

**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			
	Jan. 2014	Jan. 2015	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Jan. 2014	Jan. 2015	Jan. 2014	Jan. 2015	Jan. 2014	Jan. 2015	Jan. 2014	Jan. 2015	Jan. 2014	Jan. 2015
Total not in the labor force.....	92,534	93,674	18,347	18,176	23,771	23,820	50,416	51,677	37,414	37,708	55,120	55,966
Do not want a job now ¹	86,026	87,207	16,430	16,264	20,831	21,127	48,765	49,815	34,268	34,678	51,757	52,528
Want a job ¹	6,508	6,467	1,917	1,912	2,941	2,693	1,650	1,862	3,146	3,030	3,363	3,437
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,440	3,627	1,017	1,018	1,404	1,397	1,018	1,212	1,645	1,569	1,795	2,059
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	3,069	2,840	900	894	1,536	1,296	632	650	1,501	1,461	1,568	1,379
Not available to work now.....	477	606	188	242	236	290	52	74	184	246	293	359
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	2,592	2,234	712	652	1,300	1,006	580	576	1,317	1,215	1,275	1,019
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴	837	682	174	159	435	301	228	223	466	463	370	219
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,755	1,552	538	493	865	705	352	353	851	751	904	800
Family responsibilities.....	295	255	26	32	220	164	49	59	91	57	204	198
In school or training.....	347	321	249	243	95	55	3	23	193	175	154	146
Ill health or disability.....	145	175	5	19	82	94	58	63	74	93	71	82
Other ⁵	968	801	258	200	468	392	242	208	493	427	476	374

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.