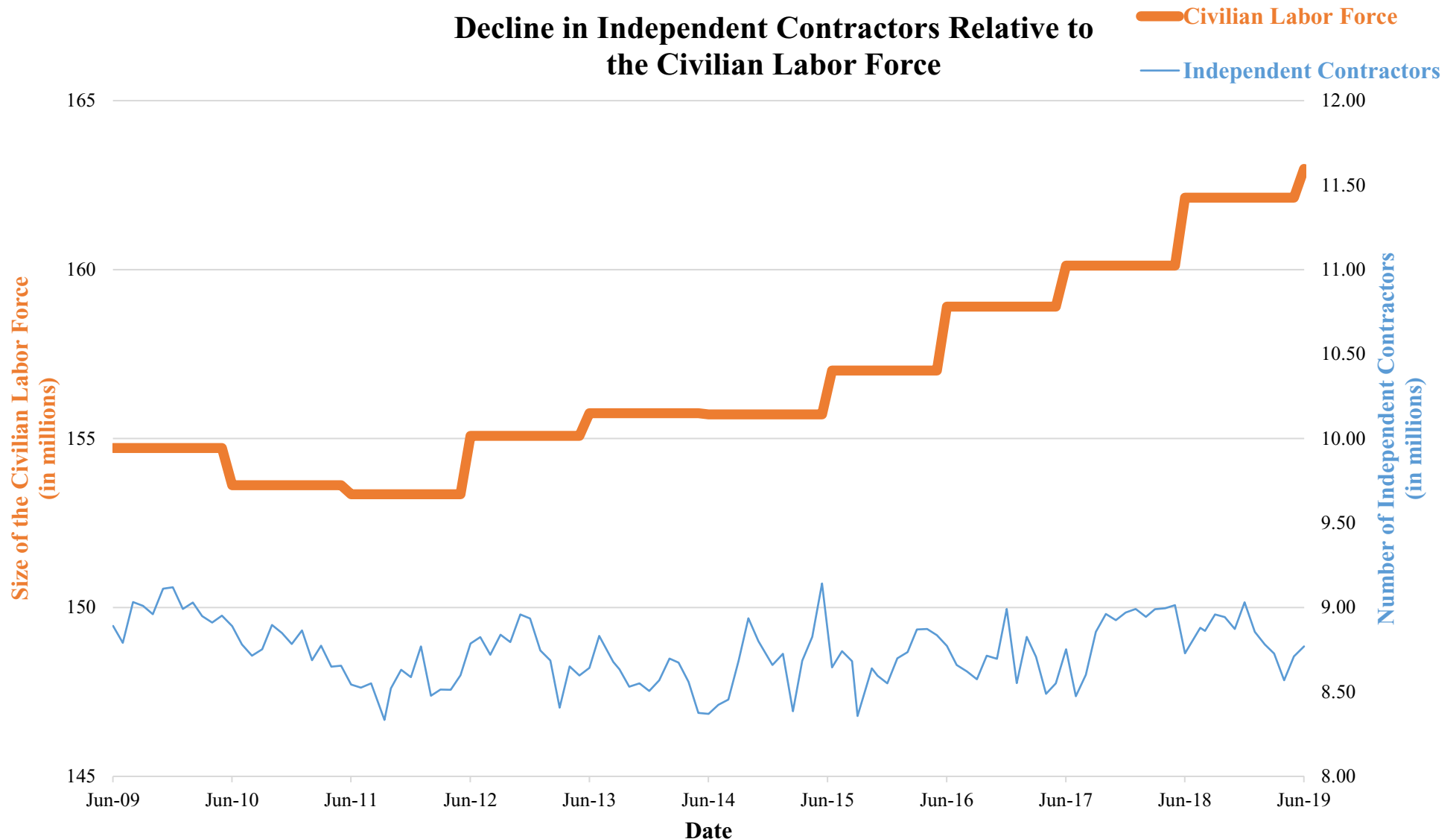


Decline in Independent Contractors Relative to the Civilian Labor Force



BLS Definitions

Labor Force: The labor force includes all persons classified as employed or unemployed in accordance with the definitions contained in this glossary.

Employed Persons: Persons 16 years and over in the civilian noninstitutional population who, during the reference week, (a) did any work at all (at least 1 hour) as paid employees; worked in their own business, profession, or on their own farm, or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of the family; and (b) all those who were not working but who had jobs or businesses from which they were temporarily absent . . . whether or not they were paid for the time off or were seeking other jobs. Each employed person is counted only once Excluded are persons whose only activity consisted of work around their own house . . . or volunteer work for religious, charitable, and other organizations.

Unemployed Persons: Persons aged 16 years and older who had no employment during the reference week, were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the 4-week period ending with the reference week. Persons who were waiting to be recalled to a job from which they had been laid off need not have been looking for work to be classified as unemployed.

Definitions available at: BLS Information (<https://www.bls.gov/bls/glossary.htm#C>).

Size of the Civilian Labor Force source data available at: Labor Force Statistics from the Current Population Survey, Civilian Labor Force (<https://data.bls.gov/cgi-bin/surveymost?ln>).

Number of Independent Contractor source data available at: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Seasonally Adjusted Data, THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION, Table A-8.