

**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			
	Oct. 2013	Oct. 2014	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Oct. 2013	Oct. 2014	Oct. 2013	Oct. 2014	Oct. 2013	Oct. 2014	Oct. 2013	Oct. 2014	Oct. 2013	Oct. 2014
Total not in the labor force.....	91,463	92,041	17,801	17,247	23,896	23,606	49,767	51,187	36,654	37,037	54,809	55,004
Do not want a job now <sup>1</sup> .....	85,780	85,919	16,179	15,511	21,194	20,906	48,406	49,502	33,996	34,184	51,784	51,735
Want a job <sup>1</sup> .....	5,683	6,122	1,621	1,736	2,701	2,700	1,361	1,685	2,659	2,852	3,025	3,269
Did not search for work in previous year.....	2,949	3,350	848	925	1,270	1,308	830	1,117	1,230	1,473	1,719	1,876
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks <sup>2</sup> .....	2,734	2,772	773	811	1,431	1,392	531	569	1,428	1,379	1,306	1,393
Not available to work now.....	451	580	182	202	231	284	38	94	161	225	290	355
Marginally attached (available to work now) <sup>3</sup> .....	2,283	2,192	591	610	1,200	1,108	493	474	1,267	1,154	1,016	1,038
Discouraged over job prospects <sup>4</sup> ....	815	770	164	178	433	379	218	212	542	480	273	290
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,468	1,423	427	432	767	729	275	262	725	674	743	748
Family responsibilities.....	225	247	36	40	137	173	51	34	60	71	165	176
In school or training.....	233	229	168	184	58	42	7	3	140	102	93	127
Ill health or disability.....	169	131	8	22	101	64	60	45	88	56	81	74
Other <sup>5</sup> .....	842	816	214	186	471	450	157	180	437	445	405	371

<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.