

**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. 2021	Apr. 2022	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Apr. 2021	Apr. 2022	Apr. 2021	Apr. 2022	Apr. 2021	Apr. 2022	Apr. 2021	Apr. 2022	Apr. 2021	Apr. 2022
Total not in the labor force.....	100,723	100,110	17,131	17,583	23,475	22,286	60,118	60,241	41,204	41,371	59,519	58,739
Do not want a job now <sup>1</sup> .....	94,258	94,398	15,354	15,915	20,423	19,684	58,480	58,798	38,055	38,587	56,202	55,811
Want a job <sup>1</sup> .....	6,466	5,712	1,776	1,668	3,051	2,602	1,638	1,442	3,149	2,784	3,317	2,928
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,965	3,445	1,043	1,028	1,732	1,370	1,190	1,047	1,831	1,588	2,134	1,857
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks <sup>2</sup> .....	2,501	2,267	733	640	1,319	1,232	448	395	1,318	1,196	1,183	1,071
Not available to work now.....	738	697	289	282	372	352	77	63	312	305	426	392
Marginally attached (available to work now) <sup>3</sup> .....	1,763	1,570	445	358	948	880	371	332	1,006	891	757	679
Discouraged over job prospects <sup>4</sup> ....	573	477	116	90	327	272	129	116	329	323	244	154
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,190	1,092	328	269	620	608	242	216	677	568	513	524
Family responsibilities.....	119	169	7	16	92	124	20	28	48	41	71	128
In school or training.....	154	102	127	75	24	17	3	10	85	50	69	53
Ill health or disability.....	176	95	39	14	94	43	44	38	112	47	64	48
Other <sup>5</sup> .....	741	726	155	162	412	424	175	140	431	431	310	295

<sup>1</sup> Includes some persons who are not asked if they want a job, such as passive jobseekers.

<sup>2</sup> Persons who had a job in the prior 12 months must have searched since the end of that job.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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.