

186 ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION AMENDMENTS

<i>Major</i>	<i>Interns</i>
Liberal arts and social science.....	683
Business and law.....	43
Math and science.....	43
Engineering and technical.....	42
Education	134
Total	945

The average age of a Teachers Corps intern is 24 years. Below is a breakdown of Corpsmen by age groups:

<i>Age</i>	<i>Number of interns</i>
24 and under.....	623
25 to 29.....	132
30 to 49.....	143
50 to 59.....	9
60 and over.....	16

A significant number of interns have previous experience with the problems of poverty areas as 362 have worked in poverty communities and 335 have lived in such areas prior to joining the Teacher Corps.

Since the beginning of training last summer the Teacher Corps has lost 334 interns representing an attrition rate of 26.0% of the original contingent. This includes both resignations and dismissals from the Corps. The chart below demonstrates that greatest attrition took place during the period between completion of preservice training and interim assignment to schools. This was the period in which uncertainty about appropriations raised serious questions about the continuation of the Corps. Since that time attrition has been minimal. The 10% attrition during preservice was largely the result of quality control by universities and self deselection by interns.