

**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			
	Apr. 2011	Apr. 2012	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Apr. 2011	Apr. 2012	Apr. 2011	Apr. 2012	Apr. 2011	Apr. 2012	Apr. 2011	Apr. 2012	Apr. 2011	Apr. 2012
Total not in the labor force.....	86,248	88,879	17,856	18,216	22,922	23,244	45,469	47,419	34,713	35,452	51,535	53,427
Do not want a job now ¹	79,766	82,551	15,810	16,102	20,043	20,613	43,913	45,836	31,554	32,311	48,212	50,240
Want a job ¹	6,482	6,328	2,046	2,113	2,879	2,631	1,557	1,583	3,159	3,141	3,323	3,187
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,308	3,285	1,031	1,065	1,322	1,281	955	939	1,502	1,542	1,807	1,743
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	3,174	3,042	1,015	1,048	1,557	1,350	601	644	1,657	1,599	1,516	1,444
Not available to work now.....	707	679	365	367	260	251	82	61	296	288	411	391
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	2,466	2,363	650	681	1,297	1,099	519	583	1,361	1,311	1,105	1,053
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴	989	968	186	202	533	451	270	315	566	611	423	357
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,477	1,395	464	479	764	648	249	268	795	699	682	696
Family responsibilities.....	192	192	35	29	127	125	31	37	27	52	165	139
In school or training.....	312	313	235	229	75	78	3	6	202	191	111	121
Ill health or disability.....	170	149	12	16	104	75	54	57	97	86	73	63
Other ⁵	802	742	183	205	458	370	161	168	469	370	333	372

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.