

**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			
	Jan. 2013	Jan. 2014	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Jan. 2013	Jan. 2014	Jan. 2013	Jan. 2014	Jan. 2013	Jan. 2014	Jan. 2013	Jan. 2014	Jan. 2013	Jan. 2014
Total not in the labor force.....	89,868	92,534	18,004	18,347	23,570	23,771	48,294	50,416	35,783	37,414	54,085	55,120
Do not want a job now <sup>1</sup> .....	83,088	86,026	15,765	16,430	20,654	20,831	46,669	48,765	32,562	34,268	50,526	51,757
Want a job <sup>1</sup> .....	6,781	6,508	2,239	1,917	2,916	2,941	1,625	1,650	3,221	3,146	3,559	3,363
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,728	3,440	1,188	1,017	1,445	1,404	1,095	1,018	1,696	1,645	2,032	1,795
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks <sup>2</sup> .....	3,053	3,069	1,051	900	1,471	1,536	530	632	1,526	1,501	1,527	1,568
Not available to work now.....	610	477	250	188	292	236	67	52	203	184	407	293
Marginally attached (available to work now) <sup>3</sup> .....	2,443	2,592	800	712	1,179	1,300	463	580	1,323	1,317	1,120	1,275
Discouraged over job prospects <sup>4</sup> ....	804	837	212	174	431	435	161	228	516	466	288	370
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,639	1,755	588	538	748	865	302	352	806	851	832	904
Family responsibilities.....	237	295	44	26	147	220	45	49	77	91	160	204
In school or training.....	352	347	297	249	54	95	1	3	188	193	164	154
Ill health or disability.....	187	145	11	5	97	82	78	58	82	74	105	71
Other <sup>5</sup> .....	863	968	236	258	450	468	177	242	460	493	403	476

<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.