

**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			
	Aug. 2023	Aug. 2024	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Aug. 2023	Aug. 2024	Aug. 2023	Aug. 2024	Aug. 2023	Aug. 2024	Aug. 2023	Aug. 2024	Aug. 2023	Aug. 2024
Total not in the labor force.....	99,164	100,092	16,540	16,965	21,356	20,925	61,267	62,203	41,310	41,939	57,854	58,153
Do not want a job now ¹	93,682	94,343	14,991	15,254	19,043	18,547	59,649	60,542	38,830	39,179	54,853	55,164
Want a job ¹	5,482	5,749	1,550	1,711	2,313	2,377	1,619	1,661	2,480	2,760	3,002	2,989
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,399	3,759	861	1,158	1,332	1,331	1,206	1,271	1,509	1,779	1,890	1,980
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	2,082	1,990	688	553	981	1,046	412	390	971	981	1,112	1,009
Not available to work now.....	582	631	182	195	290	332	111	104	239	281	343	350
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	1,500	1,359	506	359	692	715	302	286	732	700	768	659
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴	364	341	119	72	188	218	57	51	247	200	117	141
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,136	1,018	387	287	504	497	245	235	485	500	652	518
Family responsibilities.....	125	137	16	15	79	91	30	31	33	48	92	89
In school or training.....	88	120	60	87	28	25	0	7	42	64	46	56
Ill health or disability.....	120	121	18	18	34	57	69	46	47	46	73	75
Other ⁵	803	640	294	166	363	324	146	150	363	342	440	298

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.