

**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			
	May 2011	May 2012	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			May 2011	May 2012	May 2011	May 2012	May 2011	May 2012	May 2011	May 2012	May 2011	May 2012
Total not in the labor force.....	85,864	87,968	17,518	17,665	22,801	22,998	45,546	47,304	34,200	34,768	51,664	53,200
Do not want a job now ¹	79,044	81,132	14,949	15,032	20,026	20,295	44,069	45,805	30,863	31,554	48,181	49,578
Want a job ¹	6,821	6,835	2,569	2,633	2,775	2,703	1,477	1,500	3,337	3,214	3,484	3,622
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,731	3,457	1,412	1,360	1,470	1,166	850	931	1,798	1,563	1,934	1,894
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	3,089	3,379	1,157	1,273	1,305	1,537	627	569	1,539	1,651	1,550	1,728
Not available to work now.....	884	956	544	569	253	315	87	72	381	412	503	545
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	2,206	2,423	614	705	1,051	1,222	540	496	1,158	1,239	1,047	1,183
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴	822	830	170	176	428	445	224	209	469	469	353	360
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,384	1,593	444	529	624	776	316	288	689	770	695	823
Family responsibilities.....	165	202	19	24	96	144	50	35	34	50	131	152
In school or training.....	299	402	233	290	60	105	7	7	175	235	124	167
Ill health or disability.....	143	160	8	13	72	80	63	67	67	76	76	84
Other ⁵	777	828	184	202	397	447	196	178	413	408	364	419

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.