

**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			
	Mar. 2014	Mar. 2015	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Mar. 2014	Mar. 2015	Mar. 2014	Mar. 2015	Mar. 2014	Mar. 2015	Mar. 2014	Mar. 2015	Mar. 2014	Mar. 2015
Total not in the labor force.....	91,630	93,762	17,820	18,079	23,414	23,892	50,396	51,791	36,809	37,509	54,822	56,253
Do not want a job now ¹	85,739	87,697	15,966	16,276	20,939	21,337	48,834	50,083	33,967	34,598	51,772	53,099
Want a job ¹	5,891	6,065	1,854	1,803	2,475	2,554	1,562	1,708	2,841	2,911	3,050	3,154
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,108	3,320	942	934	1,180	1,302	986	1,083	1,456	1,552	1,653	1,769
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	2,783	2,745	912	868	1,295	1,252	576	625	1,386	1,360	1,397	1,386
Not available to work now.....	615	690	269	300	243	316	104	75	241	276	374	414
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	2,168	2,055	643	569	1,052	936	473	550	1,145	1,083	1,024	972
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴	698	738	172	171	344	338	182	229	430	485	269	254
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,470	1,317	472	397	708	599	290	321	715	599	755	718
Family responsibilities.....	223	144	39	12	131	90	53	42	72	32	152	112
In school or training.....	261	204	217	169	38	29	6	5	145	93	116	111
Ill health or disability.....	196	184	11	11	110	66	74	107	78	82	117	102
Other ⁵	790	785	204	205	429	413	157	167	420	391	370	394

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.