

**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 | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | July 2014 | July 2015 | 16 to 24 years | | 25 to 54 years | | 55 years and over | | Men | | Women | |
| | | | July 2014 | July 2015 | July 2014 | July 2015 | July 2014 | July 2015 | July 2014 | July 2015 | July 2014 | July 2015 |
| Total not in the labor force..... | 90,451 | 92,349 | 15,298 | 15,426 | 24,073 | 24,414 | 51,081 | 52,509 | 35,503 | 36,309 | 54,947 | 56,041 |
| Do not want a job now ¹ | 83,827 | 85,904 | 13,213 | 13,596 | 21,221 | 21,404 | 49,393 | 50,904 | 32,653 | 33,449 | 51,175 | 52,455 |
| Want a job ¹ | 6,624 | 6,446 | 2,084 | 1,831 | 2,852 | 3,010 | 1,687 | 1,605 | 2,851 | 2,860 | 3,773 | 3,586 |
| Did not search for work in previous year..... | 3,752 | 3,812 | 1,156 | 1,074 | 1,509 | 1,637 | 1,088 | 1,101 | 1,522 | 1,566 | 2,231 | 2,246 |
| Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ² | 2,871 | 2,634 | 929 | 757 | 1,343 | 1,373 | 600 | 504 | 1,329 | 1,294 | 1,542 | 1,340 |
| Not available to work now..... | 693 | 707 | 238 | 221 | 358 | 376 | 97 | 109 | 260 | 277 | 434 | 429 |
| Marginally attached (available to work now) ³ | 2,178 | 1,927 | 691 | 535 | 984 | 997 | 503 | 394 | 1,069 | 1,017 | 1,108 | 911 |
| Discouraged over job prospects ⁴ | 741 | 668 | 208 | 187 | 287 | 327 | 245 | 153 | 444 | 377 | 297 | 291 |
| Reasons other than discouragement..... | 1,437 | 1,259 | 482 | 348 | 697 | 670 | 257 | 241 | 626 | 639 | 811 | 620 |
| Family responsibilities..... | 244 | 217 | 36 | 24 | 151 | 169 | 57 | 25 | 57 | 70 | 187 | 148 |
| In school or training..... | 201 | 135 | 116 | 81 | 84 | 40 | 0 | 14 | 116 | 66 | 85 | 69 |
| Ill health or disability..... | 154 | 157 | 19 | 28 | 74 | 58 | 61 | 72 | 59 | 91 | 95 | 66 |
| Other ⁵ | 839 | 750 | 311 | 215 | 388 | 404 | 139 | 131 | 395 | 413 | 444 | 337 |

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.