

**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 | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | Aug. 2010 | Aug. 2011 | 16 to 24 years | | 25 to 54 years | | 55 years and over | | Men | | Women | |
| | | | Aug. 2010 | Aug. 2011 | Aug. 2010 | Aug. 2011 | Aug. 2010 | Aug. 2011 | Aug. 2010 | Aug. 2011 | Aug. 2010 | Aug. 2011 |
| Total not in the labor force..... | 83,421 | 85,528 | 15,981 | 16,313 | 22,716 | 23,063 | 44,725 | 46,152 | 32,632 | 33,842 | 50,789 | 51,686 |
| Do not want a job now ¹ | 77,338 | 79,035 | 14,115 | 14,430 | 19,818 | 20,099 | 43,405 | 44,506 | 29,847 | 30,896 | 47,491 | 48,139 |
| Want a job ¹ | 6,083 | 6,493 | 1,866 | 1,883 | 2,897 | 2,964 | 1,320 | 1,646 | 2,785 | 2,946 | 3,298 | 3,547 |
| Did not search for work in previous year..... | 3,201 | 3,386 | 962 | 966 | 1,424 | 1,452 | 815 | 968 | 1,277 | 1,469 | 1,924 | 1,917 |
| Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ² | 2,882 | 3,107 | 904 | 916 | 1,473 | 1,512 | 505 | 678 | 1,507 | 1,477 | 1,374 | 1,629 |
| Not available to work now..... | 512 | 532 | 145 | 179 | 303 | 273 | 64 | 79 | 216 | 144 | 296 | 388 |
| Marginally attached (available to work now) ³ | 2,370 | 2,575 | 759 | 737 | 1,169 | 1,239 | 441 | 599 | 1,292 | 1,333 | 1,078 | 1,242 |
| Discouraged over job prospects ⁴ | 1,110 | 977 | 296 | 234 | 552 | 456 | 261 | 287 | 704 | 570 | 405 | 407 |
| Reasons other than discouragement..... | 1,260 | 1,598 | 464 | 503 | 617 | 783 | 180 | 312 | 587 | 763 | 673 | 835 |
| Family responsibilities..... | 327 | 203 | 53 | 25 | 194 | 140 | 79 | 38 | 122 | 46 | 205 | 157 |
| In school or training..... | 282 | 302 | 218 | 203 | 57 | 90 | 6 | 10 | 132 | 161 | 149 | 142 |
| Ill health or disability..... | 42 | 186 | 3 | 17 | 17 | 108 | 23 | 61 | 23 | 83 | 19 | 103 |
| Other ⁵ | 610 | 907 | 190 | 258 | 349 | 445 | 71 | 204 | 311 | 474 | 299 | 433 |

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.