

**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			
	Feb. 2014	Feb. 2015	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Feb. 2014	Feb. 2015	Feb. 2014	Feb. 2015	Feb. 2014	Feb. 2015	Feb. 2014	Feb. 2015	Feb. 2014	Feb. 2015
Total not in the labor force.....	92,058	93,686	18,376	17,954	23,535	23,863	50,147	51,869	37,352	37,607	54,707	56,079
Do not want a job now ¹	85,968	87,111	16,394	16,125	20,900	20,958	48,673	50,028	34,368	34,553	51,600	52,558
Want a job ¹	6,091	6,575	1,981	1,829	2,635	2,905	1,474	1,841	2,984	3,054	3,107	3,521
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,216	3,740	991	1,053	1,267	1,438	958	1,249	1,445	1,695	1,771	2,044
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	2,875	2,835	991	776	1,368	1,467	516	592	1,539	1,359	1,336	1,477
Not available to work now.....	572	676	269	246	240	346	62	84	244	251	328	425
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	2,303	2,159	721	531	1,128	1,120	454	508	1,295	1,108	1,008	1,052
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴	755	732	213	174	380	361	163	197	466	430	289	302
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,548	1,428	508	356	749	760	291	311	829	678	719	750
Family responsibilities.....	251	222	28	26	178	153	46	44	77	39	174	183
In school or training.....	275	237	231	157	44	69	0	10	184	126	92	111
Ill health or disability.....	173	171	19	11	89	88	66	71	82	84	92	87
Other ⁵	848	798	230	162	438	450	180	186	486	429	362	369

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.