

A-1. Employment status of the civilian noninstitutional population 16 years and over, 1970 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	
1970	137,085	82,771	60.4	78,678	57.4	4,093	4.9	54,315
1971	140,216	84,382	60.2	79,367	56.6	5,016	5.9	55,834
1972 ¹	144,126	87,034	60.4	82,153	57.0	4,882	5.6	57,091
1973 ¹	147,096	89,429	60.8	85,064	57.8	4,365	4.9	57,667
1974	150,120	91,949	61.3	86,794	57.8	5,156	5.6	58,171
1975	153,153	93,774	61.2	85,846	56.1	7,929	8.5	59,377
1976	156,150	96,158	61.6	88,752	56.8	7,406	7.7	59,991
1977	159,033	99,008	62.3	92,017	57.9	6,991	7.1	60,025
1978 ¹	161,910	102,250	63.2	96,048	59.3	6,202	6.1	59,659
1979	164,863	104,962	63.7	98,824	59.9	6,137	5.8	59,900
1980	167,745	106,940	63.8	99,302	59.2	7,637	7.1	60,806
1981	170,130	108,670	63.9	100,397	59.0	8,273	7.6	61,460
1982	172,271	110,204	64.0	99,526	57.8	10,678	9.7	62,067
1983	174,215	111,550	64.0	100,834	57.9	10,717	9.6	62,665
1984	176,383	113,544	64.4	105,005	59.5	8,539	7.5	62,839
1985	178,206	115,461	64.8	107,150	60.1	8,312	7.2	62,744
1986 ¹	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 ¹	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 ¹	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 ¹	203,133	136,297	67.1	129,558	63.8	6,739	4.9	66,836
1998 ¹	205,220	137,673	67.1	131,463	64.1	6,210	4.5	67,547
1999 ¹	207,753	139,368	67.1	133,488	64.3	5,880	4.2	68,385
2000 ¹	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 ¹	221,168	146,510	66.2	137,736	62.3	8,774	6.0	74,658
2004 ¹	223,357	147,401	66.0	139,252	62.3	8,149	5.5	75,956
2005 ¹	226,082	149,320	66.0	141,730	62.7	7,591	5.1	76,762
2006 ¹	228,815	151,428	66.2	144,427	63.1	7,001	4.6	77,387
2007 ¹	231,867	153,124	66.0	146,047	63.0	7,078	4.6	78,743
2008 ¹	233,788	154,287	66.0	145,362	62.2	8,924	5.8	79,501
Monthly data, seasonally adjusted ²								
2008:								
February	232,809	153,498	65.9	146,075	62.7	7,423	4.8	79,311
March	232,995	153,843	66.0	146,023	62.7	7,820	5.1	79,152
April	233,198	153,932	66.0	146,257	62.7	7,675	5.0	79,267
May	233,405	154,510	66.2	145,974	62.5	8,536	5.5	78,895
June	233,627	154,400	66.1	145,738	62.4	8,662	5.6	79,227
July	233,864	154,506	66.1	145,596	62.3	8,910	5.8	79,358
August	234,107	154,823	66.1	145,273	62.1	9,550	6.2	79,284
September	234,360	154,621	66.0	145,029	61.9	9,592	6.2	79,739
October	234,612	154,878	66.0	144,657	61.7	10,221	6.6	79,734
November	234,828	154,620	65.8	144,144	61.4	10,476	6.8	80,208
December	235,035	154,447	65.7	143,338	61.0	11,108	7.2	80,588
2009:								
January ³	234,739	153,716	65.5	142,099	60.5	11,616	7.6	81,023
February	234,913	154,214	65.6	141,748	60.3	12,467	8.1	80,699

¹ Not strictly comparable with prior years. For an explanation, see "Historical Comparability" under the Household Data section of the Explanatory Notes and Estimates of Error at http://www.bls.gov/cps/eetech_methods.pdf.

² The population figures are not adjusted for seasonal variation.

³ Data not strictly comparable with earlier years because updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.