

U.S. LABOR MARKET STATISTICS: 1970-2024

(thousands)

Year	Total			Unemployment Rate
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	
1970	82,771	78,678	4,093	4.9%
1971	84,382	79,367	5,016	5.9%
1972	87,034	82,153	4,882	5.6%
1973	89,429	85,064	4,365	4.9%
1974	91,949	86,794	5,156	5.6%
1975	93,775	85,846	7,929	8.5%
1976	96,158	88,752	7,406	7.7%
1977	99,009	92,017	6,991	7.1%
1978	102,251	96,048	6,202	6.1%
1979	104,962	98,824	6,137	5.8%
1980	106,940	99,303	7,637	7.1%
1981	108,670	100,397	8,273	7.6%
1982	110,204	99,526	10,678	9.7%
1983	111,550	100,834	10,717	9.6%
1984	113,544	105,005	8,539	7.5%
1985	115,461	107,150	8,312	7.2%
1986	117,834	109,597	8,237	7.0%
1987	119,865	112,440	7,425	6.2%
1988	121,669	114,968	6,701	5.5%
1989	123,869	117,342	6,528	5.3%
1990	125,840	118,793	7,047	5.6%
1991	126,346	117,718	8,628	6.8%
1992	128,105	118,492	9,613	7.5%
1993	129,200	120,259	8,940	6.9%
1994	131,056	123,060	7,996	6.1%
1995	132,304	124,900	7,404	5.6%
1996	133,943	126,708	7,236	5.4%
1997	136,297	129,558	6,739	4.9%
1998	137,673	131,463	6,210	4.5%
1999	139,368	133,488	5,880	4.2%
2000	142,583	136,891	5,692	4.0%
2001	143,734	136,933	6,801	4.7%
2002	144,863	136,485	8,378	5.8%
2003	146,510	137,736	8,774	6.0%
2004	147,401	139,252	8,149	5.5%
2005	149,320	141,730	7,591	5.1%
2006	151,428	144,427	7,001	4.6%
2007	153,124	146,047	7,077	4.6%
2008	154,287	145,362	8,925	5.8%
2009	154,142	139,877	14,265	9.3%
2010	153,889	139,064	14,825	9.6%
2011	153,617	139,869	13,748	8.9%
2012	154,975	142,469	12,506	8.1%
2013	155,389	143,929	11,460	7.4%
2014	155,922	146,305	9,617	6.2%
2015	157,130	148,834	8,296	5.3%
2016	159,187	151,436	7,751	4.9%
2017	160,320	153,337	6,983	4.4%
2018	162,075	155,761	6,314	3.9%
2019	163,539	157,538	6,001	3.7%
2020	160,742	147,795	12,947	8.1%
2021	161,204	152,581	8,623	5.3%
2022	164,287	158,291	5,996	3.6%
2023	167,116	161,037	6,079	3.6%

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Monthly: ***2022**

January	163,615	157,066	6,549	4.0%
February	163,807	157,528	6,279	3.8%
March	164,212	158,219	5,993	3.6%
April	163,922	157,888	6,034	3.7%
May	164,280	158,314	5,966	3.6%
June	164,100	158,116	5,984	3.6%
July	164,065	158,282	5,783	3.5%
August	164,741	158,758	5,983	3.6%
September	164,649	158,894	5,755	3.5%
October	164,679	158,729	5,950	3.6%
November	164,441	158,485	5,956	3.6%
December	164,998	159,300	5,698	3.5%

2023

January	165,871	160,152	5,719	3.4%
February	166,263	160,301	5,962	3.6%
March	166,690	160,824	5,866	3.5%
April	166,678	160,962	5,716	3.4%
May	166,823	160,707	6,116	3.7%
June	167,000	161,004	5,996	3.6%
July	167,113	161,209	5,904	3.5%
August	167,840	161,500	6,340	3.8%
September	167,897	161,550	6,347	3.8%
October	167,723	161,280	6,443	3.8%
November	168,127	161,866	6,261	3.7%
December	167,451	161,183	6,268	3.7%

2024

January	167,276	161,152	6,124	3.7%
February	167,426	160,968	6,458	3.9%
March	167,895	161,466	6,429	3.8%
April	167,982	161,491	6,491	3.9%
May	167,732	161,083	6,649	4.0%
June	168,009	161,199	6,810	4.1%
July	168,429	161,266	7,163	4.3%
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				

* Seasonally Adjusted

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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