

**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			
	Aug. 2014	Aug. 2015	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Aug. 2014	Aug. 2015	Aug. 2014	Aug. 2015	Aug. 2014	Aug. 2015	Aug. 2014	Aug. 2015	Aug. 2014	Aug. 2015
Total not in the labor force.....	91,794	93,706	16,890	16,588	23,624	24,292	51,281	52,826	36,326	37,253	55,469	56,453
Do not want a job now <sup>1</sup> .....	85,413	87,786	14,873	14,849	20,899	21,674	49,641	51,263	33,669	34,664	51,744	53,121
Want a job <sup>1</sup> .....	6,382	5,920	2,017	1,740	2,725	2,618	1,640	1,563	2,657	2,589	3,725	3,331
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,607	3,438	1,114	959	1,461	1,390	1,032	1,089	1,456	1,360	2,150	2,079
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks <sup>2</sup> .....	2,775	2,482	903	781	1,264	1,227	608	474	1,201	1,229	1,574	1,253
Not available to work now.....	634	670	271	230	301	334	62	106	217	263	417	407
Marginally attached (available to work now) <sup>3</sup> .....	2,141	1,812	633	551	963	893	545	368	984	967	1,157	846
Discouraged over job prospects <sup>4</sup> ....	775	624	210	182	324	279	241	163	424	391	351	234
Reasons other than												
discouragement.....	1,366	1,188	423	368	639	614	304	205	560	576	806	612
Family responsibilities.....	293	215	46	27	202	134	45	53	66	74	227	140
In school or training.....	204	176	148	125	50	51	6	0	90	100	114	76
Ill health or disability.....	151	159	11	18	63	97	77	44	82	64	69	95
Other <sup>5</sup> .....	718	638	218	198	324	331	177	109	323	337	396	301

<sup>1</sup> Includes some persons who are not asked if they want a job.

<sup>2</sup> Persons who had a job in the prior 12 months must have searched since the end of that job.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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.