

**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			
	Feb. 2012	Feb. 2013	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Feb. 2012	Feb. 2013	Feb. 2012	Feb. 2013	Feb. 2012	Feb. 2013	Feb. 2012	Feb. 2013	Feb. 2012	Feb. 2013
Total not in the labor force.....	88,322	90,100	18,089	18,153	23,065	23,593	47,168	48,354	35,288	35,937	53,034	54,163
Do not want a job now ¹	81,945	83,258	16,067	15,976	20,284	20,581	45,594	46,701	32,344	32,807	49,602	50,451
Want a job ¹	6,376	6,842	2,022	2,176	2,780	3,013	1,574	1,653	2,944	3,131	3,432	3,712
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,252	3,578	1,002	1,040	1,257	1,465	992	1,073	1,389	1,544	1,863	2,034
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	3,125	3,264	1,020	1,136	1,523	1,548	582	580	1,555	1,587	1,570	1,678
Not available to work now.....	516	676	215	328	246	266	55	82	197	242	319	434
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	2,608	2,588	804	809	1,277	1,281	527	498	1,358	1,344	1,250	1,244
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴	1,006	885	203	240	541	438	261	207	612	527	394	358
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,603	1,704	601	569	736	843	266	292	746	817	856	886
Family responsibilities.....	215	278	20	32	141	204	55	42	65	82	149	196
In school or training.....	399	374	316	301	71	70	12	3	195	174	204	200
Ill health or disability.....	103	231	16	18	49	120	38	93	39	111	63	120
Other ⁵	886	820	249	218	475	449	162	154	447	450	440	371

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.