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Graduates were earning slightly less than dropouts or discharges before they entered the Job Corps. Men were earning a median of \$.10 more an hour than women. Older Corpsmen were not only more likely to be working, but, when working, earning more than younger Corpsmen. Those from the South, while highest in employment, had the lowest median hourly rate. Those from the West had the lowest level of employment and the highest hourly rate.

Education

The median years of schooling at the time of entering the Job Corps was 8.9:

PRE-JOB CORPS EDUCATION

(Base: Total)

	Total	Graduates	Dropouts	Discharges	Men	Women	Negro	White	Under 18	18-19	20 And Over
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
6th grade	3	4	2	6	3	-	3	3	5	2	3
7th grade	9	4	12	9	9	-	6	12	13	9	6
8th grade	15	13	16	17	16	8	11	21	17	14	16
9th grade	25	27	27	13	25	25	25	25	35	24	17
10th grade	22	20	21	29	22	19	25	19	23	24	19
11th grade	16	18	14	12	16	21	19	12	4	19	22
Finished high school	10	14	8	9	9	27	11	8	3	8	17
Median years	8.9	9.1	8.7	9.2	8.9	9.9	9.2	8.6	8.4	9.0	9.4

Both the graduates and the discharges had more schooling than the dropouts. However, the graduates are made up of a higher percentage of high school graduates than the discharges.

The women had more schooling than the men. Over one quarter of the women report