

**HOUSEHOLD DATA
HISTORICAL**

A-1. Employment status of the civilian noninstitutional population 16 years and over, 1977 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	
1977.....	159,033	99,009	62.3	92,017	57.9	6,991	7.1	60,025
1978.....	161,910	102,251	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	99,303	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.....	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.....	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.....	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.....	203,133	136,297	67.1	129,558	63.8	6,739	4.9	66,837
1998.....	205,220	137,673	67.1	131,463	64.1	6,210	4.5	67,547
1999.....	207,753	139,368	67.1	133,488	64.3	5,880	4.2	68,385
2000.....	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.....	221,168	146,510	66.2	137,736	62.3	8,774	6.0	74,658
2004.....	223,357	147,401	66.0	139,252	62.3	8,149	5.5	75,956
2005.....	226,082	149,320	66.0	141,730	62.7	7,591	5.1	76,762
2006.....	228,815	151,428	66.2	144,427	63.1	7,001	4.6	77,387
2007.....	231,867	153,124	66.0	146,047	63.0	7,078	4.6	78,743
2008.....	233,788	154,287	66.0	145,362	62.2	8,924	5.8	79,501
2009.....	235,801	154,142	65.4	139,877	59.3	14,265	9.3	81,659
2010.....	237,830	153,889	64.7	139,064	58.5	14,825	9.6	83,941
2011.....	239,618	153,617	64.1	139,869	58.4	13,747	8.9	86,001
Monthly data, seasonally adjusted¹								
2011								
August.....	239,871	153,674	64.1	139,754	58.3	13,920	9.1	86,198
September.....	240,071	154,004	64.1	140,107	58.4	13,897	9.0	86,067
October.....	240,269	154,057	64.1	140,297	58.4	13,759	8.9	86,213
November.....	240,441	153,937	64.0	140,614	58.5	13,323	8.7	86,503
December.....	240,584	153,887	64.0	140,790	58.5	13,097	8.5	86,697
2012								
January.....	242,269	154,395	63.7	141,637	58.5	12,758	8.3	87,874
February.....	242,435	154,871	63.9	142,065	58.6	12,806	8.3	87,564
March.....	242,604	154,707	63.8	142,034	58.5	12,673	8.2	87,897
April.....	242,784	154,365	63.6	141,865	58.4	12,500	8.1	88,419
May.....	242,966	155,007	63.8	142,287	58.6	12,720	8.2	87,958
June.....	243,155	155,163	63.8	142,415	58.6	12,749	8.2	87,992
July.....	243,354	155,013	63.7	142,220	58.4	12,794	8.3	88,340
August.....	243,566	154,645	63.5	142,101	58.3	12,544	8.1	88,921

¹ The population figures are not adjusted for seasonal variation.

NOTE: Revisions to population controls and other changes can affect the comparability of labor force levels over time. In recent years, updated population controls have been introduced annually with the release of January data. Additional information is online at www.bls.gov/cps/documentation.htm#pop.