

**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 | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | July 2010 | July 2011 | 16 to 24 years | | 25 to 54 years | | 55 years and over | | Men | | Women | |
| | | | July 2010 | July 2011 | July 2010 | July 2011 | July 2010 | July 2011 | July 2010 | July 2011 | July 2010 | July 2011 |
| Total not in the labor force..... | 82,620 | 84,859 | 15,006 | 15,454 | 22,964 | 23,351 | 44,650 | 46,054 | 32,135 | 33,476 | 50,484 | 51,383 |
| Do not want a job now ¹ | 76,476 | 78,049 | 13,020 | 13,375 | 20,178 | 20,213 | 43,278 | 44,461 | 29,335 | 30,404 | 47,141 | 47,645 |
| Want a job ¹ | 6,143 | 6,810 | 1,985 | 2,079 | 2,786 | 3,138 | 1,372 | 1,593 | 2,801 | 3,072 | 3,343 | 3,738 |
| Did not search for work in previous year..... | 2,973 | 3,384 | 947 | 1,008 | 1,201 | 1,410 | 826 | 967 | 1,207 | 1,411 | 1,766 | 1,973 |
| Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ² | 3,170 | 3,426 | 1,039 | 1,071 | 1,585 | 1,729 | 546 | 626 | 1,593 | 1,661 | 1,577 | 1,765 |
| Not available to work now..... | 548 | 641 | 152 | 205 | 328 | 326 | 68 | 110 | 208 | 269 | 341 | 372 |
| Marginally attached (available to work now) ³ | 2,622 | 2,785 | 887 | 866 | 1,257 | 1,403 | 479 | 516 | 1,385 | 1,392 | 1,237 | 1,393 |
| Discouraged over job prospects ⁴ | 1,185 | 1,119 | 377 | 321 | 540 | 563 | 269 | 234 | 742 | 639 | 443 | 480 |
| Reasons other than discouragement..... | 1,437 | 1,667 | 510 | 545 | 717 | 839 | 210 | 282 | 644 | 754 | 793 | 913 |
| Family responsibilities..... | 389 | 238 | 86 | 56 | 232 | 146 | 71 | 36 | 113 | 67 | 276 | 171 |
| In school or training..... | 262 | 269 | 173 | 175 | 72 | 92 | 18 | 2 | 149 | 141 | 113 | 128 |
| Ill health or disability..... | 86 | 183 | 5 | 22 | 37 | 108 | 44 | 53 | 24 | 76 | 62 | 107 |
| Other ⁵ | 700 | 977 | 246 | 293 | 377 | 493 | 77 | 191 | 358 | 470 | 342 | 507 |

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.