

**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. 2013	Sept. 2014	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Sept. 2013	Sept. 2014	Sept. 2013	Sept. 2014	Sept. 2013	Sept. 2014	Sept. 2013	Sept. 2014	Sept. 2013	Sept. 2014
Total not in the labor force.....	90,632	92,543	17,639	17,720	23,441	23,668	49,553	51,155	36,048	36,999	54,585	55,545
Do not want a job now <sup>1</sup> .....	84,858	86,536	15,958	15,903	20,841	21,134	48,058	49,498	33,492	34,304	51,366	52,232
Want a job <sup>1</sup> .....	5,775	6,007	1,681	1,817	2,599	2,534	1,495	1,656	2,556	2,695	3,219	3,312
Did not search for work in previous year.....	2,943	3,189	788	858	1,239	1,324	916	1,006	1,260	1,357	1,682	1,831
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks <sup>2</sup> .....	2,832	2,818	893	959	1,360	1,210	579	650	1,296	1,337	1,537	1,481
Not available to work now.....	530	593	189	239	273	277	68	76	171	236	359	356
Marginally attached (available to work now) <sup>3</sup> .....	2,302	2,226	704	720	1,087	933	511	573	1,124	1,101	1,178	1,125
Discouraged over job prospects <sup>4</sup> ....	852	698	186	163	471	306	195	230	462	438	391	260
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,450	1,527	518	557	616	627	315	343	663	663	787	864
Family responsibilities.....	215	266	39	55	121	146	55	65	51	73	164	193
In school or training.....	324	307	256	254	67	44	1	9	150	166	174	140
Ill health or disability.....	157	173	12	10	78	87	67	76	71	89	86	84
Other <sup>5</sup> .....	754	782	212	238	350	351	193	193	390	334	363	448

<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.