

U.S. LABOR MARKET AND PRODUCTIVITY: 1970-2009

(employment in thousands)

Year	Civilian Employment	Unemployment Rate	Percent Change in Productivity	Percent Change in Unit Labor Costs
1970	78,678	4.9%	1.5%	5.6%
1971	79,367	5.9%	4.0%	2.3%
1972	82,153	5.6%	3.3%	3.1%
1973	85,064	4.9%	3.1%	4.9%
1974	86,794	5.6%	-1.6%	11.6%
1975	85,846	8.5%	2.8%	7.1%
1976	88,752	7.7%	3.3%	4.9%
1977	92,017	7.1%	1.6%	6.5%
1978	96,048	6.1%	1.3%	7.4%
1979	98,824	5.8%	-0.4%	9.9%
1980	99,303	7.1%	-0.3%	11.0%
1981	100,397	7.6%	1.4%	8.1%
1982	99,526	9.7%	-1.1%	8.3%
1983	100,834	9.6%	4.4%	-0.2%
1984	105,005	7.5%	2.0%	2.0%
1985	107,150	7.2%	1.6%	2.8%
1986	109,597	7.0%	3.1%	2.1%
1987	112,440	6.2%	0.3%	3.3%
1988	114,968	5.5%	1.6%	3.3%
1989	117,342	5.3%	0.8%	1.8%
1990	118,793	5.6%	1.8%	4.3%
1991	117,718	6.8%	1.5%	3.7%
1992	118,492	7.5%	4.0%	1.3%
1993	120,259	6.9%	0.6%	1.4%
1994	123,060	6.1%	1.0%	0.8%
1995	124,900	5.6%	0.4%	1.7%
1996	126,708	5.4%	2.6%	0.7%
1997	129,558	4.9%	1.5%	1.6%
1998	131,463	4.5%	2.9%	3.0%
1999	133,488	4.2%	3.3%	0.9%
2000	136,891	4.0%	3.4%	3.9%
2001	136,933	4.7%	2.9%	1.5%
2002	136,485	5.8%	4.6%	-1.3%
2003	137,736	6.0%	3.7%	1.1%
2004	139,252	5.5%	2.8%	0.5%
2005	141,730	5.1%	1.7%	2.3%
2006	144,427	4.6%	0.9%	2.8%
2007	146,047	4.6%	1.8%	2.3%
2008	145,362	5.8%	1.8%	1.0%

Quarterly: *

2005				
I	140,416	5.3%	3.9%	-0.8%
II	141,518	5.1%	-0.6%	3.6%
III	142,290	5.0%	2.9%	2.7%
IV	142,630	4.9%	-0.4%	2.6%
2006				
I	143,422	4.7%	2.8%	2.6%
II	144,071	4.7%	0.6%	1.5%
III	144,566	4.7%	-1.9%	3.4%
IV	145,622	4.4%	2.4%	6.5%
2007				
I	146,081	4.5%	1.2%	3.5%
II	145,873	4.5%	2.8%	-0.7%
III	145,969	4.7%	5.5%	-2.7%
IV	146,275	4.8%	2.0%	3.0%
2008				
I	146,138	4.9%	-0.1%	1.7%
II	145,990	5.4%	3.1%	-1.8%
III	145,299	6.0%	-0.1%	4.6%
IV	144,046	6.9%	0.8%	2.0%
2009				
I	141,578	8.1%	0.3%	-5.0%
II	140,591	9.2%	6.6%	-5.9%
III				
IV				

* Seasonally Adjusted