

While there are some regional and sex differences the basic goals of "learning a trade" and "getting an education" are overwhelmingly considered the most important reasons among all groups for joining. The negative statements of the same theme are also important "out of school and couldn't get a job" and "out of work". Parental encouragement is considerable 29 percent of those living with their mother (79% of the total) and 14 percent of those living with their father (53% of the total) mentioned this encouragement as a reason for joining.

Screening Agency Contact

These young men and women join the Job Corps expecting training and education opportunities. To find out how accurate their preconceptions turned out to be, they were asked whether the screening agency had given them a true picture of what the Job Corps would be like: