

**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			
	Apr. 2014	Apr. 2015	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Apr. 2014	Apr. 2015	Apr. 2014	Apr. 2015	Apr. 2014	Apr. 2015	Apr. 2014	Apr. 2015	Apr. 2014	Apr. 2015
Total not in the labor force.....	92,594	93,712	18,298	18,238	23,885	23,752	50,411	51,722	37,384	37,473	55,210	56,238
Do not want a job now ¹	86,506	87,616	16,277	16,156	21,285	21,294	48,944	50,166	34,420	34,677	52,086	52,939
Want a job ¹	6,088	6,096	2,020	2,082	2,601	2,459	1,467	1,556	2,963	2,796	3,125	3,300
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,137	3,144	938	1,094	1,276	1,130	923	920	1,438	1,349	1,698	1,794
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	2,951	2,952	1,083	988	1,324	1,328	544	636	1,525	1,447	1,426	1,505
Not available to work now.....	791	837	436	463	275	296	80	77	333	350	457	486
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	2,160	2,115	647	525	1,049	1,032	464	559	1,192	1,096	969	1,019
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴	783	756	201	161	393	384	188	211	488	450	295	306
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,378	1,360	446	364	656	648	275	348	704	646	674	713
Family responsibilities.....	187	231	26	11	135	143	26	76	39	62	147	169
In school or training.....	284	224	217	161	60	54	7	9	170	110	114	114
Ill health or disability.....	145	175	11	16	90	71	44	87	73	101	73	73
Other ⁵	761	729	192	175	371	379	199	176	422	373	340	356

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.