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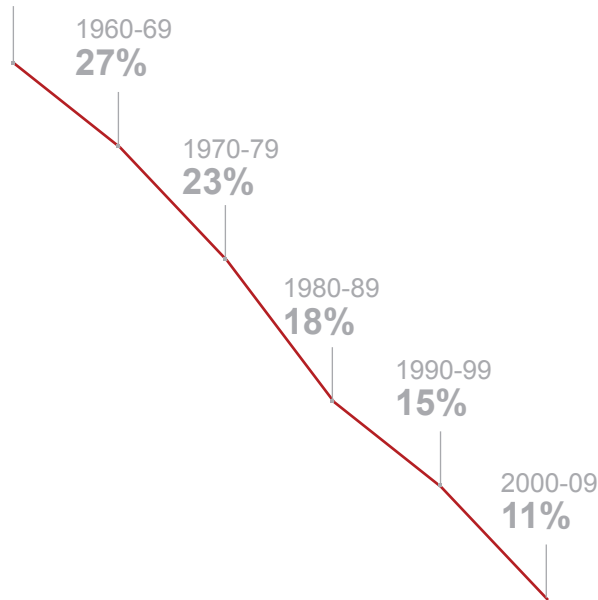
MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT

Fewer manufacturing jobs than ever before

Manufacturing made up less than 9 percent of the workforce in 2010 and 2011, an all-time low.

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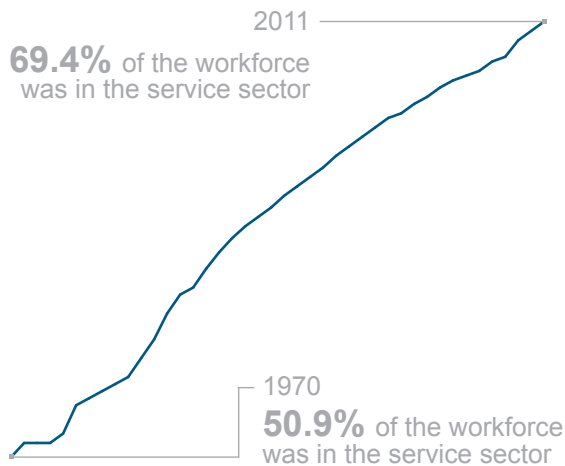
30% of the workforce was in manufacturing



SERVICE EMPLOYMENT

Service jobs reach an all-time high

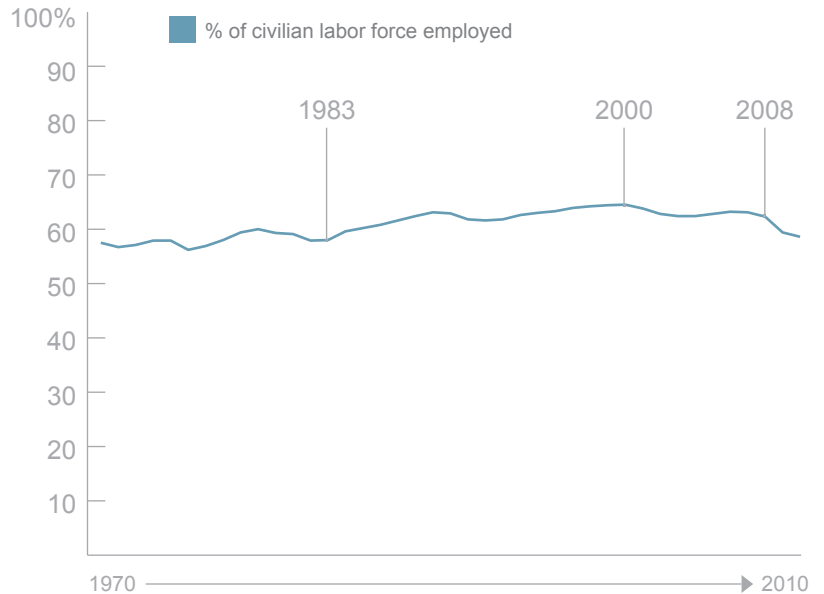
Seven in 10 jobs came from the service sector in 2011, a 20 percent rise since 1970.



EMPLOYMENT

Proportion of employed hits 28-year low

The percentage of the population employed in 2010 hasn't been this low since 1982, when just under 58 percent of the civilian labor force was working. The recent recession has only exacerbated a trend. The percentage of working-age Americans employed never recovered from its peak of 64.4 percent in April 2000.



UNIONS

Membership steadily declines

In the 1970s, 23.2 percent of American workers were represented by a union. By 2011, that figure had dropped to just under 12 percent.



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