

TEACHER CORPS

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A. TEACHER CORPS IN THE SCHOOLS

1213 Teacher Corpsmen 945 interns and 268 experienced teachers are at work in 275 schools in 111 school districts in 29 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. Of the 111 school districts, 50 are in the cities and 61 are basically rural. (Attached in appendix is a complete list of participating universities and school districts by state.)

Because of the local nature of the Teacher Corps the activities of Corpsmen vary widely from project to project depending on the desires of the local school district and the local university. For the purpose of this presentation we have drawn up reports of Corpsmen activities. These reports represent all of the 50 universities involved and 79 of the 11 school districts participating.

From them we have drawn statistics for an "average" Teacher Corps intern.

The average Teacher Corps intern spends 25 hours working directly in the local school, 9 hours in university classes, 14 hours studying and preparing for school work and 7 hours working in school related community work.

Local schools report that on the average a Corpsman (intern and experienced teacher) teaches, tutors, or deals with professionally 35 youngsters per week. This would indicate that in a given week about 45,000 poverty children receive professional attention from Teacher Corpsmen. This does not include such activities as extra-curricular activities, recreation, sports, etc. If these criteria are added, local schools report that Teacher Corpsmen have "direct functional contact" with 78 children each week, hence about 100,000 children are reached by Corpsmen in any given week.

The charts below demonstrate the amount of time spent per week by our "average" Corpsmen in his in-school activities and community work. Any individual Corpsman will not participate in all these activities. For example an elementary teacher will spend more time on general communication skills and perhaps more on social studies while the reverse might be true of a secondary teacher.