

More than half indicated they were working just before they entered the Job Corps while one in eight said they were in school. Regionally, the lowest employment and highest unemployment were found in the West. Women were working significantly less than men. There is little difference in pre-Job Corps status between those who left the centers voluntarily and those who were asked to leave. The most interesting pattern is found in the breakdown by current status. Compared to the total, a higher proportion of those who are now working were working before the Job Corps, a higher proportion of those who are now in school were in school, and a higher proportion of those who were unemployed are again unemployed.

Observation: A greater inertia is perhaps inevitable in the unemployed group but this table does present one particularly depressing fact: 59% of those who are currently unemployed were either working or going to school before entering the Job Corps.

Working While In School

While in school, 46% had some sort of part-time job. They worked a median of 19.7 hours per week earning a median \$1.04 an hour. Almost two thirds of these jobs (62%) were in service occupations: