

**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			
	Mar. 2023	Mar. 2024	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Mar. 2023	Mar. 2024	Mar. 2023	Mar. 2024	Mar. 2023	Mar. 2024	Mar. 2023	Mar. 2024	Mar. 2023	Mar. 2024
Total not in the labor force.....	99,489	99,924	17,456	17,304	21,217	21,022	60,815	61,597	41,192	41,713	58,297	58,211
Do not want a job now ¹	94,842	94,814	16,088	15,871	19,202	18,759	59,552	60,184	38,878	39,160	55,964	55,654
Want a job ¹	4,646	5,110	1,368	1,433	2,015	2,264	1,263	1,413	2,314	2,552	2,332	2,557
Did not search for work in previous year.....	2,900	2,978	799	782	1,141	1,154	960	1,042	1,384	1,391	1,516	1,587
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	1,746	2,132	568	652	874	1,110	303	371	930	1,162	816	971
Not available to work now.....	556	693	240	249	238	386	78	59	292	326	264	367
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	1,190	1,439	329	403	636	724	225	312	638	835	552	604
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴	303	286	45	97	177	134	81	55	202	195	100	91
Reasons other than discouragement.....	887	1,152	284	305	459	590	144	257	436	640	452	512
Family responsibilities.....	82	174	10	39	58	108	13	26	25	63	56	110
In school or training.....	130	154	112	106	18	42	0	6	71	78	59	77
Ill health or disability.....	116	132	7	19	68	50	41	63	55	90	61	42
Other ⁵	560	692	155	141	314	389	90	162	284	409	275	283

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.