





U.S EMPLOYMENT (counts in millions)

Year	Civilian Noninst. Population	Civilian Labor Force	Household Survey Employed	Total Nonfarm Employed	Total Private Employed	Unemployment Rate
1939				29.923	25.935	
1940				31.603	27.453	
1941				34.480	30.012	
1942				38.348	33.259	
1943				42.174	36.042	
1944				42.661	36.499	
1945				41.903	35.649	
1946				39.839	34.054	
1947				43.545	37.926	
1948	102.603	60.095	58.061	44.686	39.062	3.4
1949	103.529	60.771	58.175	44.675	38.781	4.3
1950	104.619	61.661	57.635	43.530	37.596	6.5
1951	104.844	61.941	59.636	47.289	40.937	3.7
1952	104.862	62.432	60.460	48.299	41.710	3.2
1953	106.594	63.439	61.600	50.145	43.351	2.9
1954	107.763	63.101	60.024	49.467	42.707	4.9
1955	109.059	63.910	60.753	49.497	42.544	4.9
1956	110.390	66.419	63.753	51.975	44.808	4.0
1957	111.626	66.428	63.632	52.888	45.268	4.2
1958	113.138	67.095	63.220	52.077	44.256	5.8
1959	114.582	67.936	63.868	52.481	44.376	6.0
1960	116.594	68.962	65.347	54.274	45.967	5.2
1961	118.155	70.447	65.776	53.683	45.119	6.6
1962	119.300	70.189	66.108	54.891	46.040	5.8
1963	121.463	71.146	67.072	56.116	46.912	5.7
1964	123.560	72.356	68.327	57.487	47.925	5.6
1965	125.647	73.569	69.997	59.583	49.646	4.9
1966	127.394	75.186	72.198	62.528	51.987	4.0
1967	128.909	76.639	73.671	65.407	54.092	3.9
1968	131.112	77.578	74.700	66.805	55.011	3.7
1969	133.324	79.523	76.805	69.438	57.229	3.4
1970	135.713	81.981	78.780	71.176	58.680	3.9
1971	138.795	83.850	78.864	70.866	57.988	5.9
1972	142.736	85.978	80.959	72.445	59.179	5.8
1973	145.720	87.487	83.161	75.620	61.930	4.9
1974	148.753	91.199	86.555	78.104	64.014	5.1
1975	151.755	93.128	85.627	77.297	62.673	8.1
1976	154.853	94.934	87.400	78.506	63.537	7.9
1977	157.688	97.208	89.928	80.692	65.636	7.5
1978	160.617	100.873	94.384	84.595	68.984	6.4
1979	163.516	104.057	97.948	88.811	72.874	5.9
1980	166.544	106.562	99.879	90.800	74.599	6.3
1981	169.104	108.026	99.955	91.031	74.671	7.5
1982	171.335	109.089	99.692	90.557	74.516	8.6
1983	173.354	110.695	99.161	88.981	72.958	10.4
1984	175.533	112.209	103.201	92.657	76.647	8.0
1985	177.384	114.725	106.302	96.353	80.017	7.3
1986	179.670	116.682	108.887	98.710	81.995	6.7
1987	181.827	118.845	110.953	100.655	83.610	6.6
1988	183.822	120.969	114.016	103.728	86.363	5.7
1989	185.644	123.390	116.708	107.133	89.359	5.4
1990	188.413	125.833	119.081	109.151	91.000	5.4
1991	190.163	125.955	117.940	109.001	90.527	6.4
1992	191.953	127.261	117.978	108.312	89.624	7.3
1993	193.962	128.400	119.075	109.725	90.824	7.3
1994	195.953	130.596	121.966	112.474	93.327	6.6
1995	197.753	132.038	124.663	116.378	96.981	5.6
1996	199.634	132.616	125.125	118.188	98.738	5.6
1997	202.285	135.456	128.298	121.231	101.638	5.3
1998	204.238	137.095	130.726	124.628	104.858	4.6
1999	206.719	139.003	133.027	127.480	107.396	4.3
2000	211.410	142.267	136.559	130.781	110.210	4.0

2001	213.888	143.800	137.778	132.469	111.634	4.2
2002	216.506	143.883	135.701	130.591	109.214	5.7
2003	219.897	145.937	137.417	130.266	108.640	5.8
2004	222.161	146.842	138.472	130.420	108.882	5.7
2005	224.837	148.005	140.246	132.499	110.741	5.2
2006	227.553	150.148	143.129	135.155	113.293	4.7
2007	230.650	153.012	145.983	137.180	115.068	4.6
2008	232.616	153.873	146.317	138.080	115.689	4.9
2009	234.739	153.716	142.099	134.580	112.041	7.6

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1998	Jan	204.238	137.095	130.726	124.628	104.858	4.6
1998	Feb	204.400	137.112	130.807	124.817	105.031	4.6
1998	Mar	204.547	137.236	130.814	124.961	105.169	4.7
1998	Apr	204.731	137.150	131.209	125.238	105.422	4.3
1998	May	204.899	137.372	131.325	125.639	105.764	4.4
1998	Jun	205.085	137.455	131.244	125.851	105.972	4.5
1998	Jul	205.270	137.588	131.329	125.970	106.040	4.5
1998	Aug	205.479	137.570	131.390	126.322	106.363	4.5
1998	Sep	205.699	138.286	131.986	126.540	106.555	4.6
1998	Oct	205.919	138.279	131.999	126.733	106.732	4.5
1998	Nov	206.104	138.381	132.280	127.017	106.973	4.4
1998	Dec	206.270	138.634	132.602	127.359	107.280	4.4
1999	Jan	206.719	139.003	133.027	127.480	107.396	4.3
1999	Feb	206.873	138.967	132.856	127.890	107.746	4.4
1999	Mar	207.036	138.730	132.947	127.996	107.828	4.2
1999	Apr	207.236	138.959	132.955	128.372	108.135	4.3
1999	May	207.427	139.107	133.311	128.585	108.356	4.2
1999	Jun	207.632	139.329	133.378	128.851	108.579	4.3
1999	Jul	207.828	139.439	133.414	129.142	108.803	4.3
1999	Aug	208.038	139.430	133.591	129.334	108.959	4.2
1999	Sep	208.265	139.622	133.707	129.536	109.132	4.2
1999	Oct	208.483	139.771	133.993	129.944	109.487	4.1
1999	Nov	208.666	140.025	134.309	130.238	109.742	4.1
1999	Dec	208.832	140.177	134.523	130.532	109.992	4.0
2000	Jan	211.410	142.267	136.559	130.781	110.210	4.0
2000	Feb	211.576	142.456	136.598	130.902	110.303	4.1
2000	Mar	211.772	142.434	136.701	131.374	110.641	4.0
2000	Apr	212.018	142.751	137.270	131.660	110.858	3.8
2000	May	212.242	142.388	136.630	131.885	110.738	4.0
2000	Jun	212.466	142.591	136.940	131.839	110.952	4.0
2000	Jul	212.677	142.278	136.531	132.002	111.135	4.0
2000	Aug	212.916	142.514	136.662	132.005	111.168	4.1
2000	Sep	213.163	142.518	136.893	132.127	111.392	3.9
2000	Oct	213.405	142.622	137.088	132.116	111.373	3.9
2000	Nov	213.540	142.962	137.322	132.347	111.587	3.9
2000	Dec	213.736	143.248	137.614	132.485	111.681	3.9
2001	Jan	213.888	143.800	137.778	132.469	111.634	4.2
2001	Feb	214.110	143.701	137.612	132.530	111.624	4.2
2001	Mar	214.305	143.924	137.783	132.500	111.555	4.3
2001	Apr	214.525	143.569	137.299	132.219	111.227	4.4
2001	May	214.732	143.318	137.092	132.175	111.146	4.3
2001	Jun	214.950	143.357	136.873	132.047	110.910	4.5
2001	Jul	215.180	143.654	137.071	131.922	110.737	4.6
2001	Aug	215.420	143.284	136.241	131.762	110.544	4.9
2001	Sep	215.665	143.989	136.846	131.518	110.276	5.0
2001	Oct	215.903	144.086	136.392	131.193	109.918	5.3
2001	Nov	216.117	144.240	136.238	130.901	109.575	5.5
2001	Dec	216.315	144.305	136.047	130.723	109.368	5.7
2002	Jan	216.506	143.883	135.701	130.591	109.214	5.7
2002	Feb	216.663	144.653	136.438	130.444	109.054	5.7
2002	Mar	216.823	144.481	136.177	130.420	108.989	5.7
2002	Apr	217.006	144.725	136.126	130.335	108.892	5.9
2002	May	217.198	144.938	136.539	130.328	108.814	5.8
2002	Jun	217.407	144.808	136.415	130.373	108.824	5.8
2002	Jul	217.630	144.803	136.413	130.276	108.732	5.8
2002	Aug	217.866	145.009	136.705	130.260	108.671	5.7
2002	Sep	218.107	145.552	137.302	130.205	108.659	5.7
2002	Oct	218.340	145.314	137.008	130.331	108.772	5.7
2002	Nov	218.548	145.041	136.521	130.339	108.758	5.9
2002	Dec	218.741	145.066	136.426	130.183	108.595	6.0
2003	Jan	219.897	145.937	137.417	130.266	108.640	5.8
2003	Feb	220.114	146.100	137.482	130.108	108.484	5.9
2003	Mar	220.317	146.022	137.434	129.896	108.286	5.9
2003	Apr	220.540	146.474	137.633	129.847	108.252	6.0
2003	May	220.768	146.500	137.544	129.841	108.274	6.1
2003	Jun	221.014	147.056	137.790	129.839	108.233	6.3
2003	Jul	221.252	146.485	137.474	129.864	108.231	6.2
2003	Aug	221.507	146.445	137.549	129.822	108.266	6.1
2003	Sep	221.779	146.530	137.609	129.925	108.421	6.1
2003	Oct	222.039	146.716	137.984	130.128	108.570	6.0
2003	Nov	222.279	147.000	138.424	130.146	108.611	5.8
2003	Dec	222.509	146.729	138.411	130.270	108.724	5.7
2004	Jan	222.161	146.842	138.472	130.420	108.882	5.7
2004	Feb	222.357	146.709	138.542	130.463	108.913	5.6
2004	Mar	222.550	146.944	138.453	130.801	109.213	5.8
2004	Apr	222.757	146.850	138.680	131.051	109.437	5.6
2004	May	222.967	147.065	138.852	131.361	109.747	5.6
2004	Jun	223.196	147.460	139.174	131.442	109.841	5.6
2004	Jul	223.422	147.692	139.556	131.489	109.883	5.5
2004	Aug	223.677	147.564	139.573	131.610	109.984	5.4
2004	Sep	223.941	147.415	139.487	131.770	110.135	5.4
2004	Oct	224.192	147.793	139.732	132.121	110.465	5.5
2004	Nov	224.422	148.162	140.231	132.185	110.493	5.4

2004 Dec	224.640	148.059	140.125	132.317	110.624	5.4
2005 Jan	224.837	148.005	140.246	132.499	110.741	5.2
2005 Feb	225.041	148.349	140.377	132.720	110.968	5.4
2005 Mar	225.236	148.366	140.626	132.841	111.096	5.2
2005 Apr	225.441	148.926	141.243	133.153	111.388	5.2
2005 May	225.670	149.273	141.600	133.365	111.576	5.1
2005 Jun	225.911	149.262	141.711	133.624	111.824	5.1
2005 Jul	226.153	149.445	142.029	133.946	112.087	5.0
2005 Aug	226.421	149.794	142.434	134.136	112.281	4.9
2005 Sep	226.693	149.977	142.407	134.223	112.379	5.0
2005 Oct	226.959	150.007	142.551	134.321	112.504	5.0
2005 Nov	227.204	150.095	142.555	134.701	112.842	5.0
2005 Dec	227.425	150.002	142.783	134.861	112.989	4.8
2006 Jan	227.553	150.148	143.129	135.155	113.293	4.7
2006 Feb	227.763	150.600	143.424	135.429	113.556	4.8
2006 Mar	227.975	150.793	143.713	135.711	113.805	4.7
2006 Apr	228.199	150.906	143.763	135.862	113.940	4.7
2006 May	228.428	151.120	144.092	135.886	113.958	4.7
2006 Jun	228.671	151.398	144.358	135.956	114.007	4.6
2006 Jul	228.912	151.414	144.247	136.142	114.157	4.7
2006 Aug	229.167	151.762	144.644	136.291	114.292	4.7
2006 Sep	229.420	151.680	144.806	136.438	114.384	4.5
2006 Oct	229.675	152.027	145.289	136.520	114.461	4.4
2006 Nov	229.905	152.425	145.587	136.781	114.707	4.5
2006 Dec	230.108	152.677	145.989	137.000	114.919	4.4
2007 Jan	230.650	153.012	145.983	137.180	115.068	4.6
2007 Feb	230.834	152.879	145.992	137.216	115.091	4.5
2007 Mar	231.034	153.004	146.267	137.400	115.250	4.4
2007 Apr	231.253	152.522	145.647	137.435	115.260	4.5
2007 May	231.480	152.759	145.915	137.591	115.388	4.5
2007 Jun	231.713	153.085	146.057	137.645	115.400	4.6
2007 Jul	231.958	153.101	145.972	137.580	115.415	4.7
2007 Aug	232.211	152.855	145.732	137.552	115.339	4.7
2007 Sep	232.461	153.424	146.203	137.652	115.389	4.7
2007 Oct	232.715	153.162	145.867	137.817	115.521	4.8
2007 Nov	232.939	153.877	146.665	138.032	115.707	4.7
2007 Dec	233.156	153.836	146.294	138.152	115.783	4.9
2008 Jan	232.616	153.873	146.317	138.080	115.689	4.9
2008 Feb	232.809	153.498	146.075	137.936	115.515	4.8
2008 Mar	232.995	153.843	146.023	137.814	115.373	5.1
2008 Apr	233.198	153.932	146.257	137.654	115.203	5.0
2008 May	233.405	154.510	145.974	137.517	115.029	5.5
2008 Jun	233.627	154.400	145.738	137.356	114.834	5.6
2008 Jul	233.864	154.506	145.596	137.228	114.691	5.8
2008 Aug	234.107	154.823	145.273	137.053	114.497	6.2
2008 Sep	234.360	154.621	145.029	136.732	114.197	6.2
2008 Oct	234.612	154.878	144.657	136.352	113.813	6.6
2008 Nov	234.828	154.620	144.144	135.755	113.212	6.8
2008 Dec	235.035	154.447	143.338	135.178	112.645	7.2
2009 Jan	234.739	153.716	142.099	134.580	112.041	7.6

CHANGE IN POPULATION, LABOR FORCE, AND EMPLOYMENT BY PRESIDENTIAL TERM (in thousands)

President	Mo	Year	Count (in thousands)					Monthly Average Change (in thousands)					No. of Months
			Popu-lation	Labor Force	Househld Survey	Nonfarm Employed	Private Employed	Popu-lation	Labor Force	Househld Survey	Nonfarm Employed	Private Employed	
Roosevelt	Jan	1941				34480	30012				154.6	117.4	48
Truman	Jan	1945				41903	35649				57.8	65.3	48
"	Jan	1949	103529	60771	58175	44675	38781	63.9	55.6	71.4	114.0	95.2	48
Eisenhower	Jan	1953	106594	63439	61600	50145	43351	104.8	62.3	42.3	57.1	39.9	48
"	Jan	1957	111626	66428	63632	52888	45268	136.0	83.7	44.7	16.6	-3.1	48
Kennedy	Jan	1961	118155	70447	65776	53683	45119	156.1	65.0	87.9	122.9	94.3	48
Johnson	Jan	1965	125647	73569	69997	59583	49646	159.9	124.0	141.8	205.3	158.0	48
Nixon	Jan	1969	133324	79523	76805	69438	57229	258.3	165.9	132.4	128.8	97.9	48
Nixon/Ford	Jan	1973	145720	87487	83161	75620	61930	249.3	202.5	141.0	105.7	77.2	48
Carter	Jan	1977	157688	97208	89928	80692	65636	237.8	225.4	208.9	215.4	188.2	48
Reagan	Jan	1981	169104	108026	99955	91031	74671	172.5	139.6	132.2	110.9	111.4	48
"	Jan	1985	177384	114725	106302	96353	80017	172.1	180.5	216.8	224.6	194.6	48
G.H. Bush	Jan	1989	185644	123390	116708	107133	89359	173.3	104.4	49.3	54.0	30.5	48
Clinton	Jan	1993	193962	128400	119075	109725	90824	173.4	147.0	192.1	239.7	225.3	48
"	Jan	1997	202285	135456	128298	121231	101638	241.7	173.8	197.5	234.1	208.3	48
G.W. Bush	Jan	2001	213888	143800	137778	132469	111634	228.1	87.6	51.4	0.6	-18.6	48
"	Jan	2005	224837	148005	140246	132499	110741	206.3	119.0	38.6	43.4	27.1	48
"	Jan	2009	234739	153716	142099	134580	112041						

NONFARM AND HOUSEHOLD SURVEY EMPLOYMENT BY PRESIDENTIAL TERM (millions)

President	Mo	Year	Nonfarm Employment				Household Survey Employment			
			Year + 0	Year + 1	Year + 2	Year + 3	Year + 0	Year + 1	Year + 2	Year + 3
Roosevelt	Jan	1941	34.5	38.3	42.2	42.7				
Truman	Jan	1945	41.9	39.8	43.5	44.7			58.1	
"	Jan	1949	44.7	43.5	47.3	48.3	58.2	57.6	59.6	60.5
Eisenhower	Jan	1953	50.1	49.5	49.5	52.0	61.6	60.0	60.8	63.8
"	Jan	1957	52.9	52.1	52.5	54.3	63.6	63.2	63.9	65.3
Kennedy	Jan	1961	53.7	54.9	56.1	57.5	65.8	66.1	67.1	68.3
Johnson	Jan	1965	59.6	62.5	65.4	66.8	70.0	72.2	73.7	74.7
Nixon	Jan	1969	69.4	71.2	70.9	72.4	76.8	78.8	78.9	81.0
Nixon/Ford	Jan	1973	75.6	78.1	77.3	78.5	83.2	86.6	85.6	87.4
Carter	Jan	1977	80.7	84.6	88.8	90.8	89.9	94.4	97.9	99.9
Reagan	Jan	1981	91.0	90.6	89.0	92.7	100.0	99.7	99.2	103.2
"	Jan	1985	96.4	98.7	100.7	103.7	106.3	108.9	111.0	114.0
G.H. Bush	Jan	1989	107.1	109.2	109.0	108.3	116.7	119.1	117.9	118.0
Clinton	Jan	1993	109.7	112.5	116.4	118.2	119.1	122.0	124.7	125.1
"	Jan	1997	121.2	124.6	127.5	130.8	128.3	130.7	133.0	136.6

G.W. Bush	Jan 2001	132.5	130.6	130.3	130.4	137.8	135.7	137.4	138.5
"	Jan 2005	132.5	135.2	137.2	138.1	140.2	143.1	146.0	146.3
"	Jan 2009	134.6				142.1			

NONFARM AND HOUSEHOLD SURVEY EMPLOYMENT GROWTH BY PRESIDENTIAL PARTY (percent annualized)

President	Mo Year	Nonfarm Employment Growth				Household Survey Employment Growth				Party
		No Lag	1-Year Lag	2-Year Lag^	2-Year Skip^	No Lag	1-Year Lag	2-Year Lag	2-Year Skip	
Roosevelt	Jan 1941	3.2	2.1	1.3	1.7					Dem
Truman	Jan 1945					1.4	1.0	0.5	1.6	Dem
"	Jan 1949					0.8	1.2	1.2	1.3	Rep
Eisenhower	Jan 1953	0.9	1.3	1.6	1.4					
"	Jan 1957					2.0	2.2	2.0	2.3	Dem
Kennedy	Jan 1961	3.3	3.3	3.0	3.6					
Johnson	Jan 1965					2.0	2.3	2.7	2.2	Rep
Nixon	Jan 1969	1.9	2.2	2.9	2.2					
Nixon/Ford	Jan 1973					2.7	1.4	0.3	1.0	Dem
Carter	Jan 1977	3.1	1.7	0.0	1.2					
Reagan	Jan 1981	1.6	1.8	2.3	2.1	1.5	1.7	1.9	1.8	Rep
"	Jan 1985									
G.H. Bush	Jan 1989					1.8	1.3	1.2	1.7	Dem
Clinton	Jan 1993	2.4	1.9	1.4	2.2					
"	Jan 1997					0.4	0.7	0.6	0.6	Rep
G.W. Bush	Jan 2001	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.5					
"	Jan 2005									
"	Jan 2009									
All Democrats		3.0	2.3	1.6	2.3	2.0	1.6	1.2	1.8	
All Republicans		1.2	1.5	1.9	1.6	1.2	1.5	1.7	1.5	

^ 2-Year Lag lags by 2 years (for example, Jan 1995 to Jan 2003 would be counted for Clinton);
 2-Year Skip skips the first 2 years (for example, Jan 1995 to Jan 2001 would be counted for Clinton and Jan 1993 to Jan 1995 and Jan 2001 to 2003 would be counted for nobody)

NONFARM AND HOUSEHOLD SURVEY EMPLOYMENT GROWTH BY BUSINESS CYCLE (percent annualized over specified span of years)

President	Year	Nonfarm Employment Growth			Household Survey Employment Growth		
		Peak to Peak	Trough to Peak	Trough to Trough	Peak to Peak	Trough to Peak	Trough to Trough
		45-53	46-53	46-54			
Truman	1945	2.3	3.3	2.7			
		53-60	54-60	54-61	53-60	54-60	54-61
Eisenhower	1953	1.1	1.6	1.2	0.8	1.4	1.3
		60-70	61-70	61-71	60-70	61-70	61-71
Kennedy/Johnson	1961	2.7	3.2	2.8	1.9	2.0	1.8
		70-74	71-74	71-75	70-74	71-74	71-75
Nixon	1969	2.3	3.3	2.2	2.4	3.2	2.1
		74-81	75-81	75-83	74-81	75-81	75-83
Ford/Carter	1973	2.2	2.8	1.8	2.1	2.6	1.9
		81-90	83-90	83-92	81-90	83-90	83-92
Reagan/Bush	1981	2.0	3.0	2.2	2.0	2.6	1.9
		90-01	92-01	92-03	90-01	92-01	92-03
Clinton	1993	1.8	2.3	1.7	1.3	1.7	1.4
		01-08	03-08	03-09	01-08	03-08	03-09
G.W. Bush	2001	0.6	1.2	0.5	0.9	1.3	0.6

Note: Calculations are for January of all years. The peaks and troughs are those observed from Nonfarm Employment in the first table above. These are nearly all within 6 months of the peaks and troughs for business cycle expansions and contractions given by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) at <http://www.nber.org/cycles/cyclesmain.html>. The exceptions are January 1992 (10 months after March 1991), January 2003 (14 months after November 2001), and January 2009 (NBER has not yet indicated a trough after December 2007).

Source: [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

Survey	Series Id	Series Name
Household	LNU00000000	Civilian noninstitutional population
Household	LNS11000000	Civilian Labor Force Level
Household	LNS12000000	Employment Level - Civilian Labor Force
Household	LNS14000000	Unemployment Rate - Civilian Labor Force
Payroll	CES0000000001	Total Nonfarm Employment - Seasonally Adjusted
Payroll	CES0500000001	Total Private Employment - Seasonally Adjusted

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