

**A-38. Persons not in the labor force by desire and availability for work, age, and sex**

(In thousands)

Category	Total		Age						Sex			
	July 2008	July 2009	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			July 2008	July 2009	July 2008	July 2009	July 2008	July 2009	July 2008	July 2009	July 2008	July 2009
Total not in the labor force .....	77,564	79,614	13,076	13,895	21,554	21,999	42,933	43,721	29,040	30,798	48,523	48,816
Do not want a job now <sup>1</sup> .....	72,351	73,371	11,312	11,878	19,214	19,177	41,825	42,316	26,789	28,005	45,562	45,366
Want a job <sup>1</sup> .....	5,213	6,244	1,765	2,016	2,340	2,822	1,108	1,405	2,251	2,793	2,961	3,451
Did not search for work in previous year .....	2,999	3,410	977	1,056	1,195	1,399	827	955	1,211	1,433	1,788	1,977
Searched for work in previous year <sup>2</sup> .....	2,214	2,834	788	960	1,145	1,424	281	450	1,041	1,360	1,173	1,474
Not available to work now .....	641	552	234	217	360	248	46	86	231	221	410	330
Available to work now <sup>3</sup> .....	1,573	2,282	554	743	785	1,175	235	364	810	1,138	764	1,144
Reason not currently looking:												
Discouragement over job prospects .....	461	796	190	253	208	412	63	131	301	476	160	320
Reasons other than discouragement <sup>4</sup> .....	1,112	1,486	364	490	577	763	171	233	508	663	604	823
Family responsibilities .....	162	246	42	54	94	163	26	30	36	56	125	190
In school or training .....	84	219	58	158	22	52	4	9	38	90	46	130
Ill health or disability .....	152	157	18	28	86	78	48	52	72	88	80	70
Other <sup>5</sup> .....	715	863	247	250	375	470	93	143	361	429	353	434

<sup>1</sup> Includes some persons who are not asked if they want a job.

<sup>2</sup> Persons who had a job in the prior 12 months must have searched since the end of that job.

<sup>3</sup> Persons who have searched for work in the previous year and are available to work now also are referred to as "marginally attached to the labor force"

<sup>4</sup> Includes believes no work available, could not find work, lacks necessary

schooling or training, employer thinks too young or old, and other types of discrimination.

<sup>5</sup> 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.