

**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			
	Oct. 2011	Oct. 2012	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Oct. 2011	Oct. 2012	Oct. 2011	Oct. 2012	Oct. 2011	Oct. 2012	Oct. 2011	Oct. 2012	Oct. 2011	Oct. 2012
Total not in the labor force.....	86,181	88,204	17,287	17,673	23,000	22,554	45,894	47,977	34,583	34,995	51,598	53,209
Do not want a job now <sup>1</sup> .....	80,212	82,061	15,509	15,802	20,329	19,951	44,374	46,309	31,765	32,328	48,447	49,733
Want a job <sup>1</sup> .....	5,969	6,142	1,778	1,872	2,671	2,603	1,520	1,668	2,818	2,666	3,151	3,476
Did not search for work in previous year.....	2,892	3,234	819	879	1,169	1,316	904	1,039	1,304	1,338	1,588	1,896
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks <sup>2</sup> .....	3,077	2,909	959	993	1,502	1,287	617	629	1,513	1,329	1,564	1,580
Not available to work now.....	523	475	213	155	249	220	60	100	155	185	368	291
Marginally attached (available to work now) <sup>3</sup> .....	2,555	2,433	746	838	1,252	1,067	557	529	1,358	1,144	1,196	1,289
Discouraged over job prospects <sup>4</sup> .....	967	813	223	219	484	403	260	192	575	460	392	353
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,588	1,620	522	619	769	664	297	337	783	684	805	936
Family responsibilities.....	224	206	18	32	161	123	45	51	55	53	169	153
In school or training.....	350	366	268	298	79	61	3	7	200	171	150	195
Ill health or disability.....	191	206	17	28	104	84	71	94	100	83	92	123
Other <sup>5</sup> .....	823	842	220	261	425	396	178	185	428	377	395	465

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.