

**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			
	Mar. 2015	Mar. 2016	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Mar. 2015	Mar. 2016	Mar. 2015	Mar. 2016	Mar. 2015	Mar. 2016	Mar. 2015	Mar. 2016	Mar. 2015	Mar. 2016
Total not in the labor force.....	93,762	93,914	18,079	17,743	23,892	23,246	51,791	52,925	37,509	37,729	56,253	56,185
Do not want a job now ¹	87,697	88,468	16,276	16,163	21,337	20,934	50,083	51,371	34,598	35,277	53,099	53,190
Want a job ¹	6,065	5,446	1,803	1,580	2,554	2,312	1,708	1,554	2,911	2,451	3,154	2,995
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,320	3,114	934	774	1,302	1,265	1,083	1,075	1,552	1,301	1,769	1,812
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	2,745	2,332	868	806	1,252	1,047	625	479	1,360	1,150	1,386	1,182
Not available to work now.....	690	613	300	258	316	256	75	98	276	247	414	366
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	2,055	1,720	569	548	936	791	550	381	1,083	903	972	816
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴	738	585	171	146	338	303	229	136	485	361	254	224
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,317	1,135	397	402	599	488	321	245	599	542	718	592
Family responsibilities.....	144	167	12	27	90	99	42	41	32	49	112	119
In school or training.....	204	195	169	149	29	46	5	0	93	116	111	79
Ill health or disability.....	184	150	11	11	66	52	107	87	82	88	102	62
Other ⁵	785	623	205	215	413	292	167	116	391	290	394	333

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.