

**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			
	Dec. 2012	Dec. 2013	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Dec. 2012	Dec. 2013	Dec. 2012	Dec. 2013	Dec. 2012	Dec. 2013	Dec. 2012	Dec. 2013	Dec. 2012	Dec. 2013
Total not in the labor force.....	89,445	92,338	18,048	18,149	23,118	23,935	48,280	50,253	35,712	37,118	53,733	55,220
Do not want a job now <sup>1</sup> .....	82,914	86,406	15,997	16,375	20,315	21,226	46,602	48,804	32,648	34,337	50,266	52,069
Want a job <sup>1</sup> .....	6,532	5,932	2,052	1,773	2,802	2,709	1,678	1,450	3,064	2,781	3,467	3,151
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,252	2,997	1,004	854	1,217	1,248	1,031	895	1,503	1,359	1,749	1,639
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks <sup>2</sup> .....	3,280	2,935	1,047	919	1,585	1,461	647	554	1,561	1,422	1,719	1,512
Not available to work now.....	667	507	258	209	319	241	90	57	259	186	408	321
Marginally attached (available to work now) <sup>3</sup> .....	2,614	2,427	789	710	1,267	1,220	558	497	1,303	1,236	1,311	1,191
Discouraged over job prospects <sup>4</sup> ....	1,068	917	264	238	557	454	247	225	636	524	433	394
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,545	1,510	525	472	710	766	311	272	667	712	878	798
Family responsibilities.....	222	268	35	23	146	203	40	42	55	68	167	200
In school or training.....	346	246	261	199	77	40	8	7	171	119	175	127
Ill health or disability.....	181	129	9	12	80	87	92	30	65	72	116	57
Other <sup>5</sup> .....	797	867	220	238	406	436	171	193	376	454	421	413

<sup>1</sup> Includes some persons who are not asked if they want a job.

<sup>2</sup> Persons who had a job in the prior 12 months must have searched since the end of that job.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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.