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Seventeen percent cited reasons that are directly attributable to processing problems : never being assigned to a center, never hearing from Job Corps, taking too long to hear from them. This was apparently more of a problem during the second half of 1965 where twenty-three percent gave one of these reasons.

Observation: For the no-show group, the Job Corps was primarily a way to solve a problem they saw in quite definite terms: they were unemployed and needed something to do. The Job Corps would fill the gap. The possible long term benefit was probably not clear to them and certainly not important to them. With the lag in processing their applications, their attentions turned to something else.

What Did Instead of Job Corps

To determine the alternatives these youth chose over the Job Corps they were asked what they did instead of joining: