

**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			
	July 2011	July 2012	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			July 2011	July 2012	July 2011	July 2012	July 2011	July 2012	July 2011	July 2012	July 2011	July 2012
Total not in the labor force.....	84,859	86,828	15,454	15,327	23,351	23,307	46,054	48,194	33,476	33,828	51,383	53,000
Do not want a job now <sup>1</sup> .....	78,049	79,991	13,375	13,198	20,213	20,354	44,461	46,438	30,404	30,765	47,645	49,225
Want a job <sup>1</sup> .....	6,810	6,837	2,079	2,129	3,138	2,953	1,593	1,755	3,072	3,062	3,738	3,775
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,384	3,618	1,008	1,091	1,410	1,514	967	1,013	1,411	1,469	1,973	2,149
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks <sup>2</sup> .....	3,426	3,219	1,071	1,038	1,729	1,439	626	742	1,661	1,593	1,765	1,625
Not available to work now.....	641	690	205	268	326	354	110	68	269	265	372	425
Marginally attached (available to work now) <sup>3</sup> .....	2,785	2,529	866	770	1,403	1,084	516	674	1,392	1,328	1,393	1,200
Discouraged over job prospects <sup>4</sup> ....	1,119	852	321	248	563	346	234	259	639	514	480	338
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,667	1,676	545	523	839	738	282	415	754	815	913	862
Family responsibilities.....	238	260	56	38	146	172	36	49	67	78	171	181
In school or training.....	269	249	175	174	92	57	2	18	141	133	128	115
Ill health or disability.....	183	203	22	27	108	95	53	81	76	114	107	90
Other <sup>5</sup> .....	977	965	293	284	493	413	191	267	470	489	507	475

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.