

**Table 574. Civilian Population—Employment Status: 1970 to 2008**

[In thousands (137,085 represents 137,085,000), except as indicated. Annual averages of monthly figures. Civilian noninstitutional population 16 years old and over. Based on Current Population Survey; see text, Section 1, and Appendix III]

| Year              | Civilian noninstitutional population | Civilian labor force |                       |          |  |            |                        | Not in labor force |                       |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------|--|------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
|                   |                                      | Total                | Percent of population | Employed | Employment/population ratio <sup>1</sup> | 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             | 39.6                  |
| 1980              | 167,745                              | 106,940              | 63.8                  | 99,303   | 59.2                                     | 7,637      | 7.1                    | 60,806             | 36.2                  |
| 1990 <sup>2</sup> | 189,164                              | 125,840              | 66.5                  | 118,793  | 62.8                                     | 7,047      | 5.6                    | 63,324             | 33.5                  |
| 1991              | 190,925                              | 126,346              | 66.2                  | 117,718  | 61.7                                     | 8,628      | 6.8                    | 64,578             | 33.8                  |
| 1992              | 192,805                              | 128,105              | 66.4                  | 118,492  | 61.5                                     | 9,613      | 7.5                    | 64,700             | 33.6                  |
| 1993              | 194,838                              | 129,200              | 66.3                  | 120,259  | 61.7                                     | 8,940      | 6.9                    | 65,638             | 33.7                  |
| 1994 <sup>2</sup> | 196,814                              | 131,056              | 66.6                  | 123,060  | 62.5                                     | 7,996      | 6.1                    | 65,758             | 33.4                  |
| 1995              | 198,584                              | 132,304              | 66.6                  | 124,900  | 62.9                                     | 7,404      | 5.6                    | 66,280             | 33.4                  |
| 1996              | 200,591                              | 133,943              | 66.8                  | 126,708  | 63.2                                     | 7,236      | 5.4                    | 66,647             | 33.2                  |
| 1997 <sup>2</sup> | 203,133                              | 136,297              | 67.1                  | 129,558  | 63.8                                     | 6,739      | 4.9                    | 66,837             | 32.9                  |
| 1998 <sup>2</sup> | 205,220                              | 137,673              | 67.1                  | 131,463  | 64.1                                     | 6,210      | 4.5                    | 67,547             | 32.9                  |
| 1999 <sup>2</sup> | 207,753                              | 139,368              | 67.1                  | 133,488  | 64.3                                     | 5,880      | 4.2                    | 68,385             | 32.9                  |
| 2000 <sup>2</sup> | 212,577                              | 142,583              | 67.1                  | 136,891  | 64.4                                     | 5,692      | 4.0                    | 69,994             | 32.9                  |
| 2001              | 215,092                              | 143,734              | 66.8                  | 136,933  | 63.7                                     | 6,801      | 4.7                    | 71,359             | 33.2                  |
| 2002              | 217,570                              | 144,863              | 66.6                  | 136,485  | 62.7                                     | 8,378      | 5.8                    | 72,707             | 33.4                  |
| 2003 <sup>2</sup> | 221,168                              | 146,510              | 66.2                  | 137,736  | 62.3                                     | 8,774      | 6.0                    | 74,658             | 33.8                  |
| 2004 <sup>2</sup> | 223,357                              | 147,401              | 66.0                  | 139,252  | 62.3                                     | 8,149      | 5.5                    | 75,956             | 34.0                  |
| 2005 <sup>2</sup> | 226,082                              | 149,320              | 66.0                  | 141,730  | 62.7                                     | 7,591      | 5.1                    | 76,762             | 34.0                  |
| 2006 <sup>2</sup> | 228,815                              | 151,428              | 66.2                  | 144,427  | 63.1                                     | 7,001      | 4.6                    | 77,387             | 33.8                  |
| 2007 <sup>2</sup> | 231,867                              | 153,124              | 66.0                  | 146,047  | 63.0                                     | 7,078      | 4.6                    | 78,743             | 34.0                  |
| 2008 <sup>2</sup> | 233,788                              | 154,287              | 66.0                  | 145,362  | 62.2                                     | 8,924      | 5.8                    | 79,501             | 34.0                  |

<sup>1</sup> Civilian employed as a percent of the civilian noninstitutional population. <sup>2</sup> Data not strictly comparable with data for earlier years. See text, this section, and February 1994, March 1996, February 1997–99, and February 2003–09 issues of *Employment and Earnings*.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employment and Earnings Online," January 2009; <<http://www.bls.gov/opub/ee/home.htm>> and <<http://www.bls.gov/cps/home.htm>>.