

**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			
	July 2023	July 2024	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			July 2023	July 2024	July 2023	July 2024	July 2023	July 2024	July 2023	July 2024	July 2023	July 2024
Total not in the labor force.....	98,649	98,921	15,660	15,427	21,652	21,013	61,336	62,481	40,859	40,719	57,790	58,203
Do not want a job now <sup>1</sup> .....	93,070	92,972	13,858	13,539	19,378	18,639	59,835	60,793	38,345	37,996	54,726	54,976
Want a job <sup>1</sup> .....	5,578	5,950	1,802	1,888	2,274	2,374	1,502	1,688	2,514	2,723	3,064	3,227
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,514	3,667	1,087	1,132	1,367	1,313	1,060	1,222	1,534	1,586	1,980	2,081
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks <sup>2</sup> .....	2,065	2,283	715	756	908	1,061	442	466	980	1,137	1,084	1,146
Not available to work now.....	598	655	218	246	265	314	115	96	240	241	358	414
Marginally attached (available to work now) <sup>3</sup> .....	1,467	1,628	498	510	642	747	327	370	740	896	726	732
Discouraged over job prospects <sup>4</sup> ....	381	449	149	117	173	224	59	108	268	282	112	167
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,086	1,178	349	393	470	523	268	262	472	614	614	565
Family responsibilities.....	176	169	41	23	94	101	41	45	51	39	125	130
In school or training.....	118	156	83	102	25	55	11	0	51	113	67	43
Ill health or disability.....	104	155	16	29	52	77	37	49	40	76	64	79
Other <sup>5</sup> .....	687	698	210	240	299	290	179	168	330	385	357	312

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

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

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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.