

**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			
	Nov. 2011	Nov. 2012	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Nov. 2011	Nov. 2012	Nov. 2011	Nov. 2012	Nov. 2011	Nov. 2012	Nov. 2011	Nov. 2012	Nov. 2011	Nov. 2012
Total not in the labor force.....	86,757	89,221	17,517	17,825	23,002	23,271	46,239	48,125	34,674	35,501	52,083	53,720
Do not want a job now ¹	80,574	82,726	15,770	15,758	20,230	20,564	44,574	46,404	31,759	32,473	48,815	50,253
Want a job ¹	6,183	6,495	1,747	2,067	2,772	2,707	1,665	1,722	2,915	3,028	3,268	3,467
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,106	3,347	836	960	1,205	1,249	1,065	1,138	1,362	1,526	1,744	1,821
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	3,077	3,148	910	1,107	1,567	1,458	600	583	1,553	1,502	1,524	1,646
Not available to work now.....	486	643	180	254	240	303	66	86	198	235	288	408
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	2,591	2,505	730	853	1,327	1,155	534	497	1,355	1,267	1,236	1,238
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴	1,096	979	217	292	581	433	298	254	679	556	416	422
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,495	1,526	513	561	746	722	236	243	676	711	819	816
Family responsibilities.....	200	206	10	37	152	118	39	51	41	56	159	150
In school or training.....	353	345	278	284	72	59	2	3	182	191	171	154
Ill health or disability.....	135	174	21	20	74	103	39	51	77	69	58	105
Other ⁵	807	801	204	221	447	442	155	138	376	394	431	407

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.