

Election-Year Employment Information (jobs are in millions)

Pres.	Party	Term Start	Jobs at start	Jobless Rate at Start	Election Year	Jobs in Election Year in August	Jobless Rate in Election Year in August	Term End	Jobs at End	Jobless Rate at End	Number Change: Term Start to Election Year in August	Percent Change: Term Start to Election Year in August	Job Trend in Election Year	Highest Jobless Rate in Term	Time
					1968	68.3	3.5%								
Richard Nixon	R	Jan. 1969	69.4	3.4%	1972	74.1	5.6%	Jan. 1973	75.6	4.9%	4.7	6.8%	up	6.1%	Aug. 1971
Richard Nixon	R	Jan. 1973	75.6	4.9%		78.6	5.5%	Aug. 1974	78.6	5.5%	3.0	4.0%		5.5%	Aug. 1974
Gerald Ford	R	Aug. 1974	78.6	5.5%	1976	79.7	7.8%	Jan. 1977	80.7	7.5%	1.1	1.4%	up	9%	May 1975
Jimmy Carter	D	Jan. 1977	80.7	7.5%	1980	90.1	7.7%	Jan. 1981	91.0	7.5%	9.4	11.6%	down, up	7.8%	July 1980
Ronald Reagan	R	Jan. 1981	91.0	7.5%	1984	95.0	7.5%	Jan. 1985	96.4	7.3%	4.0	4.4%	up	10.8%	Dec. 1982
Ronald Reagan	R	Jan. 1985	96.4	7.3%	1988	105.6	5.6%	Jan. 1989	107.1	5.4%	9.3	9.6%	up	7.4%	July 1985
George H.W. Bush	R	Jan. 1989	107.1	5.4%	1992	108.9	7.6%	Jan. 1993	109.7	7.3%	1.7	1.6%	up	7.8%	June 1992
Bill Clinton	D	Jan. 1993	109.7	7.3%	1996	120.1	5.1%	Jan. 1997	121.2	5.3%	10.4	9.4%	up	7.8%	Jan. 1993
Bill Clinton	D	Jan. 1997	121.2	5.3%	2000	132.0	4.1%	Jan. 2001	132.5	4.2%	10.8	8.9%	up	7.8%	Jan. 1997
George W. Bush	R	Jan. 2001	132.5	4.2%	2004	131.6	5.4%	Jan. 2005	132.5	5.3%	-0.9	-0.6%	up	7.8%	June 2003
George W. Bush	R	Jan. 2005	132.5	5.3%	2008	136.8	6.1%	Jan. 2009	133.6	7.8%	4.3	3.3%	down	7.8%	Jan. 2009
Barack Obama	D	Jan. 2009	133.6	7.8%	2012	133.3	8.1%	Jan. 2013			-0.3	-0.2%	up	7.8%	Oct. 2009

Source: U.S. Labor Department. Statistics, in thousands, are seasonally adjusted; National Bureau of Economic Research

Recession and Employment Information (jobs are in millions)

President	Party	Term Start	Term End	Recession	Months	Jobs at Recession Start	Jobs at Recession End	Low Point	Jobs at Lowest Point
Richard Nixon	R	Jan. 1969	Jan. 1973	Dec. 1969-Nov. 1970	11	71.2	70.4	Nov. 1970	70.4
Richard Nixon	R	Jan. 1973	Aug. 1974	Nov. 1973-March 1975	16	77.9	76.6	April 1975	76.5
Gerald Ford	R	Aug. 1974	Jan. 1977	Nov. 1973-March 1975	16	77.9	76.6	April 1975	76.5
Jimmy Carter	D	Jan. 1977	Jan. 1981	Jan. 1980-July 1980	6	90.8	89.8	July 1980	89.8
Ronald Reagan	R	Jan. 1981	Jan. 1985	July, 1981-Nov. 1982	16	91.6	88.8	Dec. 1982	88.8
Ronald Reagan	R	Jan. 1985	Jan. 1989	No recession					
George H.W. Bush	R	Jan. 1989	Jan. 1993	July, 1990-March 1991	8	109.8	108.5	May 1991	108.2
Bill Clinton	D	Jan. 1993	Jan. 1997	No recession					
Bill Clinton	D	Jan. 1997	Jan. 2001	No recession					
George W. Bush	R	Jan. 2001	Jan. 2005	March 2001-Nov. 2001	8	132.5	130.9	Aug. 2003	129.8
George W. Bush	R	Jan. 2005	Jan. 2009	Dec. 2007-June 2009	18				
Barack Obama	D	Jan. 2009	Jan. 2013	Dec. 2007-June 2009	18	138.0	130.5	Feb. 2010	129.2

National Bureau of Economic Research provides recession dates