

**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			
	May 2014	May 2015	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			May 2014	May 2015	May 2014	May 2015	May 2014	May 2015	May 2014	May 2015	May 2014	May 2015
Total not in the labor force.....	91,782	92,736	17,589	17,288	23,781	23,553	50,412	51,894	36,859	36,907	54,923	55,829
Do not want a job now ¹	84,751	86,200	14,793	14,739	21,090	21,109	48,868	50,352	33,598	33,938	51,153	52,263
Want a job ¹	7,031	6,536	2,796	2,549	2,691	2,444	1,544	1,543	3,261	2,969	3,770	3,567
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,948	3,711	1,628	1,489	1,267	1,246	1,054	975	1,779	1,666	2,170	2,045
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	3,082	2,825	1,169	1,060	1,423	1,198	490	567	1,482	1,303	1,600	1,522
Not available to work now.....	952	962	578	539	312	353	62	70	416	385	536	577
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	2,130	1,862	591	521	1,111	845	428	497	1,066	918	1,064	945
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴	697	563	142	122	391	257	163	184	422	327	275	236
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,433	1,300	448	399	720	588	266	313	644	591	789	709
Family responsibilities.....	202	201	22	26	126	102	54	73	58	46	144	155
In school or training.....	320	280	252	193	55	78	12	8	177	131	143	149
Ill health or disability.....	184	166	21	20	108	73	55	73	103	74	81	92
Other ⁵	728	653	153	160	431	335	144	158	307	341	421	312

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.