

The improvement in the job situation has made half of the no-shows feel they are better off than when they signed up for the Job Corps. The unemployed, Negroes, and those screened during 1966 feel that they have made the least progress.

Observation: A comparison of the no-shows with the dropouts shows an equal number who feel they are now better off. (The dropouts were asked to compare their current situation with their pre-Job Corps situation.)

However eighteen percent of the dropouts feel they are worse off compared with only eight percent of the no-shows. This difference may be explained by the fact that while the no-shows were starting from a level of low employment and had nowhere to go but up, the dropouts started from a level of high employment and an increase in this level was not achieved. In addition the dropouts felt hurt by the failure of their Job Corps experience.

Interest in Rejoining Job Corps

Over one-third of the no-shows said they would still like to join the Job Corps: