

20. Persons at work 1 to 34 hours in all and nonagricultural industries by reason for working less than 35 hours and usual full- or part-time status

(Numbers in thousands)

Reason for working less than 35 hours	1998					
	All industries			Nonagricultural industries		
	Total	Usually work full time	Usually work part time	Total	Usually work full time	Usually work part time
Total, 16 years and over	33,132	12,260	20,872	32,146	11,929	20,217
Economic reasons	3,665	1,322	2,343	3,501	1,238	2,263
Slack work or business conditions	2,095	1,056	1,038	1,997	998	999
Could only find part-time work	1,258	—	1,258	1,228	—	1,228
Seasonal work	135	89	47	102	66	37
Job started or ended during week	177	177	—	174	174	—
Noneconomic reasons	29,467	10,938	18,530	28,645	10,691	17,954
Child-care problems	856	89	767	843	87	755
Other family or personal obligations	5,551	688	4,863	5,390	673	4,716
Health or medical limitations	717	—	717	683	—	683
In school or training	6,394	97	6,297	6,245	94	6,151
Retired or Social Security limit on earnings	1,889	—	1,889	1,775	—	1,775
Vacation or personal day	3,487	3,487	—	3,420	3,420	—
Holiday, legal or religious	3,399	3,399	—	3,357	3,357	—
Weather-related curtailment	489	489	—	426	426	—
All other reasons	6,685	2,689	3,997	6,508	2,634	3,874
Average hours:						
Economic reasons	22.9	23.9	22.4	23.0	24.0	22.4
Noneconomic reasons	22.1	26.6	19.5	22.2	26.7	19.6

NOTE: Beginning in January 1998, data reflect new composite estimation procedures and revised population controls used in the household survey.