

**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			
	Aug. 2011	Aug. 2012	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Aug. 2011	Aug. 2012	Aug. 2011	Aug. 2012	Aug. 2011	Aug. 2012	Aug. 2011	Aug. 2012	Aug. 2011	Aug. 2012
Total not in the labor force.....	85,528	88,311	16,313	16,957	23,063	23,180	46,152	48,173	33,842	34,823	51,686	53,488
Do not want a job now ¹	79,035	81,280	14,430	14,837	20,099	20,072	44,506	46,372	30,896	31,721	48,139	49,559
Want a job ¹	6,493	7,031	1,883	2,121	2,964	3,108	1,646	1,802	2,946	3,102	3,547	3,929
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,386	3,812	966	1,154	1,452	1,595	968	1,062	1,469	1,591	1,917	2,220
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	3,107	3,219	916	966	1,512	1,513	678	739	1,477	1,510	1,629	1,709
Not available to work now.....	532	658	179	216	273	316	79	126	144	230	388	429
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	2,575	2,561	737	750	1,239	1,197	599	614	1,333	1,281	1,242	1,280
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴	977	844	234	178	456	407	287	259	570	489	407	355
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,598	1,717	503	572	783	790	312	355	763	792	835	925
Family responsibilities.....	203	302	25	52	140	174	38	77	46	84	157	218
In school or training.....	302	273	203	215	90	51	10	8	161	134	142	139
Ill health or disability.....	186	181	17	8	108	92	61	81	83	106	103	75
Other ⁵	907	960	258	297	445	473	204	189	474	468	433	492

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.