

**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			
	Sept. 2012	Sept. 2013	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Sept. 2012	Sept. 2013	Sept. 2012	Sept. 2013	Sept. 2012	Sept. 2013	Sept. 2012	Sept. 2013	Sept. 2012	Sept. 2013
Total not in the labor force.....	88,697	90,632	17,939	17,639	22,754	23,441	48,005	49,553	35,260	36,048	53,437	54,585
Do not want a job now ¹	82,271	84,858	15,930	15,958	19,944	20,841	46,397	48,058	32,307	33,492	49,964	51,366
Want a job ¹	6,427	5,775	2,009	1,681	2,810	2,599	1,608	1,495	2,953	2,556	3,474	3,219
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,278	2,943	955	788	1,332	1,239	990	916	1,445	1,260	1,832	1,682
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	3,149	2,832	1,053	893	1,478	1,360	618	579	1,507	1,296	1,642	1,537
Not available to work now.....	632	530	249	189	292	273	90	68	226	171	405	359
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	2,517	2,302	804	704	1,185	1,087	528	511	1,281	1,124	1,236	1,178
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴	802	852	202	186	385	471	215	195	489	462	313	391
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,715	1,450	602	518	800	616	313	315	792	663	924	787
Family responsibilities.....	244	215	35	39	150	121	59	55	70	51	174	164
In school or training.....	329	324	250	256	65	67	14	1	141	150	188	174
Ill health or disability.....	177	157	21	12	98	78	58	67	81	71	96	86
Other ⁵	966	754	297	212	487	350	182	193	500	390	466	363

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.