

**HOUSEHOLD DATA
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

A-38. Persons not in the labor force by desire and availability for work, age, and sex

[In thousands]

Category	Total		Age						Sex			
	June 2023	June 2024	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			June 2023	June 2024	June 2023	June 2024	June 2023	June 2024	June 2023	June 2024	June 2023	June 2024
Total not in the labor force.....	98,891	99,431	15,815	15,584	21,454	21,277	61,622	62,570	40,905	40,974	57,986	58,457
Do not want a job now ¹	93,045	93,776	13,721	13,647	19,237	19,017	60,087	61,113	38,223	38,124	54,822	55,652
Want a job ¹	5,846	5,655	2,094	1,937	2,217	2,261	1,535	1,457	2,682	2,850	3,164	2,805
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,653	3,435	1,281	1,136	1,278	1,269	1,094	1,029	1,576	1,611	2,076	1,823
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	2,193	2,220	813	801	939	991	441	428	1,106	1,239	1,087	982
Not available to work now.....	714	672	324	287	288	290	102	96	347	297	367	375
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	1,479	1,548	489	514	651	701	339	333	759	941	721	607
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴	320	369	97	107	174	187	49	75	185	238	134	131
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,159	1,179	392	407	478	514	290	257	573	703	586	476
Family responsibilities.....	205	156	24	17	123	104	58	35	76	76	129	80
In school or training.....	121	197	96	123	13	70	13	4	62	134	60	62
Ill health or disability.....	153	139	24	13	68	64	62	63	70	76	83	63
Other ⁵	680	688	249	255	274	277	157	156	366	417	314	271

¹ Includes some persons who are not asked if they want a job, such as passive jobseekers.

² Persons who had a job in the prior 12 months must have searched since the end of that job.

³ Persons "marginally attached to the labor force" are those who want a job, have searched for work during the prior 12 months, and were available to take a job during the reference week, but had not looked for work in the past 4 weeks.

⁴ Discouraged workers are persons marginally attached to the labor force who did not actively look for work in the prior 4 weeks for reasons such as thinks no work available, could not find work, lacks schooling or training, employer thinks too young or old, and other types of discrimination.

⁵ Includes those who did not actively look for work in the prior 4 weeks for such reasons as child-care and transportation problems, as well as a small number for which reason for nonparticipation was not ascertained.

NOTE: Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.