

**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			
	June 2016	June 2017	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			June 2016	June 2017	June 2016	June 2017	June 2016	June 2017	June 2016	June 2017	June 2016	June 2017
Total not in the labor force.....	93,262	93,621	15,703	15,447	23,838	23,347	53,721	54,827	36,638	37,245	56,625	56,376
Do not want a job now ¹	87,162	87,895	13,608	13,602	21,374	21,053	52,180	53,240	33,874	34,597	53,288	53,299
Want a job ¹	6,101	5,725	2,096	1,844	2,464	2,294	1,541	1,587	2,764	2,648	3,336	3,077
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,538	3,537	1,181	1,208	1,276	1,225	1,082	1,105	1,541	1,553	1,997	1,984
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	2,562	2,188	915	637	1,188	1,069	459	483	1,223	1,095	1,340	1,093
Not available to work now.....	784	606	342	270	357	259	85	77	326	252	458	354
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	1,779	1,582	573	367	831	810	375	406	897	843	882	739
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴	502	514	132	90	232	248	139	176	294	340	208	174
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,277	1,069	441	277	600	562	236	230	603	503	674	565
Family responsibilities.....	204	210	28	16	139	152	37	41	66	69	138	141
In school or training.....	218	122	189	99	29	22	0	0	126	60	92	62
Ill health or disability.....	110	152	15	19	41	67	54	66	67	58	43	94
Other ⁵	745	586	209	143	391	320	144	123	343	317	402	269

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 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.