

**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. 2013	Aug. 2014	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Aug. 2013	Aug. 2014	Aug. 2013	Aug. 2014	Aug. 2013	Aug. 2014	Aug. 2013	Aug. 2014	Aug. 2013	Aug. 2014
Total not in the labor force.....	89,988	91,794	16,752	16,890	23,732	23,624	49,504	51,281	35,590	36,326	54,398	55,469
Do not want a job now ¹	83,697	85,413	14,866	14,873	20,929	20,899	47,902	49,641	32,874	33,669	50,823	51,744
Want a job ¹	6,291	6,382	1,885	2,017	2,803	2,725	1,602	1,640	2,715	2,657	3,575	3,725
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,386	3,607	1,002	1,114	1,400	1,461	984	1,032	1,352	1,456	2,034	2,150
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	2,905	2,775	884	903	1,403	1,264	618	608	1,364	1,201	1,541	1,574
Not available to work now.....	563	634	202	271	302	301	59	62	195	217	368	417
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	2,342	2,141	681	633	1,101	963	560	545	1,168	984	1,174	1,157
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴	866	775	224	210	430	324	212	241	477	424	389	351
Reasons other than												
discouragement.....	1,476	1,366	457	423	671	639	347	304	692	560	785	806
Family responsibilities.....	215	293	20	46	141	202	54	45	50	66	165	227
In school or training.....	233	204	148	148	84	50	1	6	132	90	100	114
Ill health or disability.....	145	151	34	11	49	63	62	77	80	82	64	69
Other ⁵	884	718	255	218	397	324	231	177	429	323	455	396

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.