

**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 2022	June 2023	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			June 2022	June 2023	June 2022	June 2023	June 2022	June 2023	June 2022	June 2023	June 2022	June 2023
Total not in the labor force.....	98,822	98,891	15,221	15,815	22,778	21,454	60,823	61,622	40,624	40,905	58,198	57,986
Do not want a job now ¹	92,722	93,045	13,158	13,721	20,337	19,237	59,226	60,087	37,738	38,223	54,984	54,822
Want a job ¹	6,100	5,846	2,062	2,094	2,441	2,217	1,597	1,535	2,886	2,682	3,214	3,164
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,823	3,653	1,227	1,281	1,404	1,278	1,192	1,094	1,742	1,576	2,081	2,076
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	2,277	2,193	835	813	1,037	939	406	441	1,144	1,106	1,133	1,087
Not available to work now.....	737	714	349	324	272	288	116	102	336	347	401	367
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	1,541	1,479	486	489	765	651	290	339	808	759	733	721
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴	386	320	132	97	168	174	86	49	243	185	143	134
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,154	1,159	354	392	596	478	204	290	565	573	590	586
Family responsibilities.....	198	205	11	24	120	123	66	58	95	76	103	129
In school or training.....	134	121	115	96	19	13	0	13	71	62	63	60
Ill health or disability.....	149	153	19	24	86	68	43	62	58	70	91	83
Other ⁵	674	680	208	249	371	274	94	157	341	366	333	314

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.