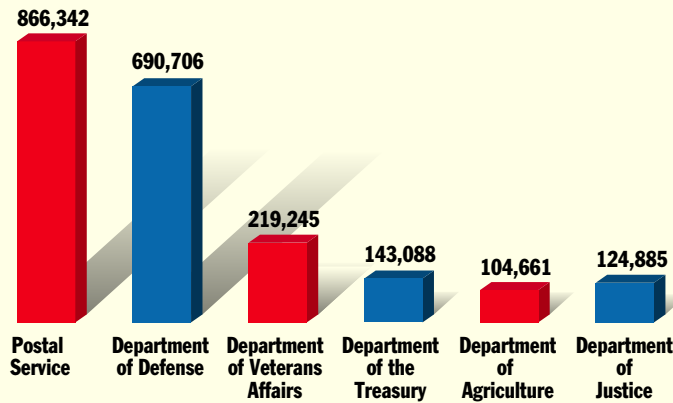




Civil Service

Six Largest Civil Service Employers, 1999



Changes In Civil Service Employment

Employer	Employees, 1990	Employees, 1999	Percent Change
Postal Service	816,886	866,342	6.1
Department of Defense	1,034,152	690,706	-33.2
Department of Veterans Affairs	248,174	219,245	-11.7
Department of the Treasury	158,655	143,088	-9.8
Department of Agriculture	122,594	104,661	-14.6
Department of Justice	83,932	124,885	48.8

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2000* (Washington, D.C.: 2000).

Critical Thinking

Although some branches of the civil service continue to increase their number of employees, other branches are experiencing a decline. **Why do you think employment increased in the Department of Justice but decreased in the Department of Defense?**