

**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			
	Apr. 2015	Apr. 2016	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Apr. 2015	Apr. 2016	Apr. 2015	Apr. 2016	Apr. 2015	Apr. 2016	Apr. 2015	Apr. 2016	Apr. 2015	Apr. 2016
Total not in the labor force.....	93,712	94,481	18,238	17,932	23,752	23,574	51,722	52,975	37,473	37,890	56,238	56,592
Do not want a job now ¹	87,616	88,810	16,156	16,093	21,294	21,227	50,166	51,491	34,677	35,232	52,939	53,578
Want a job ¹	6,096	5,671	2,082	1,840	2,459	2,347	1,556	1,484	2,796	2,658	3,300	3,014
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,144	3,262	1,094	1,028	1,130	1,250	920	984	1,349	1,488	1,794	1,774
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	2,952	2,409	988	812	1,328	1,097	636	500	1,447	1,169	1,505	1,240
Not available to work now.....	837	695	463	343	296	291	77	60	350	300	486	395
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	2,115	1,715	525	469	1,032	806	559	440	1,096	870	1,019	845
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴	756	568	161	139	384	284	211	145	450	369	306	199
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,360	1,146	364	330	648	521	348	295	646	500	713	646
Family responsibilities.....	231	205	11	20	143	129	76	55	62	23	169	182
In school or training.....	224	220	161	174	54	36	9	11	110	127	114	93
Ill health or disability.....	175	164	16	12	71	67	87	85	101	89	73	75
Other ⁵	729	557	175	123	379	289	176	145	373	261	356	296

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.