

The most important reason given for not joining is that the no-show was offered a job. Significantly more men than women mention this as a reason. Over one quarter of the no-shows said they "just lost interest".

Observation: The two reasons mentioned most often are at least partly related to the time lag between screening and re-contact. Loss of interest also implies that sufficient enthusiasm was not aroused initially.

About one in seven said they did not want to go so far from home. Relatively, this percentage is somewhat larger, for less than sixty percent of the group were told about the center they would have gone to. Based on this group, twenty-four percent did not want to go so far from home.

Observation: The one in four of the no-shows who did not want to go so far from home is similar to the twenty-one percent of the dropouts who gave being homesick as a reason for leaving the center. While there are obviously many factors that must be taken into account, the placing of these youth in centers near their home (if possible) would probably have some influence on reducing both the no-show rate and the dropout rate.

Just over one in ten said that they had heard derogatory things about the Job Corps. Twice as many whites as Negroes and three times as many in rural areas as in large metropolitan areas mentioned this as a reason. One in five of the women indicated they did not go into the Job Corps because they became pregnant. Thirteen percent of the women said they were getting married.