

**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			
	Sept. 2014	Sept. 2015	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Sept. 2014	Sept. 2015	Sept. 2014	Sept. 2015	Sept. 2014	Sept. 2015	Sept. 2014	Sept. 2015	Sept. 2014	Sept. 2015
Total not in the labor force.....	92,543	94,718	17,720	17,913	23,668	24,038	51,155	52,767	36,999	37,975	55,545	56,743
Do not want a job now <sup>1</sup> .....	86,536	89,134	15,903	16,463	21,134	21,515	49,498	51,155	34,304	35,446	52,232	53,688
Want a job <sup>1</sup> .....	6,007	5,584	1,817	1,450	2,534	2,523	1,656	1,611	2,695	2,529	3,312	3,055
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,189	3,132	858	825	1,324	1,260	1,006	1,046	1,357	1,332	1,831	1,800
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks <sup>2</sup> .....	2,818	2,452	959	625	1,210	1,262	650	565	1,337	1,198	1,481	1,255
Not available to work now.....	593	531	239	179	277	268	76	84	236	216	356	315
Marginally attached (available to work now) <sup>3</sup> .....	2,226	1,921	720	446	933	994	573	481	1,101	982	1,125	940
Discouraged over job prospects <sup>4</sup> ....	698	635	163	119	306	319	230	196	438	377	260	258
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,527	1,287	557	326	627	675	343	285	663	604	864	682
Family responsibilities.....	266	252	55	33	146	155	65	63	73	97	193	154
In school or training.....	307	157	254	119	44	27	9	10	166	85	140	72
Ill health or disability.....	173	160	10	14	87	94	76	52	89	77	84	83
Other <sup>5</sup> .....	782	718	238	160	351	399	193	160	334	345	448	373

<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.