

Redesigning a Presidential Comparison of Employment

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The Original Plot

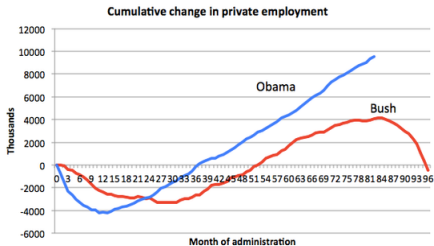


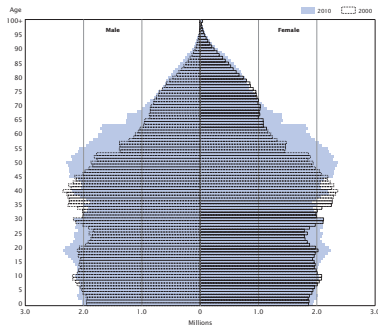
Figure: Paul Krugman's comparison of the last two presidents

Age has changed!

Figure 2.

Population by Age and Sex 2000 and 2010

(For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/doc/stf1.pdf)



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1 and 2010 Census Summary File 1.

Figure: Showing changes in the age distribution of the United States

Showing the effect this has on the labor force

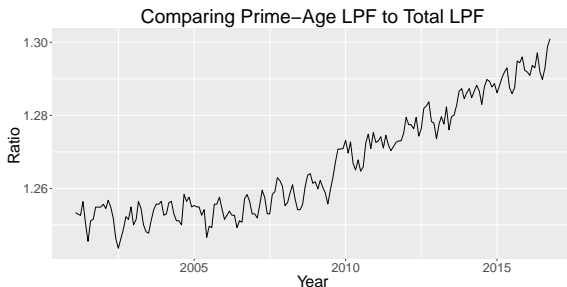


Figure: Labor force participation is increasingly concentrated among those aged 25-54

The redesigned plot

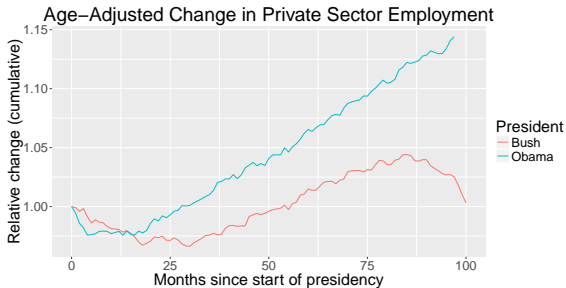


Figure: The difference in performance is now quite clear