

No. HS-50. Federal Government—Employment: 1901 to 2002

[In thousands (231 represents 231,000). Employment figures are as of September 31. Executive branch civilian employment totals exclude Postal Service]

Year	Executive branch civilian employment (1,000) ¹				Year	Executive branch civilian employment (1,000) ¹			
	Total	Department of Defense ²	Civilian agencies	Post Office		Total	Department of Defense ²	Civilian agencies	Post Office
1901	231	45	187	136	1955	1,860	1,187	673	512
1902	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1956	1,864	1,180	684	509
1903	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1957	1,869	1,161	708	521
1904	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1958	1,817	1,097	720	538
1905	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1959	1,805	1,078	727	550
1906	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1960	1,808	1,047	761	563
1907	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1961	1,825	1,042	782	582
1908	348	51	(NA)	200	1962	1,896	1,070	827	588
1909	364	54	(NA)	205	1963	1,911	1,050	861	587
1910	380	58	322	209	1964	1,884	1,030	855	585
1911	388	60	(NA)	212	1965	1,901	1,034	867	596
1912	392	60	(NA)	215	1966	2,051	1,138	913	675
1913	388	55	(NA)	213	1967	2,251	1,303	949	717
1914	394	58	(NA)	213	1968	2,289	1,317	972	731
1915	387	58	329	212	1969	2,301	1,342	960	739
1916	391	63	(NA)	212	1970	2,203	1,219	983	741
1917	430	92	(NA)	216	1971	2,144	1,154	989	(NA)
1918	844	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1972	2,117	1,108	1,009	(NA)
1919	784	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1973	2,083	1,053	1,030	(NA)
1920	645	237	408	242	1974	2,140	1,070	1,070	(NA)
1921	550	138	(NA)	251	1975	2,149	1,042	1,107	(NA)
1922	532	107	(NA)	260	1976	2,157	1,010	1,147	(NA)
1923	526	94	(NA)	269	1977	2,182	1,009	1,173	(NA)
1924	532	92	(NA)	280	1978	2,224	1,000	1,225	(NA)
1925	542	95	447	285	1979	2,161	960	1,201	(NA)
1926	537	92	(NA)	289	1980	2,161	960	1,201	667
1927	536	86	(NA)	291	1981	2,143	984	1,159	(NA)
1928	549	94	(NA)	293	1982	2,110	990	1,121	(NA)
1929	568	103	465	296	1983	2,157	1,026	1,131	(NA)
1930	589	103	485	298	1984	2,171	1,044	1,127	(NA)
1931	597	108	(NA)	297	1985	2,252	1,107	1,145	(NA)
1932	593	100	(NA)	296	1986	2,175	1,068	1,108	(NA)
1933	591	101	490	287	1987	2,232	1,090	1,142	(NA)
1934	685	133	(NA)	282	1988	2,222	1,050	1,172	(NA)
1935	766	147	619	275	1989	2,238	1,075	1,162	(NA)
1936	850	148	(NA)	281	1990	2,250	1,034	1,216	843
1937	878	161	(NA)	305	1991	2,243	1,013	1,230	(NA)
1938	865	163	(NA)	311	1992	2,225	952	1,274	(NA)
1939	936	196	(NA)	314	1993	2,157	891	1,266	(NA)
1940	699	256	443	823	1994	2,085	850	1,235	(NA)
1941	1,081	556	525	335	1995	2,012	802	1,210	875
1942	1,934	1,291	643	338	1996	1,934	768	1,166	886
1943	2,935	2,200	735	339	1997	1,872	723	1,149	893
1944	2,930	2,246	683	375	1998	1,856	693	1,163	905
1945	3,370	2,635	736	416	1999	1,820	666	1,155	906
1946	2,212	1,416	795	454	2000	1,778	651	1,127	901
1947	1,637	859	777	446	2001	1,792	647	1,145	891
1948	1,569	871	698	475	2002	1,818	645	1,173	854
1949	1,573	880	694	502					
1950	1,439	753	686	485					
1951	1,974	1,235	738	482					
1952	2,066	1,337	729	508					
1953	2,026	1,332	694	507					
1954	1,875	1,209	666	507	<i>Highest value . .</i>	3,370	2,635	1,274	906
					<i>Lowest value . .</i>	231	45	187	136

NA Not available. ¹ End of fiscal year counts. Excludes Postal Service. 1940 to 1953 are estimates. ² In 1947, War and Navy Departments were combined into the Department of Defense.

Source: 1940-2002, Office of Management and Budget, *Budget of the United States Government, Historical Tables*, annual. See also <<http://w3.access.gpo.gov/usbudget/fy2004/pdf/hist.pdf>>. 1900-1939, U.S. Civil Service Commission (currently Office of Personnel Management), *Federal Civilian Manpower Statistics, 1980-2001, U.S. Postal Service, Annual Report of the Postmaster General*, annual.