

**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			
	2005	2006	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Total not in the labor force	76,762	77,387	14,383	14,549	21,403	21,318	40,976	41,520	29,119	29,350	47,643	48,037
Do not want a job now ¹	71,777	72,602	12,585	12,867	19,238	19,221	39,954	40,514	26,926	27,248	44,851	45,354
Want a job ¹	4,985	4,786	1,798	1,682	2,165	2,097	1,022	1,006	2,193	2,102	2,792	2,684
Did not search for work in previous year	2,841	2,758	963	883	1,163	1,155	715	720	1,173	1,145	1,668	1,612
Searched for work in previous year ²	2,144	2,028	836	800	1,002	942	307	286	1,020	956	1,124	1,071
Not available to work now	599	580	285	282	260	252	54	46	231	226	368	354
Available to work now	1,545	1,448	551	518	742	690	252	240	789	731	756	717
Reason not currently looking:												
Discouragement over job prospects ³	436	381	141	118	217	195	78	68	260	229	176	152
Reasons other than discouragement	1,109	1,067	410	399	525	495	175	172	529	502	580	565
Family responsibilities	159	152	32	31	105	97	22	24	36	35	123	117
In school or training	217	207	179	177	35	28	2	2	118	111	99	96
Ill health or disability	119	130	16	18	69	76	34	36	64	63	55	68
Other ⁴	614	578	182	174	316	294	116	110	311	292	302	285

¹ Includes some persons who are not asked if they want a job.

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

³ 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.

⁴ 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 2006, data reflect revised population controls used in the household survey.