

**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			
	Aug. 2012	Aug. 2013	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Aug. 2012	Aug. 2013	Aug. 2012	Aug. 2013	Aug. 2012	Aug. 2013	Aug. 2012	Aug. 2013	Aug. 2012	Aug. 2013
Total not in the labor force.....	88,311	89,988	16,957	16,752	23,180	23,732	48,173	49,504	34,823	35,590	53,488	54,398
Do not want a job now ¹	81,280	83,697	14,837	14,866	20,072	20,929	46,372	47,902	31,721	32,874	49,559	50,823
Want a job ¹	7,031	6,291	2,121	1,885	3,108	2,803	1,802	1,602	3,102	2,715	3,929	3,575
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,812	3,386	1,154	1,002	1,595	1,400	1,062	984	1,591	1,352	2,220	2,034
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	3,219	2,905	966	884	1,513	1,403	739	618	1,510	1,364	1,709	1,541
Not available to work now.....	658	563	216	202	316	302	126	59	230	195	429	368
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	2,561	2,342	750	681	1,197	1,101	614	560	1,281	1,168	1,280	1,174
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴	844	866	178	224	407	430	259	212	489	477	355	389
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,717	1,476	572	457	790	671	355	347	792	692	925	785
Family responsibilities.....	302	215	52	20	174	141	77	54	84	50	218	165
In school or training.....	273	233	215	148	51	84	8	1	134	132	139	100
Ill health or disability.....	181	145	8	34	92	49	81	62	106	80	75	64
Other ⁵	960	884	297	255	473	397	189	231	468	429	492	455

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.