

5. Employment status of the civilian noninstitutional population by sex, age, and race

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status, sex, and age	Total		White ¹		Black or African American ¹		Asian ¹	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
TOTAL								
Civilian noninstitutional population	217,570	221,168	179,783	181,292	25,578	25,686	9,833	9,220
Civilian labor force	144,863	146,510	120,150	120,546	16,565	16,526	6,604	6,122
Percent of population	66.6	66.2	66.8	66.5	64.8	64.3	67.2	66.4
Employed	136,485	137,736	114,013	114,235	14,872	14,739	6,215	5,756
Unemployed	8,378	8,774	6,137	6,311	1,693	1,787	389	366
Unemployment rate	5.8	6.0	5.1	5.2	10.2	10.8	5.9	6.0
Not in labor force	72,707	74,658	59,633	60,746	9,013	9,161	3,229	3,098
Men, 16 years and over								
Civilian noninstitutional population	104,585	106,435	87,361	88,249	11,391	11,454	4,697	4,338
Civilian labor force	77,500	78,238	65,308	65,509	7,794	7,711	3,567	3,277
Percent of population	74.1	73.5	74.8	74.2	68.4	67.3	75.9	75.6
Employed	72,903	73,332	61,849	61,866	6,959	6,820	3,349	3,073
Unemployed	4,597	4,906	3,459	3,643	835	891	217	204
Unemployment rate	5.9	6.3	5.3	5.6	10.7	11.6	6.1	6.2
Not in labor force	27,085	28,197	22,053	22,740	3,597	3,743	1,130	1,060
Men, 20 years and over								
Civilian noninstitutional population	96,439	98,272	80,922	81,860	10,196	10,278	4,296	4,024
Civilian labor force	73,630	74,623	62,067	62,473	7,347	7,346	3,433	3,176
Percent of population	76.3	75.9	76.7	76.3	72.1	71.5	79.9	78.9
Employed	69,734	70,415	59,124	59,348	6,652	6,586	3,243	2,993
Unemployed	3,896	4,209	2,943	3,125	695	760	190	183
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.6	4.7	5.0	9.5	10.3	5.5	5.8
Not in labor force	22,809	23,649	18,855	19,386	2,848	2,932	863	848
Women, 16 years and over								
Civilian noninstitutional population	112,985	114,733	92,422	93,043	14,187	14,232	5,136	4,882
Civilian labor force	67,363	68,272	54,842	55,037	8,772	8,815	3,037	2,845
Percent of population	59.6	59.5	59.3	59.2	61.8	61.9	59.1	58.3
Employed	63,582	64,404	52,164	52,369	7,914	7,919	2,866	2,683
Unemployed	3,781	3,868	2,678	2,668	858	895	172	162
Unemployment rate	5.6	5.7	4.9	4.8	9.8	10.2	5.7	5.7
Not in labor force	45,621	46,461	37,581	38,006	5,415	5,418	2,099	2,037
Women, 20 years and over								
Civilian noninstitutional population	105,136	106,800	86,266	86,905	12,966	13,026	4,771	4,594
Civilian labor force	63,648	64,716	51,717	52,099	8,348	8,409	2,916	2,768
Percent of population	60.5	60.6	60.0	59.9	64.4	64.6	61.1	60.2
Employed	60,420	61,402	49,448	49,823	7,610	7,636	2,758	2,616
Unemployed	3,228	3,314	2,269	2,276	738	772	158	152
Unemployment rate	5.1	5.1	4.4	4.4	8.8	9.2	5.4	5.5
Not in labor force	41,488	42,083	34,548	34,806	4,618	4,618	1,856	1,826
Both sexes, 16 to 19 years								
Civilian noninstitutional population	15,994	16,096	12,596	12,527	2,416	2,382	766	601
Civilian labor force	7,585	7,170	6,366	5,973	870	771	255	178
Percent of population	47.4	44.5	50.5	47.7	36.0	32.4	33.3	29.6
Employed	6,332	5,919	5,441	5,064	611	516	214	147
Unemployed	1,253	1,251	925	909	260	255	41	31
Unemployment rate	16.5	17.5	14.5	15.2	29.8	33.0	16.2	17.5
Not in labor force	8,409	8,926	6,230	6,554	1,546	1,611	511	423

¹ Beginning in 2003, persons who selected this race group only; persons who selected more than one race group are not included. Prior to 2003, persons who reported more than one race group were included in the group they identified as the main race. For more information, see the "Explanatory Notes and Estimates of Error" section of this publication.

NOTE: Estimates for the above race groups (white, black or African American, and Asian) do not sum to totals because data are not presented for all races. Beginning in January 2003, data reflect revised population controls used in the household survey.