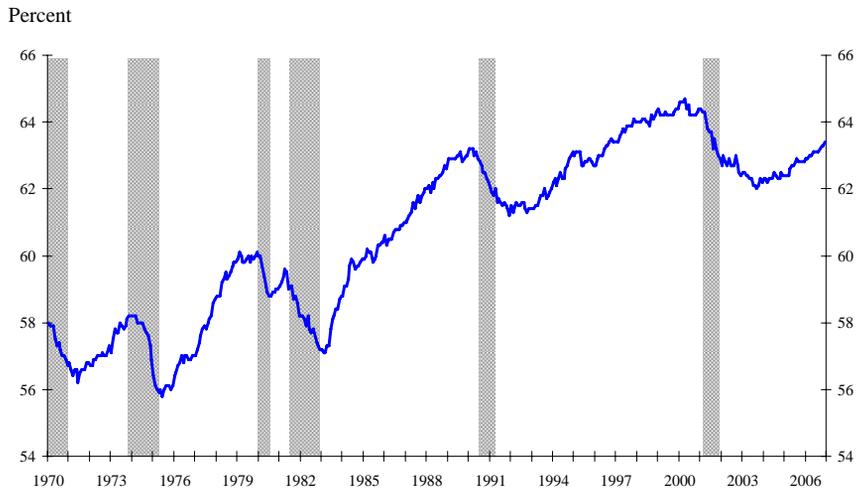


Chart 1-5. The percentage of the population that is employed has trended up since September 2003



NOTE: Shaded areas represent recessions. Data are seasonally adjusted.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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- The proportion of the population 16 years and over that is employed fell from a pre-recession peak of 64.7 percent in April 2000 to 62.0 percent in September 2003. The ratio has trended up since then.
- While the employment-population ratio rose to 63.4 percent by the end of 2006, it was still well below its pre-recession peak.