

**HOUSEHOLD DATA
ANNUAL AVERAGES**

35. Persons not in the labor force by desire and availability for work, age, and sex

[In thousands]

Category	Total		Age						Sex			
	2012	2013	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
Total not in the labor force.....	88,310	90,290	17,499	17,458	23,061	23,630	47,750	49,201	35,017	35,889	53,293	54,401
Do not want a job now ¹	81,752	83,901	15,383	15,362	20,248	20,898	46,120	47,641	31,989	32,947	49,763	50,953
Want a job ¹	6,558	6,390	2,115	2,096	2,813	2,733	1,630	1,561	3,028	2,941	3,530	3,448
Did not search for work in previous year.....	3,390	3,402	1,064	1,079	1,328	1,327	998	996	1,490	1,479	1,900	1,923
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	3,168	2,988	1,052	1,017	1,484	1,406	632	565	1,537	1,463	1,630	1,525
Not available to work now.....	651	628	282	286	288	272	82	70	253	239	399	390
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	2,516	2,360	770	731	1,196	1,134	550	495	1,285	1,224	1,232	1,135
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴	909	861	217	213	451	431	241	218	541	510	368	351
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,608	1,498	553	518	746	703	309	277	743	714	864	784
Family responsibilities.....	229	229	33	33	147	148	49	48	61	61	168	169
In school or training.....	339	294	257	234	73	56	9	4	175	159	164	135
Ill health or disability.....	168	151	18	18	83	74	66	58	80	74	87	77
Other ⁵	871	823	245	232	442	425	185	166	427	420	444	403

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.