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Those who were working at the time they signed up but are now unemployed (8% of the total) expressed the most interest in rejoining the Job Corps. They are followed by those screened during the third quarter of 1966, the most recent group of no-shows. Those in the North and those who are working express least interest in rejoining.

More than half of the dropouts said that they were interested in rejoining the Job Corps. It is significant that among the dropouts the difference in interest between those working and those unemployed was not nearly as great as it is between the working and the unemployed among the no-shows:

INTEREST IN REJOINING

	<u>No-shows</u> %	<u>Dropouts</u> %
Working	28	54
Unemployed	52	59

Observation: Both the dropouts and the no-shows clearly need some kind of job training. The dropouts show greater interest in rejoining the Job Corps because they are more aware of how it can help them. This is true of dropouts now working as well as those unemployed. Contact with the Job Corps has shown many of them the potential it offers for improving their opportunities and choices.

Just the fact of working has been enough of an improvement for the no-shows. If they are to be convinced of the value of the Job Corps, they must be made more aware of their long term needs and how the Job Corps can prepare them to satisfy these needs.