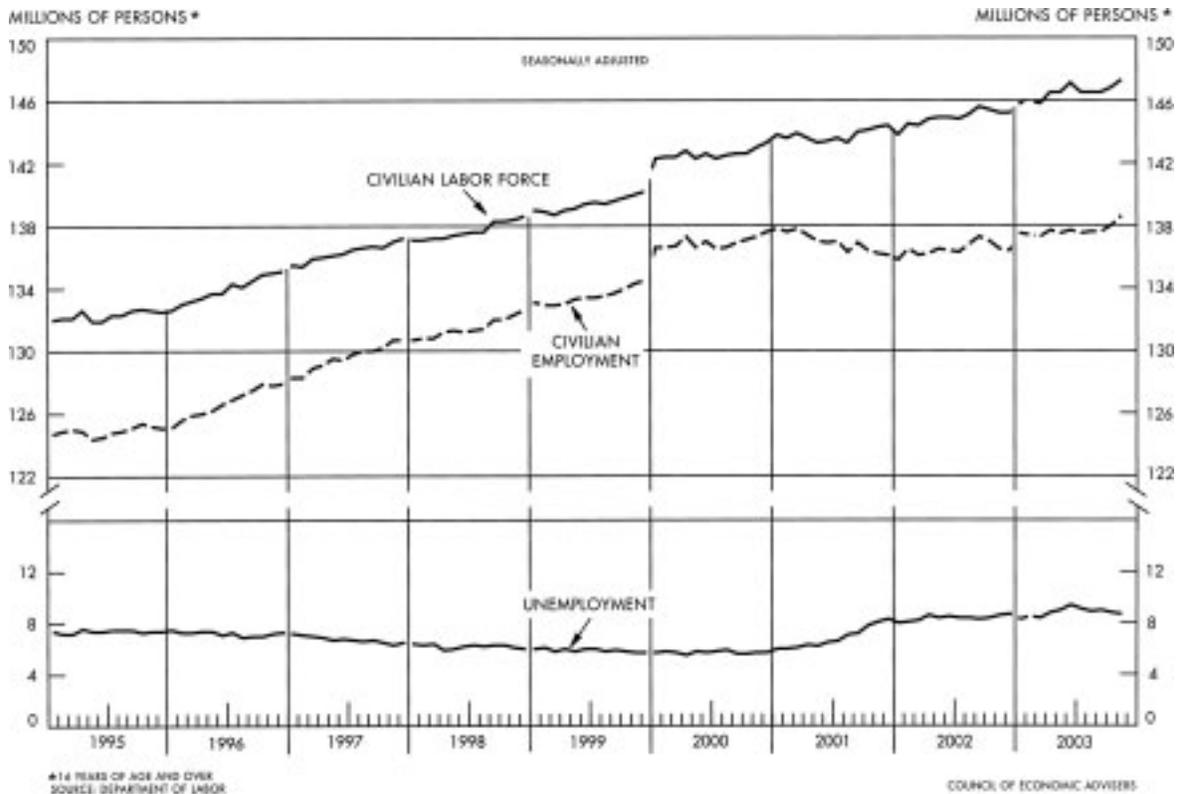
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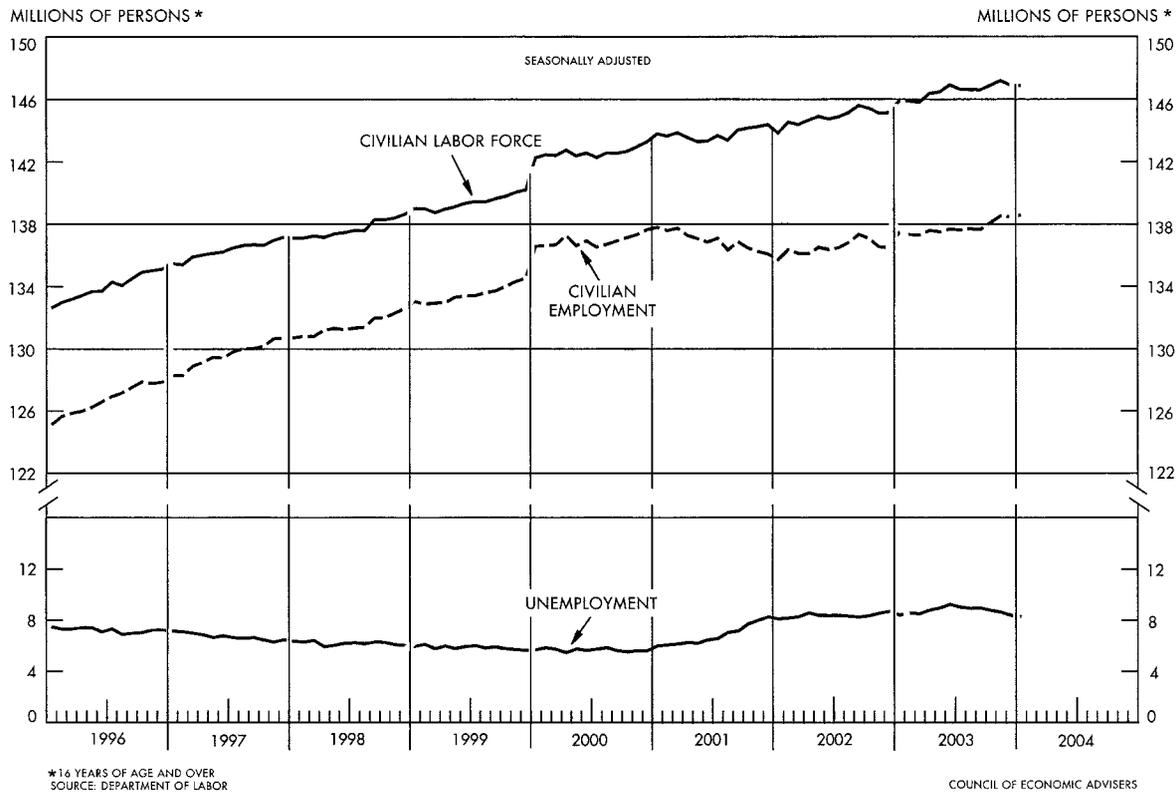
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2004: Jan ³	222,161	146,863	138,566	71,329	61,260	5,977	8,297	3,842	3,255	1,200	75,298	66.1	62.4	5.6

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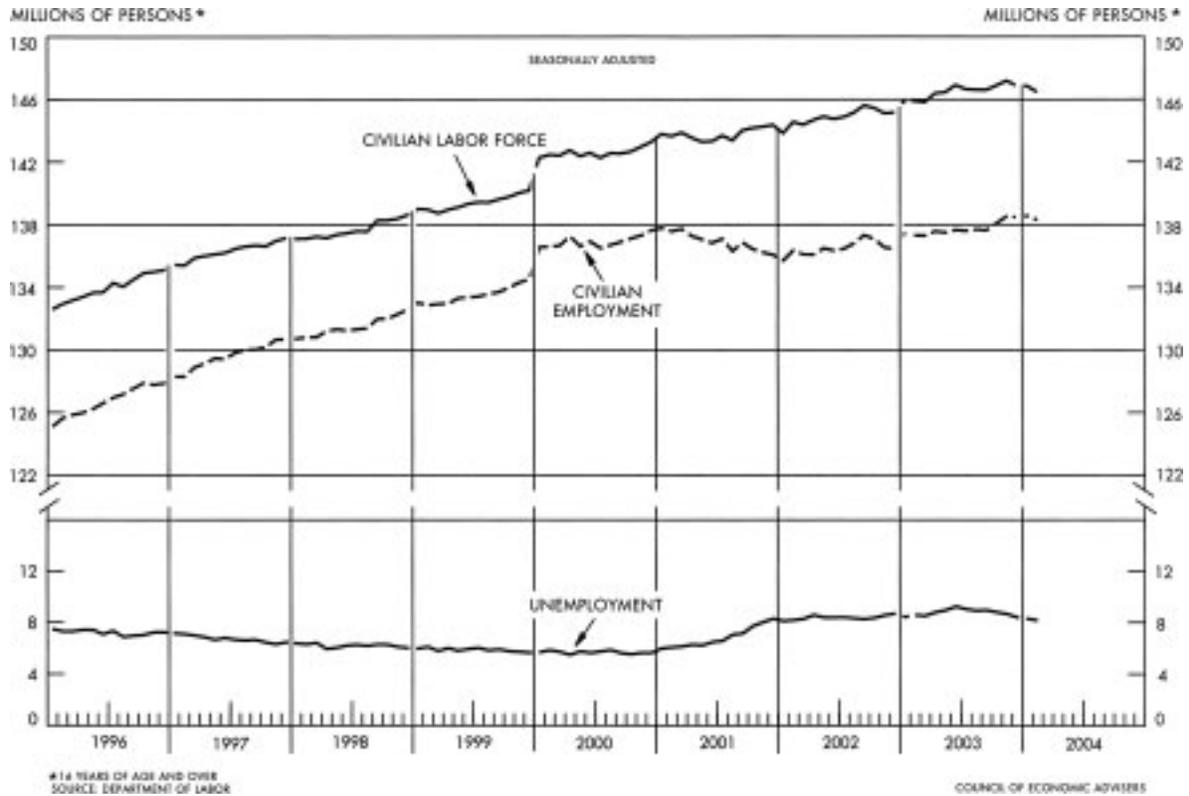
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Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In February, employment fell by 265,000 and unemployment fell by 127,000.



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Period	Civilian noninstitutional population NSA	Civilian labor force	Civilian employment				Unemployment				Not in labor force	Percent ¹		
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1996	200,591	133,943	126,708	64,897	55,311	6,500	7,236	3,146	2,783	1,306	66,647	66.8	63.2	5.4
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2002	217,570	144,863	136,485	69,734	60,420	6,332	8,378	3,896	3,228	1,253	72,707	66.6	62.7	5.8
2003	221,168	146,510	137,736	70,415	61,402	5,919	8,774	4,209	3,314	1,251	74,658	66.2	62.3	6.0
2003: Feb ³	220,114	145,898	137,318	70,174	61,106	6,039	8,581	4,068	3,253	1,260	74,216	66.3	62.4	5.9
Mar	220,317	145,818	137,300	70,213	61,219	5,868	8,519	3,995	3,271	1,252	74,499	66.2	62.3	5.8
Apr	220,540	146,377	137,578	70,290	61,343	5,945	8,799	4,220	3,289	1,290	74,163	66.4	62.4	6.0
May	220,768	146,462	137,505	70,182	61,397	5,926	8,957	4,341	3,302	1,314	74,306	66.3	62.3	6.1
June	221,014	146,917	137,673	70,190	61,610	5,873	9,245	4,485	3,379	1,381	74,097	66.5	62.3	6.3
July	221,252	146,652	137,604	70,269	61,479	5,856	9,048	4,391	3,356	1,301	74,600	66.3	62.2	6.2
Aug	221,507	146,622	137,693	70,324	61,467	5,902	8,929	4,358	3,369	1,202	74,884	66.2	62.2	6.1
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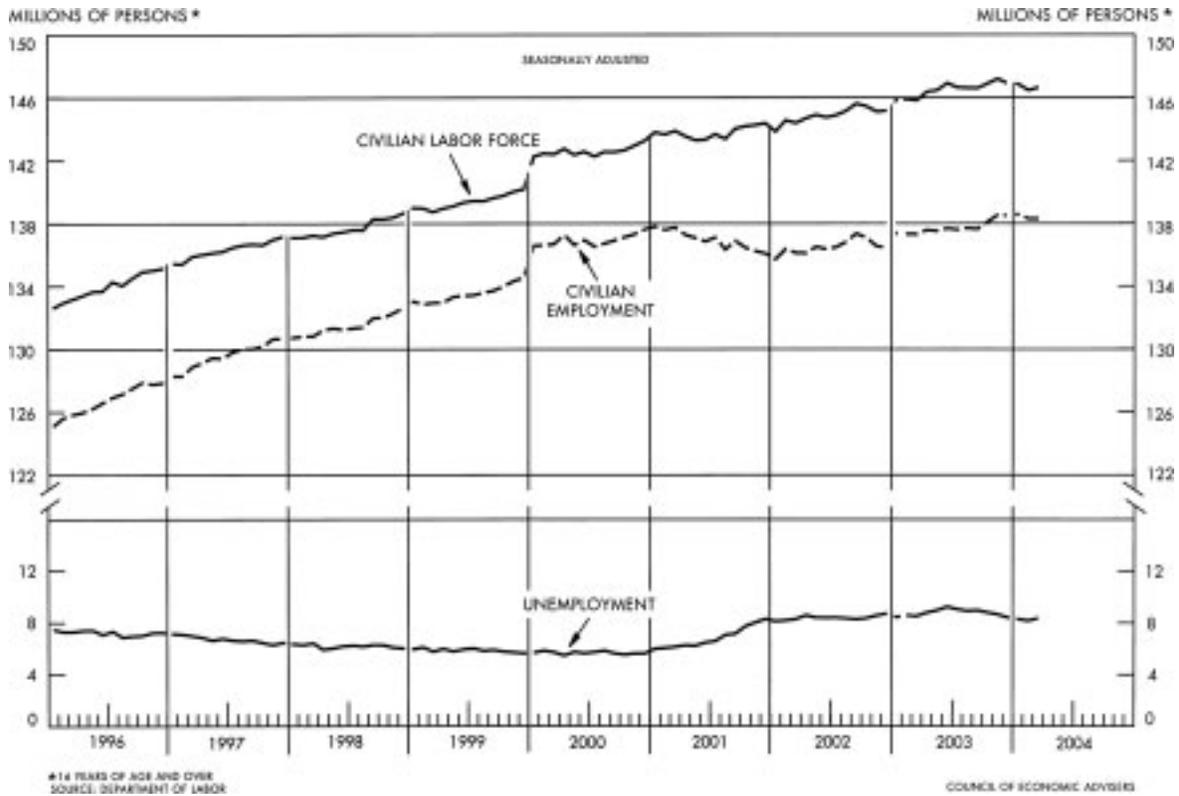
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In March, employment was about unchanged and unemployment rose by 182,000.



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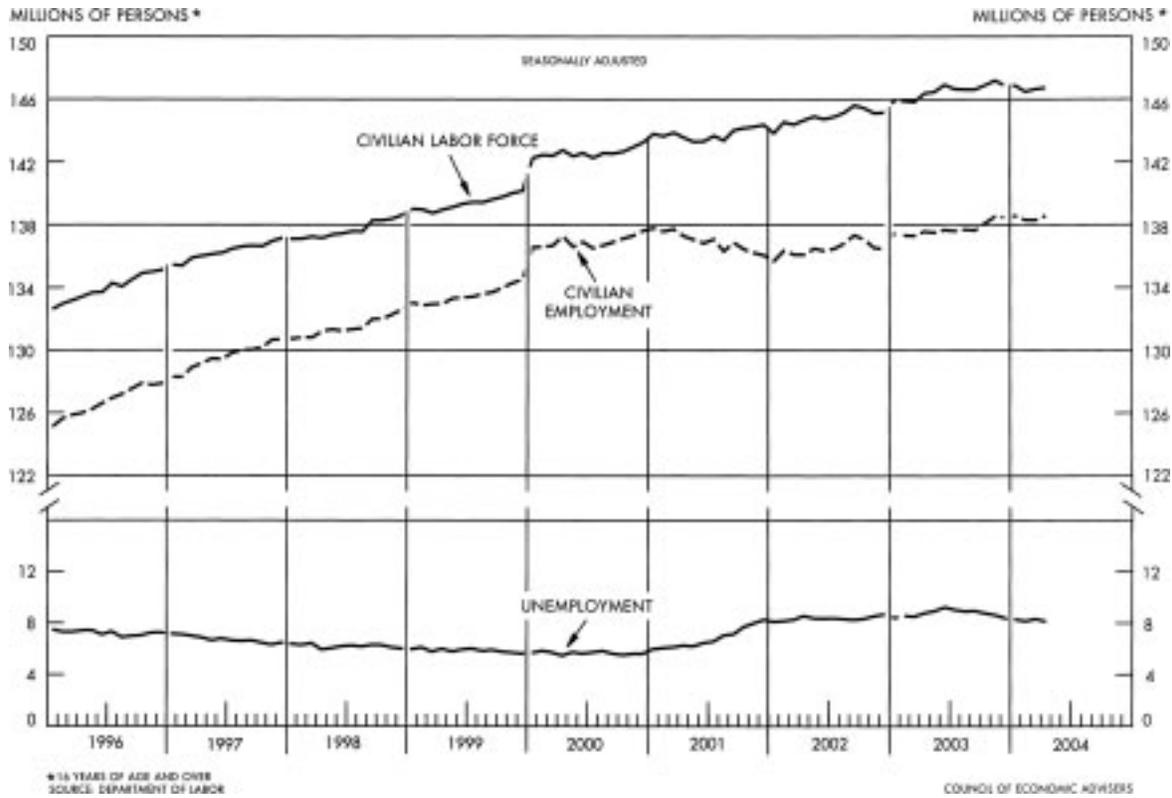
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In April, employment rose by 278,000 and unemployment fell by 188,000.



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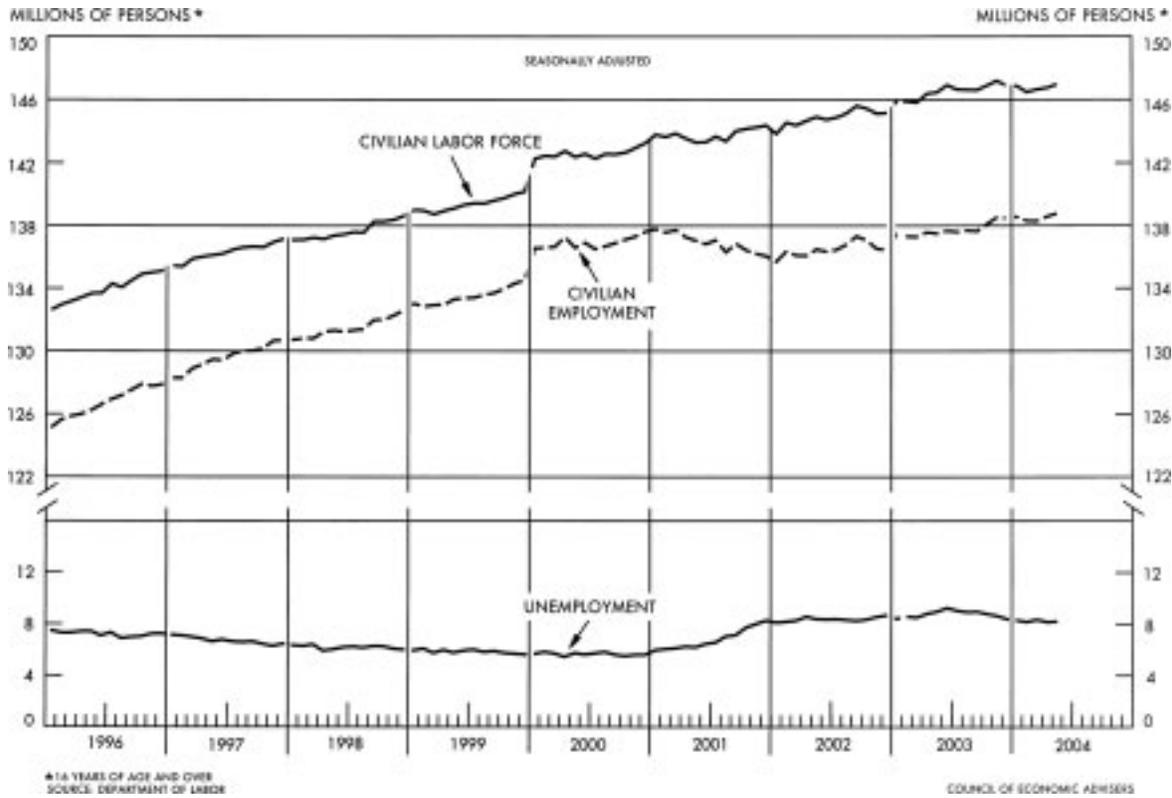
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In May, employment rose by 196,000 and unemployment rose by 39,000.



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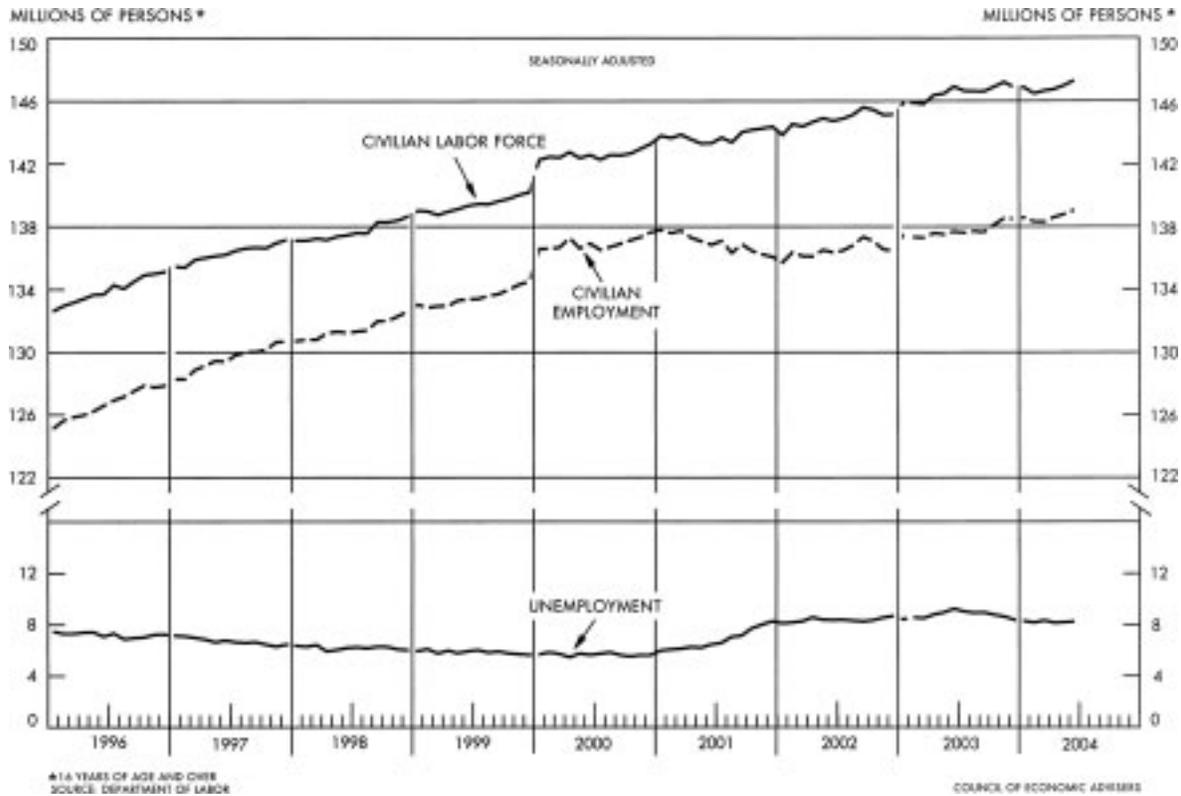
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In June, employment rose by 259,000 and unemployment rose by 45,000.



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2003	221,168	146,510	137,736	70,415	61,402	5,919	8,774	4,209	3,314	1,251	74,658	66.2	62.3	6.0
2003: June	221,014	146,917	137,673	70,190	61,610	5,873	9,245	4,485	3,379	1,381	74,097	66.5	62.3	6.3
July	221,252	146,652	137,604	70,269	61,479	5,856	9,048	4,391	3,356	1,301	74,600	66.3	62.2	6.2
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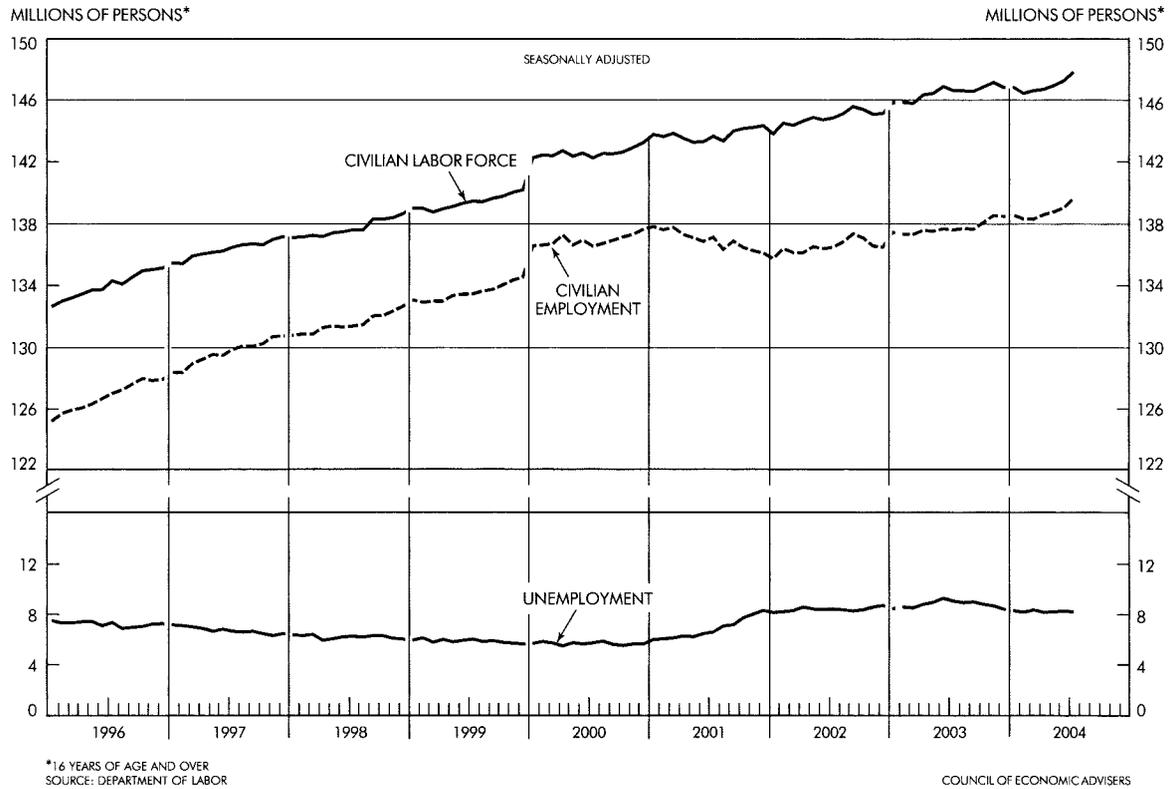
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In July, employment rose by 629,000 and unemployment fell by 52,000.



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1995	198,584	132,304	124,900	64,085	54,396	6,419	7,404	3,239	2,819	1,346	66,280	66.6	62.9	5.6
1996	200,591	133,943	126,708	64,897	55,311	6,500	7,236	3,146	2,783	1,306	66,647	66.8	63.2	5.4
1997 ³	203,133	136,297	129,558	66,284	56,613	6,661	6,739	2,882	2,585	1,271	66,837	67.1	63.8	4.9
1998 ³	205,220	137,673	131,463	67,135	57,278	7,051	6,210	2,580	2,424	1,205	67,547	67.1	64.1	4.5
1999 ³	207,753	139,368	133,488	67,761	58,555	7,172	5,880	2,433	2,285	1,162	68,385	67.1	64.3	4.2
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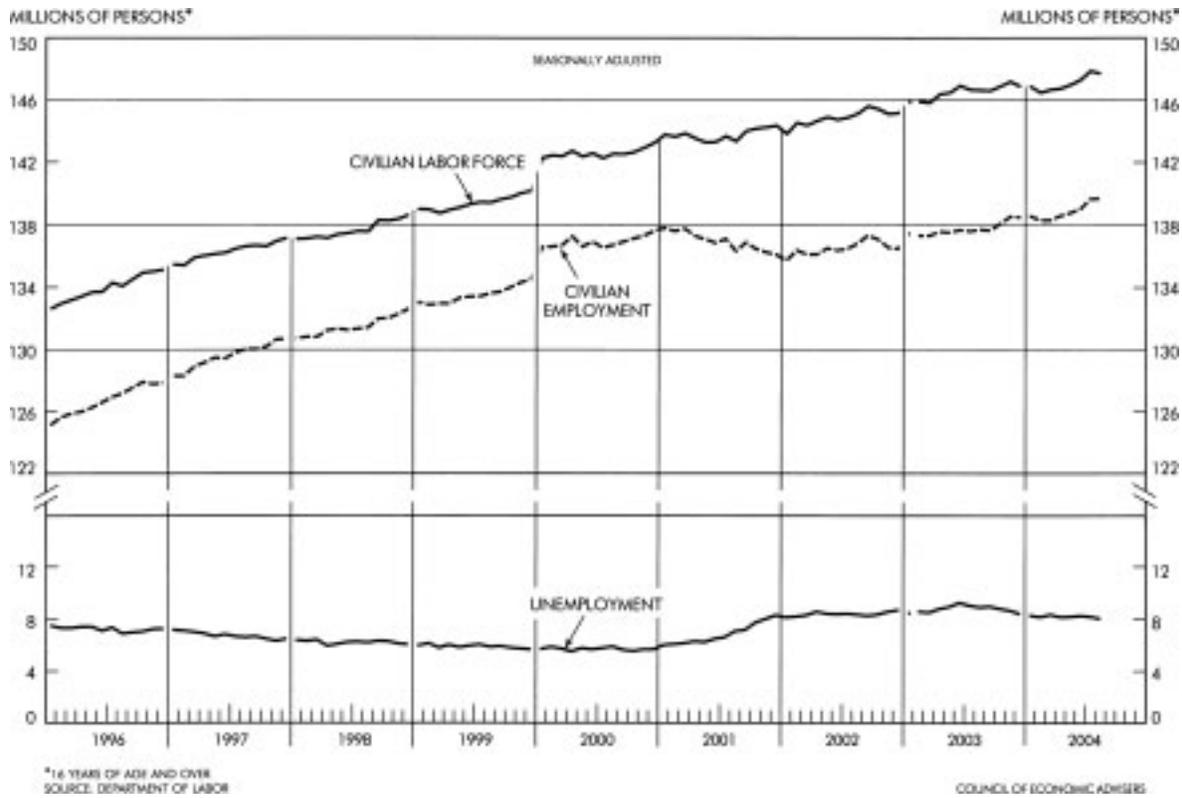
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In August, employment rose by 21,000 and unemployment fell by 174,000.



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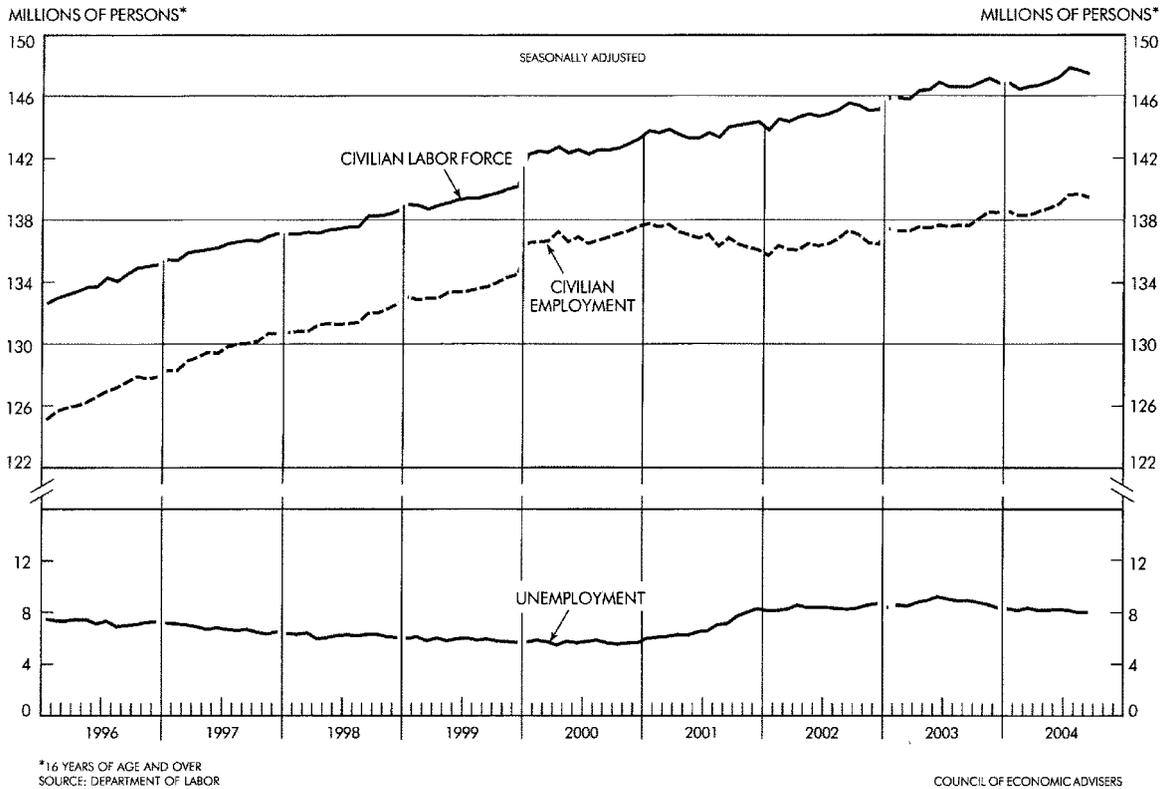
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EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In September, employment fell by 201,000 and unemployment fell by 19,000.



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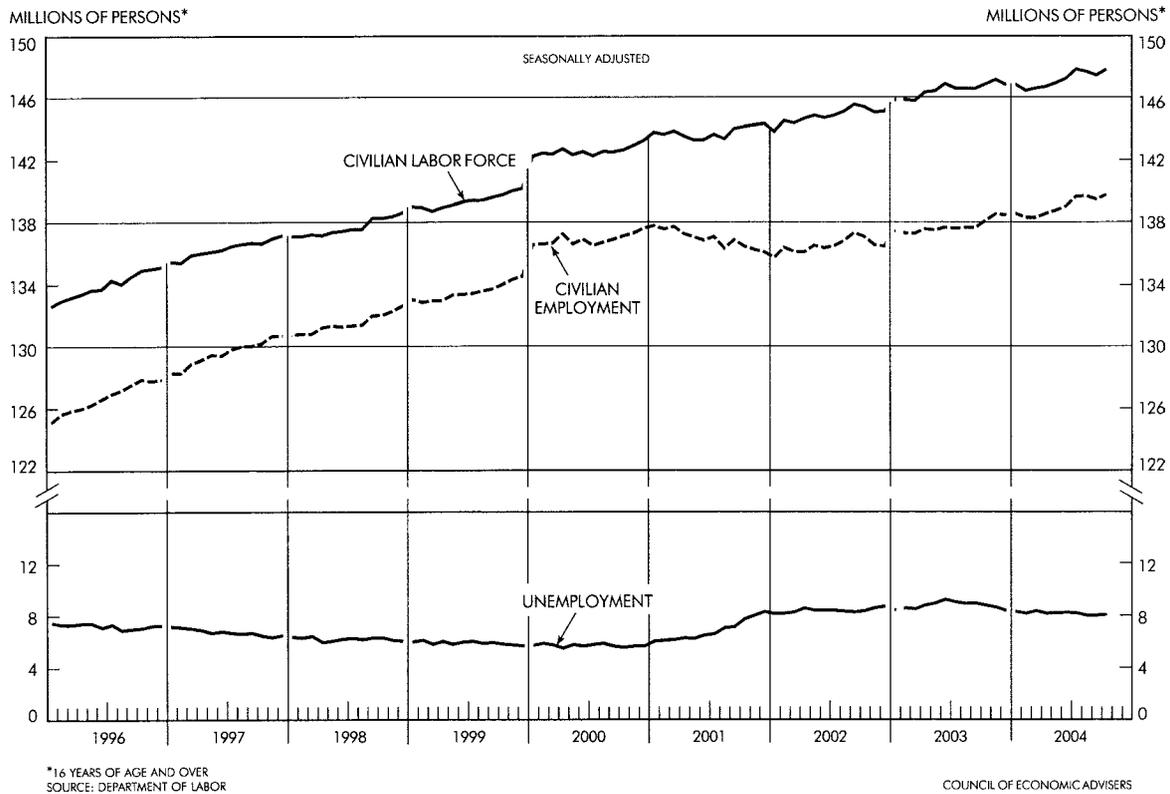
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STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

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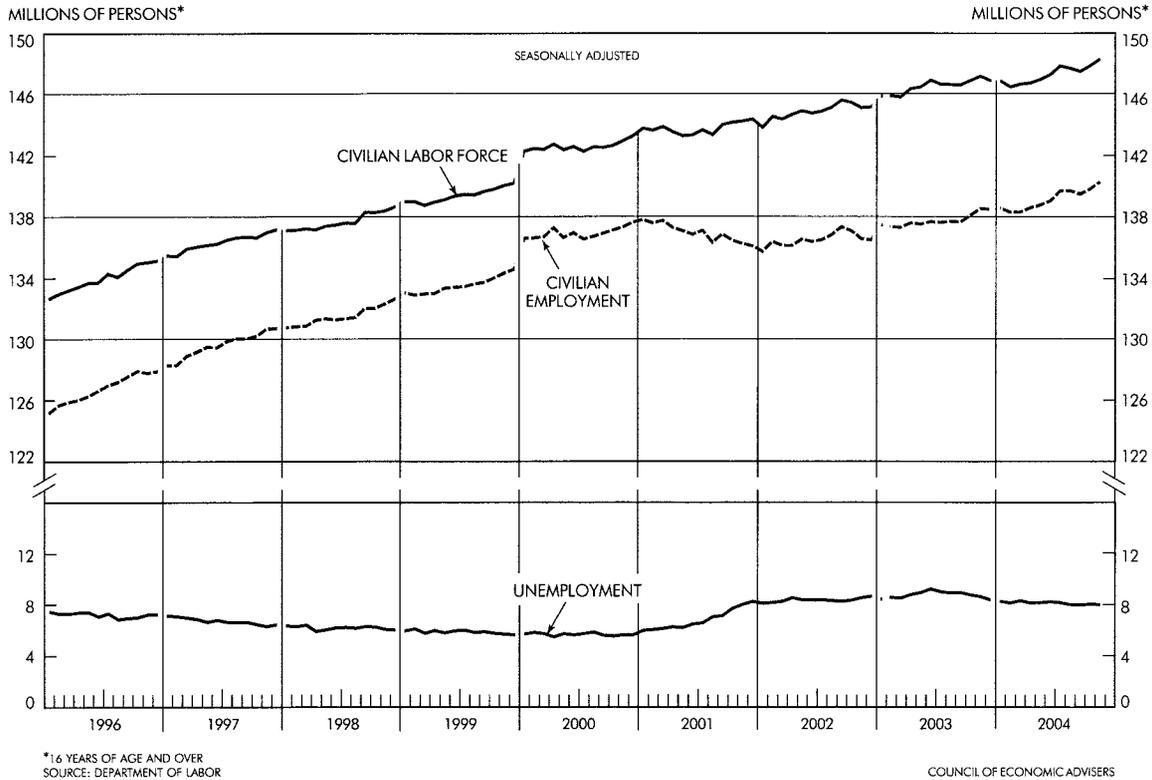
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Period	Civilian noninstitutional population NSA	Civilian labor force	Civilian employment				Unemployment				Not in labor force	Percent ¹		
			Total	Men 20 years and over	Women 20 years and over	Both sexes 16-19 years	Total	Men 20 years and over	Women 20 years and over	Both sexes 16-19 years		Labor force participation rate	Employment/population ratio	Unemployment rate
1994 ²	196,814	131,056	123,060	63,294	53,606	6,161	7,996	3,627	3,049	1,320	65,758	66.6	62.5	6.1
1995	198,584	132,304	124,900	64,085	54,396	6,419	7,404	3,239	2,819	1,346	66,280	66.6	62.9	5.6
1996	200,591	133,943	126,708	64,897	55,311	6,500	7,236	3,146	2,783	1,306	66,647	66.8	63.2	5.4
1997 ³	203,133	136,297	129,558	66,284	56,613	6,661	6,739	2,882	2,585	1,271	66,837	67.1	63.8	4.9
1998 ³	205,220	137,673	131,463	67,135	57,278	7,051	6,210	2,580	2,424	1,205	67,547	67.1	64.1	4.5
1999 ³	207,753	139,368	133,488	67,761	58,555	7,172	5,880	2,433	2,285	1,162	68,385	67.1	64.3	4.2
2000 ³	212,577	142,583	136,891	69,634	60,067	7,189	5,692	2,376	2,235	1,081	69,994	67.1	64.4	4.0
2001	215,092	143,734	136,933	69,776	60,417	6,740	6,801	3,040	2,599	1,162	71,359	66.8	63.7	4.7
2002	217,570	144,863	136,485	69,734	60,420	6,332	8,378	3,896	3,228	1,253	72,707	66.6	62.7	5.8
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2004: Jan ³	222,161	146,863	138,566	71,329	61,260	5,977	8,297	3,842	3,255	1,200	75,298	66.1	62.4	5.6
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Apr	222,757	146,741	138,576	71,118	61,571	5,888	8,164	3,753	3,215	1,197	76,016	65.9	62.2	5.6
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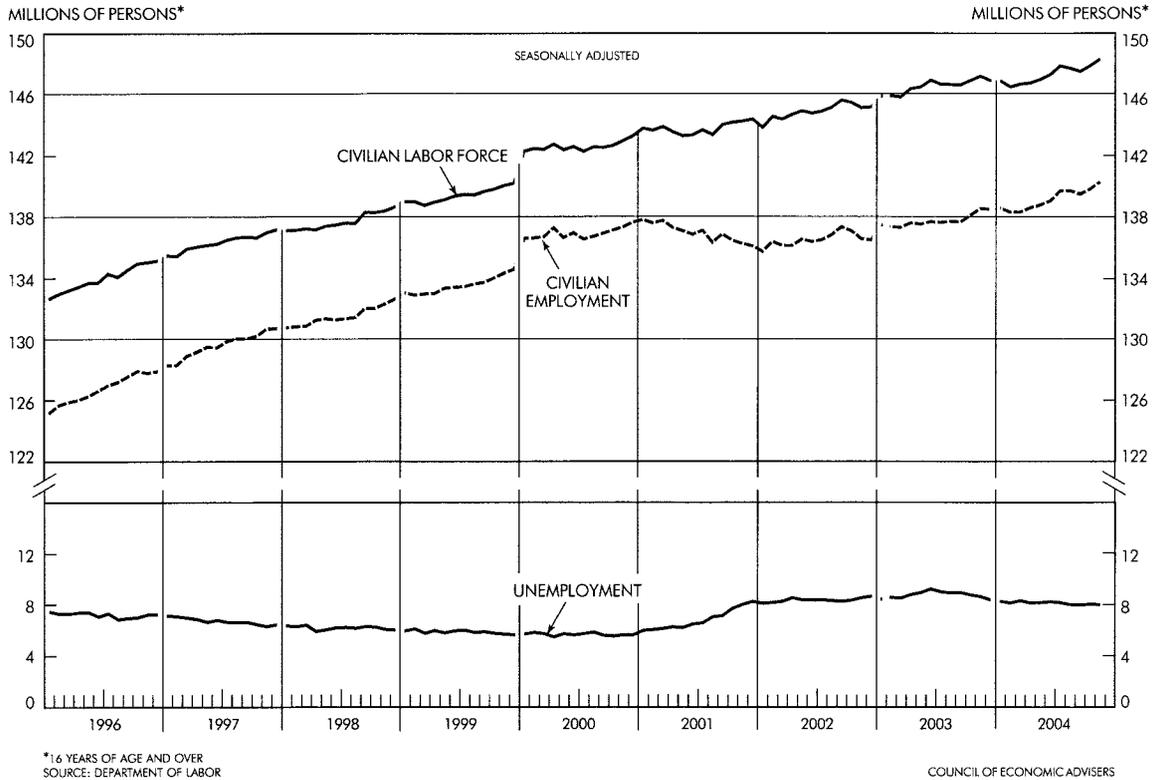
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