

# Table 597. Persons Not in the Labor Force: 2006

[In thousands (77,387 represents 77,387,000). Annual average of monthly figures. Civilian noninstitutional population 16 years old and over. Based on the Current Population Survey; see text, Section 1, and Appendix III]

Status and reason	Total	Age			Sex	
		16 to 24 years old	25 to 54 years old	55 years old and over	Male	Female
<b>Total not in the labor force</b> . . . . .	<b>77,387</b>	<b>14,549</b>	<b>21,318</b>	<b>41,520</b>	<b>29,350</b>	<b>48,037</b>
Do not want a job now <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	72,602	12,867	19,221	40,514	27,248	45,354
Want a job now . . . . .	4,786	1,682	2,097	1,006	2,102	2,684
In the previous year—						
Did not search for a job. . . . .	2,758	883	1,155	720	1,145	1,612
Did search for a job <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	2,028	800	942	286	956	1,071
Not available for work now . . . . .	580	282	252	46	226	354
Available for work now, not looking for work. . . . .	1,448	518	690	240	731	717
Reason for not currently looking for work:						
Discouraged over job prospects <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	381	118	195	68	229	152
Family responsibilities. . . . .	152	31	97	24	35	117
In school or training . . . . .	207	177	28	2	111	96
Ill health or disability. . . . .	130	18	76	36	63	68
Other <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	578	174	294	110	292	285

<sup>1</sup> Includes some persons who are not asked if they want a job. <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> Includes such things as believes no work available, could not find work, lacks necessary schooling or training, employer thinks too young or old, and other types of discrimination. <sup>4</sup> Includes such things as child care and transportation problems.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Employment and Earnings*, monthly, January 2007 issue. See Internet site <<http://www.bls.gov/cps/home.htm>>.