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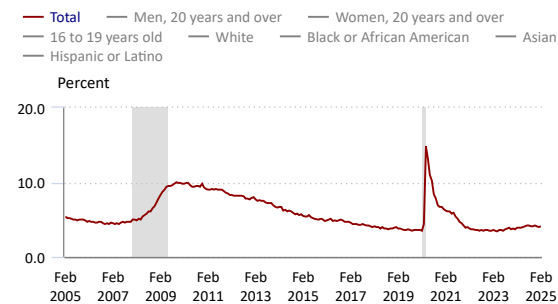
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The **Current Population Survey (CPS)** provides a wealth of information on the nation's labor force including data on the employed, unemployed, and those not in the labor force. Key CPS measures are the unemployment rate, labor force participation rate, and employment-population ratio.

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## CHARTS

### Civilian unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted



Hover over chart to view data.

Note: Shaded area represents recession, as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research. Persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race.

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## LATEST NUMBERS



Seasonally Adjusted

4.1%

Unemployment Rate: in Feb 2025



62.4%

Civilian Labor Force Participation Rate: in Feb 2025



59.9%

Employment-Population Ratio: in Feb 2025



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**Payroll employment rises by 151,000 in February;**  
**unemployment rate changes little at 4.1%**

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**Full-time wage and salary workers median weekly earnings are**  
**\$1,192 in 4th quarter 2024**

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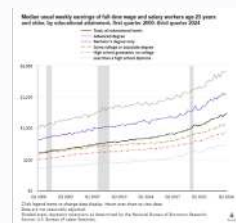
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The Employment Situation for March 2025 is scheduled to be released on April 4, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time.

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#### THE ECONOMICS DAILY



**Median weekly earnings \$946 for**  
**workers with high school diploma,**  
**\$1,533 for bachelor's degree**

In the third quarter of 2024, full-time wage and salary workers age 25 and over, across all levels of education, had median weekly earnings of \$1,233. This was 5.2 percent higher than a year

earlier. By comparison, prices rose 2.6 percent over the same period as measured by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U).

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