

**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 | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | Jan. 2010 | Jan. 2011 | 16 to 24 years | | 25 to 54 years | | 55 years and over | | Men | | Women | |
| | | | Jan. 2010 | Jan. 2011 | Jan. 2010 | Jan. 2011 | Jan. 2010 | Jan. 2011 | Jan. 2010 | Jan. 2011 | Jan. 2010 | Jan. 2011 |
| Total not in the labor force..... | 83,876 | 86,168 | 17,802 | 17,834 | 21,856 | 22,777 | 44,218 | 45,557 | 33,410 | 34,725 | 50,466 | 51,443 |
| Do not want a job now ¹ | 77,768 | 79,525 | 15,899 | 15,809 | 19,074 | 19,641 | 42,794 | 44,075 | 30,484 | 31,488 | 47,284 | 48,036 |
| Want a job ¹ | 6,108 | 6,643 | 1,902 | 2,025 | 2,782 | 3,136 | 1,424 | 1,482 | 2,926 | 3,237 | 3,182 | 3,406 |
| Did not search for work in previous year..... | 2,993 | 3,345 | 957 | 996 | 1,150 | 1,437 | 886 | 913 | 1,307 | 1,562 | 1,686 | 1,783 |
| Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ² | 3,115 | 3,298 | 946 | 1,029 | 1,631 | 1,699 | 538 | 569 | 1,619 | 1,675 | 1,496 | 1,623 |
| Not available to work now..... | 577 | 498 | 200 | 193 | 310 | 257 | 67 | 48 | 253 | 221 | 324 | 277 |
| Marginally attached (available to work now) ³ | 2,539 | 2,800 | 746 | 837 | 1,322 | 1,443 | 471 | 521 | 1,367 | 1,454 | 1,172 | 1,346 |
| Discouraged over job prospects ⁴ | 1,065 | 993 | 246 | 210 | 583 | 583 | 236 | 200 | 663 | 588 | 401 | 406 |
| Reasons other than discouragement..... | 1,474 | 1,807 | 500 | 626 | 739 | 860 | 236 | 321 | 703 | 866 | 771 | 941 |
| Family responsibilities..... | 208 | 216 | 15 | 33 | 159 | 124 | 35 | 60 | 70 | 50 | 138 | 166 |
| In school or training..... | 346 | 366 | 252 | 278 | 89 | 86 | 5 | 2 | 187 | 202 | 159 | 164 |
| Ill health or disability..... | 111 | 210 | 9 | 15 | 48 | 117 | 54 | 77 | 36 | 110 | 75 | 100 |
| Other ⁵ | 809 | 1,015 | 223 | 300 | 443 | 533 | 142 | 182 | 410 | 504 | 398 | 511 |

1 Includes some persons who are not asked if they want a job.

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.