

**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. 2020	Mar. 2021	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Mar. 2020	Mar. 2021	Mar. 2020	Mar. 2021	Mar. 2020	Mar. 2021	Mar. 2020	Mar. 2021	Mar. 2020	Mar. 2021
Total not in the labor force.....	97,221	100,606	17,437	17,193	21,801	23,245	57,983	60,168	39,725	41,538	57,496	59,067
Do not want a job now ¹	92,006	94,030	16,025	15,523	19,333	20,075	56,648	58,432	37,166	38,369	54,840	55,660
Want a job ¹	5,215	6,576	1,412	1,670	2,467	3,170	1,335	1,736	2,559	3,169	2,656	3,407
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,321	4,177	877	1,057	1,476	1,875	968	1,245	1,539	1,984	1,782	2,192
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	1,894	2,399	535	613	992	1,296	367	491	1,020	1,185	874	1,214
Not available to work now.....	514	616	178	190	271	358	65	68	276	271	238	346
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	1,380	1,783	358	423	721	937	302	423	744	914	636	869
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴	514	488	140	65	282	296	93	128	302	282	212	207
Reasons other than discouragement.....	866	1,295	218	358	439	642	209	295	442	633	424	662
Family responsibilities.....	74	84	5	9	61	58	8	17	38	15	36	69
In school or training.....	114	160	87	113	27	40	0	7	46	84	68	76
Ill health or disability.....	119	138	4	19	29	86	86	33	60	61	58	76
Other ⁵	560	913	122	217	323	458	116	238	298	472	262	441

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.