

No. HS-29. Employment Status of the Civilian Population: 1929 to 2002

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Year	Civilian noninstitutional population	Civilian labor force							Not in labor force, number
				Employment/population ratio	Employed		Unemployed		
		Total	Employed		Agriculture	Nonagricultural industries	Number	Percent of labor force	
14 YEARS OLD AND OVER									
1929	(NA)	49,180	47,630	(NA)	10,450	37,180	1,550	3.2	(NA)
1930	(NA)	49,820	45,480	(NA)	10,340	35,140	4,340	8.7	(NA)
1931	(NA)	50,420	42,400	(NA)	10,290	32,110	8,020	15.9	(NA)
1932	(NA)	51,000	38,940	(NA)	10,170	28,770	12,060	23.6	(NA)
1933	(NA)	51,590	38,760	(NA)	10,090	28,670	12,830	24.9	(NA)
1934	(NA)	52,230	40,890	(NA)	9,900	30,990	11,340	21.7	(NA)
1935	(NA)	52,870	42,260	(NA)	10,110	32,150	10,610	20.1	(NA)
1936	(NA)	53,440	44,410	(NA)	10,000	34,410	9,030	16.9	(NA)
1937	(NA)	54,000	46,300	(NA)	9,820	36,480	7,700	14.3	(NA)
1938	(NA)	54,610	44,220	(NA)	9,690	34,530	10,390	19.0	(NA)
1939	(NA)	55,230	45,750	(NA)	9,610	36,140	9,480	17.2	(NA)
1940	99,840	55,640	47,520	47.6	9,540	37,980	8,120	14.6	44,200
1941	99,900	55,910	50,350	50.4	9,100	41,250	5,560	9.9	43,990
1942	98,640	56,410	53,750	54.5	9,250	44,500	2,660	4.7	42,230
1943	94,640	55,540	54,470	57.6	9,080	45,390	1,070	1.9	39,100
1944	93,220	54,630	53,960	57.9	8,950	45,010	670	1.2	38,590
1945	94,090	53,860	52,820	56.1	8,580	44,240	1,040	1.9	40,230
1946	103,070	57,520	55,250	53.6	8,320	46,930	2,270	3.9	45,550
1947	106,018	60,168	57,812	54.5	8,256	49,557	2,356	3.9	45,850
16 YEARS OLD AND OVER									
1947	101,827	59,350	57,038	56.0	7,890	49,148	2,311	3.9	42,477
1948	103,068	60,621	58,343	56.6	7,629	50,714	2,276	3.8	42,447
1949	103,994	61,286	57,651	55.4	7,658	49,993	3,637	5.9	42,708
1950	104,995	62,208	58,918	56.1	7,160	51,758	3,288	5.3	42,787
1951	104,621	62,017	59,961	57.3	6,726	53,235	2,055	3.3	42,604
1952	105,231	62,138	60,250	57.3	6,500	53,749	1,883	3.0	43,093
1953 ²	107,056	63,015	61,179	57.1	6,260	54,919	1,834	2.9	44,041
1954	108,321	63,643	60,109	55.5	6,205	53,904	3,532	5.5	44,678
1955	109,683	65,023	62,170	56.7	6,450	55,722	2,852	4.4	44,660
1956	110,954	66,552	63,799	57.5	6,283	57,514	2,750	4.1	44,402
1957	112,265	66,929	64,071	57.1	5,947	58,123	2,859	4.3	45,336
1958	113,727	67,639	63,036	55.4	5,586	57,450	4,602	6.8	46,088
1959	115,329	68,369	64,630	56.0	5,565	59,065	3,740	5.5	46,960
1960 ²	117,245	69,628	65,778	56.1	5,458	60,318	3,852	5.5	47,617
1961	118,771	70,459	65,746	55.4	5,200	60,546	4,714	6.7	48,312
1962 ²	120,153	70,614	66,702	55.5	4,944	61,759	3,911	5.5	49,539
1963	122,416	71,833	67,762	55.4	4,687	63,076	4,070	5.7	50,583
1964	124,485	73,091	69,305	55.7	4,523	64,782	3,786	5.2	51,394
1965	126,513	74,455	71,088	56.2	4,361	66,726	3,366	4.5	52,058
1966	128,058	75,770	72,895	56.9	3,979	68,915	2,875	3.8	52,288
1967	129,874	77,347	74,372	57.3	3,844	70,527	2,975	3.8	52,527
1968	132,028	78,737	75,920	57.5	3,817	72,103	2,817	3.6	53,291
1969	134,335	80,734	77,902	58.0	3,606	74,296	2,832	3.5	53,602
1970	137,085	82,771	78,678	57.4	3,463	75,215	4,093	4.9	54,315
1971	140,216	84,382	79,367	56.6	3,394	75,972	5,016	5.9	55,834
1972 ²	144,126	87,034	82,153	57.0	3,484	78,669	4,882	5.6	57,091
1973 ²	147,096	89,429	85,064	57.8	3,470	81,594	4,365	4.9	57,667
1974	150,120	91,949	86,794	57.8	3,515	83,279	5,156	5.6	58,171
1975	153,153	93,775	85,846	56.1	3,408	82,438	7,929	8.5	59,377
1976	156,150	96,158	88,752	56.8	3,331	85,421	7,406	7.7	59,991
1977	159,033	99,009	92,017	57.9	3,283	88,734	6,991	7.1	60,025
1978 ²	161,910	102,251	96,048	59.3	3,387	92,661	6,202	6.1	59,659
1979	164,863	104,962	98,824	59.9	3,347	95,477	6,137	5.8	59,900
1980	167,745	106,940	99,303	59.2	3,364	95,938	7,637	7.1	60,806
1981	170,130	108,670	100,397	59.0	3,368	97,030	8,273	7.6	61,460
1982	172,271	110,204	99,526	57.8	3,401	96,125	10,678	9.7	62,067
1983	174,215	111,550	100,834	57.9	3,383	97,450	10,717	9.6	62,665
1984	176,383	113,544	105,005	59.5	3,321	101,685	8,539	7.5	62,839

See footnotes at end of table.

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1985	178,206	115,461	107,150	60.1	3,179	103,971	8,312	7.2	62,744
1986 ²	180,587	117,834	109,597	60.7	3,163	106,434	8,237	7.0	62,752
1987	182,753	119,865	112,440	61.5	3,208	109,232	7,425	6.2	62,888
1988	184,613	121,669	114,968	62.3	3,169	111,800	6,701	5.5	62,944
1989	186,393	123,869	117,342	63.0	3,199	114,142	6,528	5.3	62,523
1990 ²	189,164	125,840	118,793	62.8	3,223	115,570	7,047	5.6	63,324
1991	190,925	126,346	117,718	61.7	3,269	114,449	8,628	6.8	64,578
1992	192,805	128,105	118,492	61.5	3,247	115,245	9,613	7.5	64,700
1993	194,838	129,200	120,259	61.7	3,115	117,144	8,940	6.9	65,638
1994 ²	196,814	131,056	123,060	62.5	3,409	119,651	7,996	6.1	65,758
1995	198,584	132,304	124,900	62.9	3,440	121,460	7,404	5.6	66,280
1996	200,591	133,943	126,708	63.2	3,443	123,264	7,236	5.4	66,647
1997 ²	203,133	136,297	129,558	63.8	3,399	126,159	6,739	4.9	66,837
1998 ²	205,220	137,673	131,463	64.1	3,378	128,085	6,210	4.5	67,547
1999 ²	207,753	139,368	133,488	64.3	3,281	130,207	5,880	4.2	68,385
2000 ²	212,577	142,583	136,891	64.4	3,382	133,509	5,692	4.0	69,994
2001	215,092	143,734	136,933	63.7	3,231	133,702	6,801	4.7	71,359
2002	217,570	144,863	136,485	62.7	3,340	133,145	8,378	5.8	72,707
Highest value ³	217,570	144,863	136,933	64.4	7,890	133,702	10,717	9.7	72,707
Lowest value ³	101,827	59,350	57,038	55.4	3,115	49,148	1,834	2.9	42,447

NA Not available. ¹ Civilian employed as a percent of the noninstitutional population. ² Not strictly comparable with data for prior years. See source for details. ³ For persons 16 years old and over.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Bulletin 2307; and *Employment and Earnings*, monthly.