

**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			
	Oct. 2010	Oct. 2011	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Oct. 2010	Oct. 2011	Oct. 2010	Oct. 2011	Oct. 2010	Oct. 2011	Oct. 2010	Oct. 2011	Oct. 2010	Oct. 2011
Total not in the labor force.....	84,878	86,181	17,351	17,287	22,485	23,000	45,042	45,894	33,867	34,583	51,011	51,598
Do not want a job now ¹	79,011	80,212	15,532	15,509	19,906	20,329	43,573	44,374	31,061	31,765	47,951	48,447
Want a job ¹	5,867	5,969	1,819	1,778	2,579	2,671	1,469	1,520	2,806	2,818	3,061	3,151
Did not search for work in previous year.....	2,776	2,892	834	819	1,074	1,169	867	904	1,272	1,304	1,504	1,588
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	3,091	3,077	985	959	1,505	1,502	601	617	1,534	1,513	1,557	1,564
Not available to work now.....	488	523	190	213	238	249	61	60	189	155	299	368
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	2,602	2,555	795	746	1,266	1,252	541	557	1,345	1,358	1,258	1,196
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴	1,219	967	288	223	596	484	335	260	712	575	507	392
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,383	1,588	507	522	671	769	206	297	633	783	751	805
Family responsibilities.....	303	224	53	18	179	161	71	45	81	55	221	169
In school or training.....	404	350	268	268	131	79	4	3	257	200	147	150
Ill health or disability.....	36	191	1	17	9	104	26	71	18	100	18	92
Other ⁵	640	823	185	220	352	425	104	178	276	428	364	395

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.