

**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			
	Jan. 2015	Jan. 2016	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Jan. 2015	Jan. 2016	Jan. 2015	Jan. 2016	Jan. 2015	Jan. 2016	Jan. 2015	Jan. 2016	Jan. 2015	Jan. 2016
Total not in the labor force.....	93,674	95,051	18,176	18,131	23,820	23,794	51,677	53,126	37,708	38,566	55,966	56,485
Do not want a job now ¹	87,207	88,884	16,264	16,335	21,127	21,214	49,815	51,335	34,678	35,627	52,528	53,257
Want a job ¹	6,467	6,166	1,912	1,795	2,693	2,580	1,862	1,791	3,030	2,939	3,437	3,227
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,627	3,506	1,018	990	1,397	1,374	1,212	1,141	1,569	1,544	2,059	1,962
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	2,840	2,660	894	805	1,296	1,206	650	649	1,461	1,395	1,379	1,265
Not available to work now.....	606	571	242	215	290	253	74	103	246	223	359	348
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	2,234	2,089	652	590	1,006	952	576	546	1,215	1,172	1,019	917
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴	682	623	159	149	301	314	223	160	463	413	219	210
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,552	1,466	493	441	705	639	353	386	751	759	800	707
Family responsibilities.....	255	272	32	25	164	176	59	71	57	95	198	177
In school or training.....	321	249	243	204	55	35	23	11	175	141	146	108
Ill health or disability.....	175	198	19	14	94	101	63	83	93	105	82	93
Other ⁵	801	746	200	199	392	327	208	220	427	418	374	329

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.