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How many of the "does not live at this address" group have moved we cannot accurately say, and how different this group is from our sample of completed interviews is also unknown. However, we were able to interview almost one-third of our attempted contacts (11% of the total list) including 19% who relocated and our sample has essentially the same demographic characteristics as the total list of dropouts. In order to influence the results of this study, the unreachable group would have to be significantly different from our sample in their attitudes and activities. The accuracy of our sample on the key demographic dimensions strongly suggests to us that this is not the case.

Throughout this report we will be looking at various sub-groups within the total sample (1161 cases). The definition of and number of individuals in these groups follows:

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| Region | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. North (182) - all respondents living in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont. 2. North Central (244) - all respondents living in Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin. 3. South (623) - all respondents living in Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington D.C., West Virginia. 4. West (112) - all respondents living in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming. |
| Size of Place | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Large metro (372) - all respondents living in metropolitan areas with central cities of one million or more. 6. Small metro (633) - all respondents living in metropolitan areas with central cities of less than one million. 7. Non-metro (156) - all respondents living in towns and rural areas not considered metropolitan areas. |
| Race | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Negro (663) 9. White (419) |
| Current Status | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Working now (635) - dropouts who indicate they are currently working. This group includes 42 who are also in school. 11. In school now (107) - dropouts who indicate they are currently in school. This group includes the 42 who are also working. 12. Unemployed now (376) - dropouts who say they are currently unemployed. |