

**HOUSEHOLD DATA  
ANNUAL AVERAGES**

**35. Persons not in the labor force by desire and availability for work, age, and sex**

(In thousands)

Category	Total		Age						Sex			
	1998	1999	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Total not in the labor force .....	67,547	68,385	11,343	11,740	18,732	18,785	37,472	37,861	24,799	25,210	42,748	43,175
Do not want a job now <sup>1</sup> .....	62,735	63,818	9,491	9,938	16,580	16,814	36,664	37,066	22,790	23,307	39,945	40,511
Want a job <sup>1</sup> .....	4,812	4,568	1,852	1,802	2,152	1,971	807	795	2,008	1,903	2,803	2,665
Did not search for work in previous year .....	2,859	2,723	1,011	981	1,240	1,144	608	599	1,134	1,083	1,725	1,640
Searched for work in previous year <sup>2</sup> .....	1,953	1,844	841	822	912	827	200	196	875	820	1,078	1,024
Not available to work now .....	643	644	332	345	275	258	36	41	250	249	392	395
Available to work now .....	1,310	1,201	509	477	637	569	164	155	624	571	686	629
Reason not currently looking:												
Discouragement over job prospects <sup>3</sup> .....	331	273	108	86	170	146	53	41	198	161	133	113
Reasons other than discouragement .....	979	927	401	391	467	423	111	114	427	411	552	517
Family responsibilities .....	143	132	37	29	93	92	13	11	23	29	120	103
In school or training .....	206	214	173	176	32	34	1	4	105	110	102	104
Ill health or disability .....	104	97	14	13	69	57	21	26	52	39	52	58
Other <sup>4</sup> .....	525	485	177	173	273	239	75	73	247	234	278	251

<sup>1</sup> Includes some persons who are not asked if they want a job.

<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> Includes believes no work available, could not find work, lacks necessary schooling or training, employer thinks too young or old, and other types of discrimination.

<sup>4</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: Beginning in January 1999, data reflect revised population controls used in the household survey.