

**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			
	May 2010	May 2011	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			May 2010	May 2011	May 2010	May 2011	May 2010	May 2011	May 2010	May 2011	May 2010	May 2011
Total not in the labor force.....	83,633	85,864	17,052	17,518	22,380	22,801	44,201	45,546	32,973	34,200	50,661	51,664
Do not want a job now <sup>1</sup> .....	77,253	79,044	14,295	14,949	19,960	20,026	42,997	44,069	29,895	30,863	47,358	48,181
Want a job <sup>1</sup> .....	6,381	6,821	2,757	2,569	2,420	2,775	1,204	1,477	3,078	3,337	3,303	3,484
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,171	3,731	1,341	1,412	1,121	1,470	709	850	1,442	1,798	1,729	1,934
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks <sup>2</sup> .....	3,209	3,089	1,416	1,157	1,298	1,305	494	627	1,635	1,539	1,574	1,550
Not available to work now.....	986	884	623	544	279	253	84	87	459	381	528	503
Marginally attached (available to work now) <sup>3</sup> .....	2,223	2,206	793	614	1,020	1,051	410	540	1,177	1,158	1,046	1,047
Discouraged over job prospects <sup>4</sup> ....	1,083	822	315	170	513	428	254	224	644	469	438	353
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,140	1,384	478	444	506	624	156	316	533	689	608	695
Family responsibilities.....	253	165	63	19	138	96	53	50	67	34	186	131
In school or training.....	369	299	303	233	63	60	3	7	208	175	161	124
Ill health or disability.....	38	143	3	8	16	72	19	63	12	67	26	76
Other <sup>5</sup> .....	480	777	109	184	290	397	82	196	245	413	235	364

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.