

**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			
	Apr. 2023	Apr. 2024	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Apr. 2023	Apr. 2024	Apr. 2023	Apr. 2024	Apr. 2023	Apr. 2024	Apr. 2023	Apr. 2024	Apr. 2023	Apr. 2024
Total not in the labor force.....	100,222	100,582	17,864	17,482	21,256	21,140	61,103	61,961	41,797	42,222	58,425	58,361
Do not want a job now ¹	95,077	95,080	16,222	15,730	19,050	18,839	59,805	60,511	39,379	39,505	55,698	55,575
Want a job ¹	5,145	5,502	1,642	1,752	2,205	2,301	1,298	1,450	2,418	2,717	2,727	2,786
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,123	3,259	907	895	1,267	1,335	949	1,028	1,411	1,671	1,712	1,588
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	2,022	2,244	736	856	938	966	349	422	1,007	1,046	1,015	1,198
Not available to work now.....	562	725	297	389	220	277	45	59	232	275	329	450
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	1,461	1,519	439	467	717	689	304	363	775	771	686	748
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴	386	380	105	89	178	172	103	119	250	210	136	170
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,075	1,139	334	378	539	517	202	244	524	561	550	578
Family responsibilities.....	145	159	18	26	108	105	18	28	64	45	81	114
In school or training.....	160	216	121	152	40	58	0	6	93	115	67	102
Ill health or disability.....	145	128	24	21	74	52	47	55	51	59	94	70
Other ⁵	625	635	171	179	317	302	137	154	316	342	308	293

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.