

**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			
	Oct. 2014	Oct. 2015	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Oct. 2014	Oct. 2015	Oct. 2014	Oct. 2015	Oct. 2014	Oct. 2015	Oct. 2014	Oct. 2015	Oct. 2014	Oct. 2015
Total not in the labor force.....	92,041	94,228	17,247	17,614	23,606	23,893	51,187	52,720	37,037	37,902	55,004	56,326
Do not want a job now ¹	85,919	88,525	15,511	16,061	20,906	21,374	49,502	51,091	34,184	35,298	51,735	53,227
Want a job ¹	6,122	5,703	1,736	1,554	2,700	2,520	1,685	1,629	2,852	2,604	3,269	3,099
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,350	3,263	925	836	1,308	1,344	1,117	1,083	1,473	1,391	1,876	1,873
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	2,772	2,439	811	718	1,392	1,175	569	546	1,379	1,213	1,393	1,226
Not available to work now.....	580	524	202	181	284	272	94	71	225	196	355	327
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	2,192	1,916	610	537	1,108	904	474	475	1,154	1,017	1,038	899
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴	770	665	178	190	379	277	212	198	480	375	290	290
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,423	1,250	432	346	729	627	262	277	674	642	748	609
Family responsibilities.....	247	206	40	23	173	117	34	65	71	71	176	135
In school or training.....	229	208	184	149	42	57	3	3	102	107	127	101
Ill health or disability.....	131	175	22	3	64	94	45	78	56	111	74	64
Other ⁵	816	661	186	171	450	360	180	131	445	352	371	309

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.