

**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			
	Dec. 2013	Dec. 2014	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Dec. 2013	Dec. 2014	Dec. 2013	Dec. 2014	Dec. 2013	Dec. 2014	Dec. 2013	Dec. 2014	Dec. 2013	Dec. 2014
Total not in the labor force.....	92,338	93,506	18,149	17,941	23,935	23,912	50,253	51,652	37,118	37,501	55,220	56,005
Do not want a job now <sup>1</sup> .....	86,406	87,294	16,375	16,045	21,226	21,336	48,804	49,913	34,337	34,517	52,069	52,777
Want a job <sup>1</sup> .....	5,932	6,212	1,773	1,896	2,709	2,576	1,450	1,739	2,781	2,984	3,151	3,227
Did not search for work in previous year.....	2,997	3,309	854	946	1,248	1,296	895	1,067	1,359	1,549	1,639	1,760
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks <sup>2</sup> .....	2,935	2,903	919	950	1,461	1,281	554	672	1,422	1,435	1,512	1,467
Not available to work now.....	507	643	209	280	241	259	57	104	186	267	321	376
Marginally attached (available to work now) <sup>3</sup> .....	2,427	2,260	710	670	1,220	1,021	497	568	1,236	1,169	1,191	1,091
Discouraged over job prospects <sup>4</sup> ....	917	740	238	167	454	343	225	230	524	441	394	299
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,510	1,520	472	503	766	679	272	338	712	727	798	792
Family responsibilities.....	268	252	23	40	203	168	42	44	68	72	200	180
In school or training.....	246	279	199	223	40	54	7	2	119	160	127	119
Ill health or disability.....	129	180	12	30	87	83	30	67	72	121	57	59
Other <sup>5</sup> .....	867	809	238	210	436	373	193	226	454	374	413	435

<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.