

**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. 2010	Apr. 2011	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Apr. 2010	Apr. 2011	Apr. 2010	Apr. 2011	Apr. 2010	Apr. 2011	Apr. 2010	Apr. 2011	Apr. 2010	Apr. 2011
Total not in the labor force.....	83,418	86,248	17,384	17,856	21,844	22,922	44,189	45,469	32,897	34,713	50,521	51,535
Do not want a job now ¹	77,553	79,766	15,292	15,810	19,266	20,043	42,995	43,913	30,101	31,554	47,451	48,212
Want a job ¹	5,865	6,482	2,092	2,046	2,579	2,879	1,194	1,557	2,795	3,159	3,070	3,323
Did not search for work in previous year.....	2,744	3,308	978	1,031	1,112	1,322	654	955	1,202	1,502	1,542	1,807
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	3,121	3,174	1,114	1,015	1,467	1,557	540	601	1,593	1,657	1,528	1,516
Not available to work now.....	690	707	372	365	265	260	53	82	300	296	390	411
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	2,432	2,466	742	650	1,202	1,297	488	519	1,294	1,361	1,138	1,105
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴	1,197	989	248	186	614	533	335	270	736	566	461	423
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,234	1,477	494	464	588	764	153	249	557	795	677	682
Family responsibilities.....	222	192	37	35	147	127	38	31	44	27	178	165
In school or training.....	389	312	301	235	86	75	2	3	202	202	187	111
Ill health or disability.....	27	170	6	12	2	104	19	54	19	97	8	73
Other ⁵	596	802	149	183	353	458	94	161	292	469	304	333

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.