

**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 2012	May 2013	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			May 2012	May 2013	May 2012	May 2013	May 2012	May 2013	May 2012	May 2013	May 2012	May 2013
Total not in the labor force.....	87,968	89,629	17,665	17,677	22,998	23,256	47,304	48,696	34,768	35,469	53,200	54,160
Do not want a job now <sup>1</sup> .....	81,132	82,436	15,032	14,577	20,295	20,748	45,805	47,111	31,554	32,156	49,578	50,280
Want a job <sup>1</sup> .....	6,835	7,193	2,633	3,099	2,703	2,508	1,500	1,585	3,214	3,313	3,622	3,880
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,457	3,988	1,360	1,657	1,166	1,264	931	1,067	1,563	1,760	1,894	2,228
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks <sup>2</sup> .....	3,379	3,204	1,273	1,442	1,537	1,244	569	518	1,651	1,552	1,728	1,652
Not available to work now.....	956	1,040	569	694	315	271	72	75	412	471	545	569
Marginally attached (available to work now) <sup>3</sup> .....	2,423	2,164	705	748	1,222	973	496	443	1,239	1,081	1,183	1,083
Discouraged over job prospects <sup>4</sup> .....	830	780	176	209	445	357	209	214	469	424	360	356
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,593	1,384	529	540	776	616	288	229	770	657	823	727
Family responsibilities.....	202	232	24	41	144	134	35	57	50	47	152	185
In school or training.....	402	353	290	309	105	35	7	10	235	205	167	148
Ill health or disability.....	160	115	13	23	80	45	67	46	76	58	84	56
Other <sup>5</sup> .....	828	684	202	167	447	402	178	116	408	346	419	338

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.