

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1967 1127

Older siblings of Upward Bound students have a high secondary school drop-out rate and extremely low college attendance record. Only 5% of older siblings are college graduates, while 30% of the older brothers, and 26% of the older sisters have already dropped out of school without a high school diploma.

STUDENT DATA FROM UPWARD BOUND

1. Total number applying to the 224 Upward Bound project schools: 34,529.
2. Total number enrolled: 20,139.
3. Mean age: 16.1 years old.
4. Sex distribution:

	Percent
(a) Male	48.6
(b) Female	51.3
5. Ethnic composition:

(a) Caucasian	33.0
(b) Negro	51.9
(c) American Indian	4.1
(d) Spanish American	7.3
(e) Other (e.g., oriental)	3.4
6. Grade level completed upon entry to program: Mean grade level completed, grade 10.
7. High School grade point average upon entry to program: Mean Grade Point Average 2.46 (C) (73% C or lower). Only 43% were in an academic course in high school.
8. Total number who had "dropped out of high school": 370.
9. Total number entering from Job Corps Centers: 114.

Upward Bound students were drawn from the largest metropolitan areas (40% lived in cities of over 100,000 population;) and the most isolated rural regions (25% lived in communities with less than 2,500 population.) Most attended densely populated high schools, with 55% reporting their high school enrollment in excess of 1,000 students. Eight percent attended schools with fewer than 300 students.

Nearly four out of five Upward Bound students first heard about the program through school contacts: 47% from a school counselor, 16%, from a teacher, 10 from a principal and 8% from a school friend.

Although most of their parents looked favorably upon their being enrolled in the special academic program (80% according to the students), their neighborhood friends were much more skeptical (only 43% were reported to favor students' joining the program.)

Source: Questionnaire distributed by OEO to Upward Bound Project Directors, combined with data from the Syracuse University Youth Development Center.

PROFILE OF UPWARD BOUND PROGRAMS

1. Total number of Upward Bound projects..... 220
2. Total number of students..... 20,139
3. Total community action 205 funds in fiscal 1966..... \$25,949,165
4. Federal cost per program..... \$117,096
5. Federal cost per student funded..... \$1,243.06
6. Range of Federal grants:

(a) Smallest (Princeton)	\$14,550
(b) Largest (Texas Southern)	\$410,872
7. Average enrollment per program (students)..... 88.22
8. Range of enrollment:

(a) Smallest (Princeton had 60—we financed 12)	12
(b) Largest (Texas Southern)	337
9. Location of programs:

(a) In public institutions of higher education.....	114
(b) In private institutions of higher education.....	96
(c) In public secondary schools (BIA school in Alaska)	1
(d) In private secondary schools.....	9