

**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			
	Jan. 2011	Jan. 2012	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Jan. 2011	Jan. 2012	Jan. 2011	Jan. 2012	Jan. 2011	Jan. 2012	Jan. 2011	Jan. 2012	Jan. 2011	Jan. 2012
Total not in the labor force.....	86,168	88,784	17,834	18,372	22,777	22,980	45,557	47,432	34,725	35,510	51,443	53,274
Do not want a job now ¹	79,525	82,289	15,809	16,444	19,641	20,056	44,075	45,788	31,488	32,437	48,036	49,852
Want a job ¹	6,643	6,495	2,025	1,928	3,136	2,924	1,482	1,643	3,237	3,073	3,406	3,422
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,345	3,176	996	951	1,437	1,231	913	995	1,562	1,451	1,783	1,726
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	3,298	3,319	1,029	977	1,699	1,694	569	649	1,675	1,623	1,623	1,696
Not available to work now.....	498	510	193	204	257	243	48	64	221	171	277	340
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	2,800	2,809	837	772	1,443	1,451	521	585	1,454	1,452	1,346	1,356
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴	993	1,059	210	244	583	582	200	233	588	638	406	421
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,807	1,749	626	528	860	869	321	352	866	814	941	936
Family responsibilities.....	216	250	33	45	124	148	60	57	50	42	166	208
In school or training.....	366	388	278	272	86	106	2	10	202	195	164	194
Ill health or disability.....	210	152	15	1	117	81	77	69	110	78	100	74
Other ⁵	1,015	959	300	209	533	534	182	216	504	499	511	460

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.