

**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			
	Nov. 2014	Nov. 2015	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Nov. 2014	Nov. 2015	Nov. 2014	Nov. 2015	Nov. 2014	Nov. 2015	Nov. 2014	Nov. 2015	Nov. 2014	Nov. 2015
Total not in the labor force.....	92,547	94,407	17,594	17,835	23,734	23,800	51,219	52,772	37,373	38,319	55,175	56,088
Do not want a job now ¹	86,320	89,081	15,788	16,388	20,977	21,348	49,555	51,345	34,348	35,720	51,973	53,361
Want a job ¹	6,227	5,326	1,806	1,447	2,757	2,451	1,664	1,427	3,025	2,599	3,202	2,726
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,467	3,073	909	810	1,380	1,311	1,178	952	1,593	1,397	1,874	1,676
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	2,760	2,253	897	638	1,377	1,141	486	474	1,432	1,203	1,328	1,051
Not available to work now.....	651	536	227	205	337	267	87	65	279	256	372	280
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	2,109	1,717	671	433	1,040	874	399	410	1,153	947	956	770
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴	698	594	190	140	334	311	174	143	433	389	265	205
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,412	1,123	481	293	706	563	225	267	721	558	691	565
Family responsibilities.....	206	225	19	21	163	160	24	45	60	98	147	128
In school or training.....	269	174	228	140	37	34	5	0	152	74	117	100
Ill health or disability.....	200	147	23	13	118	53	60	82	114	68	87	80
Other ⁵	735	576	211	119	388	316	136	140	394	318	341	258

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.