

TABLE B-33.—Civilian population and labor force, 1929-94

(Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted)

Year or month	Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	Civilian labor force					Not in labor force	Civilian labor force participation rate ²	Civilian employment/population ratio ³	Unemployment rate, civilian workers ⁴
		Total	Employment			Unemployment				
			Total	Agricultural	Non-agricultural					
		Thousands of persons 14 years of age and over						Percent		
1929		49,180	47,630	10,450	37,180	1,550			3.2	
1933		51,590	38,760	10,090	28,670	12,830			24.9	
1939		55,230	45,750	9,610	36,140	9,480			17.2	
1940	99,840	55,640	47,520	9,540	37,980	8,120	44,200	55.7	47.6	
1941	99,900	55,910	50,350	9,100	41,250	5,560	43,990	56.0	50.4	
1942	98,640	56,410	53,750	9,250	44,500	2,660	42,230	57.2	54.5	
1943	94,640	55,540	54,470	9,080	45,390	1,070	39,100	58.7	57.6	
1944	93,220	54,630	53,960	8,950	45,010	670	38,590	58.6	57.9	
1945	94,090	53,860	52,820	8,580	44,240	1,040	40,230	57.2	56.1	
1946	103,070	57,520	55,250	8,320	46,930	2,270	45,550	55.8	53.6	
1947	106,018	60,168	57,812	8,256	49,557	2,356	45,850	56.8	54.5	
		Thousands of persons 16 years of age and over								
1947	101,827	59,350	57,038	7,890	49,148	2,311	42,477	58.3	56.0	
1948	103,068	60,621	58,343	7,629	50,714	2,276	42,447	58.8	56.6	
1949	103,994	61,286	57,651	7,658	49,993	3,637	42,708	58.9	55.4	
1950	104,995	62,208	58,918	7,160	51,758	3,288	42,787	59.2	56.1	
1951	104,621	62,017	59,961	6,726	53,235	2,055	42,604	59.2	57.3	
1952	105,231	62,138	60,250	6,500	53,749	1,883	43,093	59.0	57.3	
1953 ⁵	107,056	63,015	61,179	6,260	54,919	1,834	44,041	58.9	57.1	
1954	108,321	63,643	60,109	6,205	53,904	3,532	44,678	58.8	55.5	
1955	109,683	65,023	62,170	6,450	55,722	2,852	44,660	59.3	56.7	
1956	110,954	66,552	63,799	6,283	57,514	2,750	44,402	60.0	57.5	
1957	112,265	66,929	64,071	5,947	58,123	2,859	45,336	59.6	57.1	
1958	113,727	67,639	63,036	5,586	57,450	4,602	46,088	59.5	55.4	
1959	115,329	68,369	64,630	5,565	59,065	3,740	46,960	59.3	56.0	
1960 ⁵	117,245	69,628	65,778	5,458	60,318	3,852	47,617	59.4	56.1	
1961	118,771	70,459	65,746	5,200	60,546	4,714	48,312	59.3	55.4	
1962 ⁵	120,153	70,614	66,702	4,944	61,759	3,911	49,539	58.8	55.5	
1963	122,416	71,833	67,762	4,687	63,076	4,070	50,583	58.7	55.4	
1964	124,485	73,091	69,305	4,523	64,782	3,786	51,394	58.7	55.7	
1965	126,513	74,455	71,088	4,361	66,726	3,366	52,058	58.9	56.2	
1966	128,058	75,770	72,895	3,979	68,915	2,875	52,288	59.2	56.9	
1967	129,874	77,347	74,372	3,844	70,527	2,975	52,527	59.6	57.3	
1968	132,028	78,737	75,920	3,817	72,103	2,817	53,291	59.6	57.5	
1969	134,335	80,734	77,902	3,606	74,296	2,832	53,602	60.1	58.0	
1970	137,085	82,771	78,678	3,463	75,215	4,093	54,315	60.4	57.4	
1971	140,216	84,382	79,367	3,394	75,972	5,016	55,834	60.2	56.6	
1972 ⁵	144,126	87,034	82,153	3,484	78,669	4,882	57,091	60.4	57.0	
1973 ⁵	147,096	89,429	85,064	3,470	81,594	4,365	57,667	60.8	57.8	
1974	150,120	91,949	86,794	3,515	83,279	5,156	58,171	61.3	57.8	
1975	153,153	93,775	85,846	3,408	82,438	7,929	59,377	61.2	56.1	
1976	156,150	96,158	88,752	3,331	85,421	7,406	59,991	61.6	56.8	
1977	159,033	99,009	92,017	3,283	88,734	6,991	60,025	62.3	57.9	
1978 ⁵	161,910	102,251	96,048	3,387	92,661	6,202	59,659	63.2	59.3	
1979	164,863	104,962	98,824	3,347	95,477	6,137	59,900	63.7	59.9	
1980	167,745	106,940	99,303	3,364	95,938	7,637	60,806	63.8	59.2	
1981	170,130	108,670	100,397	3,368	97,030	8,273	61,460	63.9	59.0	
1982	172,271	110,204	99,526	3,401	96,125	10,678	62,067	64.0	57.8	
1983	174,215	111,550	100,834	3,383	97,450	10,717	62,665	64.0	57.9	
1984	176,383	113,544	105,005	3,321	101,685	8,539	62,839	64.4	59.5	
1985	178,206	115,461	107,150	3,179	103,971	8,312	62,744	64.8	60.1	
1986 ⁵	180,587	117,834	109,597	3,163	106,434	8,237	62,752	65.3	60.7	
1987	182,753	119,865	112,440	3,208	109,232	7,425	62,888	65.6	61.5	
1988	184,613	121,669	114,968	3,169	111,800	6,701	62,944	65.9	62.3	
1989	186,393	123,869	117,342	3,199	114,142	6,528	62,523	66.5	63.0	
1990	188,049	124,787	117,914	3,186	114,728	6,874	63,262	66.4	62.7	
1991	189,765	125,303	116,877	3,233	113,644	8,426	64,462	66.0	61.6	
1992	191,576	126,982	117,598	3,207	114,391	9,384	64,593	66.3	61.4	
1993	193,550	128,040	119,306	3,074	116,232	8,734	65,509	66.2	61.6	
1994 ⁵	196,814	131,056	123,060	3,409	119,651	7,996	65,758	66.6	62.5	

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

² Civilian labor force as percent of civilian noninstitutional population.

³ Civilian employment as percent of civilian noninstitutional population.

⁴ Unemployed as percent of civilian labor force.

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TABLE B-33.—Civilian population and labor force, 1929-94—Continued

(Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted)

Year or month	Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	Civilian labor force					Not in labor force	Civilian labor force participation rate ²	Civilian employment/population ratio ³	Unemployment rate, civilian workers ⁴
		Total	Employment			Unemployment				
			Total	Agricultural	Non-agricultural					
Thousands of persons		16 years of age and over					Percent			
1991: Jan	188,977	124,787	116,967	3,173	113,794	7,820	64,190	66.0	61.9	6.3
Feb	189,115	125,027	116,869	3,228	113,641	8,158	64,088	66.1	61.8	6.5
Mar	189,243	125,256	116,791	3,131	113,660	8,465	63,987	66.2	61.7	6.8
Apr	189,380	125,721	117,411	3,189	114,222	8,310	63,659	66.4	62.0	6.6
May	189,522	125,185	116,646	3,269	113,377	8,539	64,337	66.1	61.5	6.8
June	189,668	125,367	116,878	3,281	113,597	8,489	64,301	66.1	61.6	6.8
July	189,839	125,102	116,738	3,258	113,480	8,364	64,737	65.9	61.5	6.7
Aug	189,973	124,949	116,505	3,273	113,232	8,444	65,024	65.8	61.3	6.8
Sept	190,122	125,607	117,142	3,275	113,867	8,465	64,515	66.1	61.6	6.7
Oct	190,289	125,578	116,997	3,231	113,766	8,581	64,711	66.0	61.5	6.8
Nov	190,452	125,519	116,848	3,255	113,593	8,671	64,933	65.9	61.4	6.9
Dec	190,605	125,641	116,636	3,141	113,495	9,005	64,964	65.9	61.2	7.2
1992: Jan	190,759	126,149	117,130	3,136	113,994	9,019	64,610	66.1	61.4	7.1
Feb	190,884	126,209	116,919	3,218	113,701	9,290	64,675	66.1	61.3	7.4
Mar	191,022	126,545	117,255	3,208	114,047	9,290	64,477	66.2	61.4	7.3
Apr	191,168	126,917	117,670	3,220	114,450	9,247	64,251	66.4	61.6	7.3
May	191,307	127,036	117,534	3,192	114,342	9,502	64,271	66.4	61.4	7.5
June	191,455	127,269	117,498	3,248	114,250	9,771	64,186	66.5	61.4	7.7
July	191,622	127,358	117,763	3,217	114,546	9,595	64,264	66.5	61.5	7.5
Aug	191,790	127,339	117,749	3,237	114,512	9,590	64,451	66.4	61.4	7.5
Sept	191,947	127,306	117,772	3,211	114,561	9,534	64,641	66.3	61.4	7.5
Oct	192,131	126,933	117,723	3,188	114,535	9,210	65,198	66.1	61.3	7.3
Nov	192,316	127,287	117,974	3,170	114,804	9,313	65,029	66.2	61.3	7.3
Dec	192,509	127,469	118,155	3,222	114,933	9,314	65,040	66.2	61.4	7.3
1993: Jan	192,644	127,224	118,178	3,182	114,996	9,046	65,420	66.0	61.3	7.1
Feb	192,786	127,400	118,442	3,116	115,326	8,958	65,386	66.1	61.4	7.0
Mar	192,959	127,440	118,562	3,099	115,463	8,878	65,519	66.0	61.4	7.0
Apr	193,126	127,539	118,585	3,071	115,514	8,954	65,587	66.0	61.4	7.0
May	193,283	128,075	119,180	3,074	116,106	8,895	65,208	66.3	61.7	6.9
June	193,456	128,056	119,187	3,031	116,156	8,869	65,400	66.2	61.6	6.9
July	193,633	128,102	119,370	3,043	116,327	8,732	65,531	66.2	61.6	6.8
Aug	193,793	128,334	119,692	3,005	116,687	8,642	65,459	66.2	61.8	6.7
Sept	193,971	128,108	119,568	3,093	116,475	8,540	65,863	66.0	61.6	6.7
Oct	194,151	128,580	119,941	3,021	116,920	8,639	65,571	66.2	61.8	6.7
Nov	194,321	128,662	120,332	3,114	117,218	8,330	65,659	66.2	61.9	6.5
Dec	194,472	128,898	120,661	3,096	117,565	8,237	65,574	66.3	62.0	6.4
1994: Jan ⁵	195,953	130,643	121,903	3,328	118,575	8,740	65,310	66.7	62.2	6.7
Feb	196,090	130,784	122,208	3,368	118,840	8,576	65,306	66.7	62.3	6.6
Mar	196,213	130,706	122,160	3,396	118,764	8,546	65,507	66.6	62.3	6.5
Apr	196,363	130,787	122,402	3,438	118,964	8,385	65,576	66.6	62.3	6.4
May	196,510	130,699	122,703	3,413	119,290	7,996	65,811	66.5	62.4	6.1
June	196,693	130,538	122,635	3,294	119,341	7,903	66,155	66.4	62.3	6.1
July	196,859	130,774	122,781	3,333	119,448	7,993	66,085	66.4	62.4	6.1
Aug	197,043	131,086	123,197	3,436	119,761	7,889	65,957	66.5	62.5	6.0
Sept	197,248	131,291	123,644	3,411	120,233	7,647	65,957	66.6	62.7	5.8
Oct	197,430	131,646	124,141	3,494	120,647	7,505	65,784	66.7	62.9	5.7
Nov	197,607	131,718	124,403	3,500	120,903	7,315	65,889	66.7	63.0	5.6
Dec	197,765	131,725	124,570	3,532	121,038	7,155	66,040	66.6	63.0	5.4

⁵Not strictly comparable with earlier data due to population adjustments as follows: Beginning 1953, introduction of 1950 census data added about 600,000 to population and 350,000 to labor force, total employment, and agricultural employment. Beginning 1960, inclusion of Alaska and Hawaii added about 500,000 to population, 300,000 to labor force, and 240,000 to nonagricultural employment. Beginning 1962, introduction of 1960 census data reduced population by about 50,000 and labor force and employment by 200,000. Beginning 1972, introduction of 1970 census data added about 800,000 to civilian noninstitutional population and 333,000 to labor force and employment. A subsequent adjustment based on 1970 census in March 1973 added 60,000 to labor force and to employment. Beginning 1978, changes in sampling and estimation procedures introduced into the household survey added about 250,000 to labor force and to employment. Unemployment levels and rates were not significantly affected. Beginning 1986, the introduction of revised population controls added about 400,000 to the civilian population and labor force and 350,000 to civilian employment. Unemployment levels and rates were not significantly affected.

Beginning 1994, introduction of adjusted 1990 census-based population controls together with a major redesign of the household survey added about 1.3 million to civilian population, 2.0 million to civilian labor force, 1.1 million to civilian employment, and 900,000 to unemployment. Unemployment rates were not significantly affected.

Note.—Labor force data in Tables B-33 through B-42 are based on household interviews and relate to the calendar week including the 12th of the month. For definitions of terms, area samples used, historical comparability of the data, comparability with other series, etc., see "Employment and Earnings."

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.