

**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			
	Feb. 2011	Feb. 2012	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Feb. 2011	Feb. 2012	Feb. 2011	Feb. 2012	Feb. 2011	Feb. 2012	Feb. 2011	Feb. 2012	Feb. 2011	Feb. 2012
Total not in the labor force.....	86,216	88,322	17,860	18,089	22,874	23,065	45,482	47,168	34,548	35,288	51,668	53,034
Do not want a job now ¹	79,812	81,945	15,857	16,067	19,927	20,284	44,028	45,594	31,512	32,344	48,300	49,602
Want a job ¹	6,405	6,376	2,004	2,022	2,947	2,780	1,454	1,574	3,036	2,944	3,369	3,432
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,174	3,252	980	1,002	1,295	1,257	898	992	1,381	1,389	1,793	1,863
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	3,231	3,125	1,024	1,020	1,652	1,523	555	582	1,655	1,555	1,575	1,570
Not available to work now.....	501	516	223	215	231	246	47	55	209	197	293	319
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	2,730	2,608	800	804	1,420	1,277	509	527	1,447	1,358	1,283	1,250
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴	1,020	1,006	227	203	551	541	241	261	592	612	427	394
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,710	1,603	574	601	869	736	267	266	854	746	855	856
Family responsibilities.....	236	215	45	20	147	141	43	55	22	65	214	149
In school or training.....	336	399	263	316	71	71	3	12	205	195	131	204
Ill health or disability.....	188	103	34	16	99	49	55	38	122	39	66	63
Other ⁵	950	886	232	249	552	475	166	162	506	447	444	440

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.