

**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			
	Nov. 2013	Nov. 2014	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Nov. 2013	Nov. 2014	Nov. 2013	Nov. 2014	Nov. 2013	Nov. 2014	Nov. 2013	Nov. 2014	Nov. 2013	Nov. 2014
Total not in the labor force.....	91,521	92,547	17,973	17,594	23,541	23,734	50,006	51,219	36,614	37,373	54,907	55,175
Do not want a job now ¹	86,084	86,320	16,240	15,788	21,219	20,977	48,625	49,555	34,052	34,348	52,033	51,973
Want a job ¹	5,437	6,227	1,734	1,806	2,322	2,757	1,381	1,664	2,562	3,025	2,874	3,202
Did not search for work in previous year.....	2,905	3,467	870	909	1,125	1,380	909	1,178	1,325	1,593	1,580	1,874
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	2,532	2,760	864	897	1,196	1,377	472	486	1,237	1,432	1,295	1,328
Not available to work now.....	436	651	182	227	204	337	50	87	157	279	278	372
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	2,096	2,109	681	671	993	1,040	422	399	1,080	1,153	1,016	956
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴	762	698	208	190	365	334	189	174	471	433	290	265
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,334	1,412	474	481	628	706	233	225	609	721	726	691
Family responsibilities.....	238	206	30	19	166	163	42	24	51	60	187	147
In school or training.....	260	269	219	228	36	37	5	5	150	152	110	117
Ill health or disability.....	118	200	22	23	43	118	53	60	53	114	65	87
Other ⁵	718	735	203	211	383	388	133	136	355	394	363	341

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.