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PRE-JOB CORPS STATUS

In past studies the number of Corpsmen working before they entered the Job Corps has been overstated. This has occurred because of the difficulty the respondent had in recalling a point in time, "just before entering the Job Corps", which may be as much as two years past. This period tends to spread in his mind and he may tell us about a job he had one month, six months or even a year before entering the Job Corps.

This problem has been eliminated by designing a series of questions which jogs the respondent's memory and leads him to a clearer recall of that period "just" at the time when he signed up for the Job Corp.

Using this new series we find that less than half of the terminations from the November period were working at the time they entered the Job Corps: