

So the unemployed are easier to get rather than harder to get.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Goodell?

Mr. GOODELL. Do you want to complete your statement?

Mr. HARRIS. I was going to say that my feeling would be that if anything, we probably overestimated the number of the Job Corps terminees who have been unemployed rather than underestimated it. We have good reason to believe that.

Mr. GOODELL. The gentleman from New Jersey asked a question which he said has been reported. I think your studies bear out the statements that he quoted with reference to the experience of Job Corps enrollees who did not complete the training.

In your first report on page 10, and this is pre-Job Corps activity, we find that 56 percent of them were working prior to going into Job Corps, and that 12 percent of them were in school, 56 percent working and 12 percent in school.

Then on page 56 of your report stating what they are doing now, from the followup after they had completed their experience in the Job Corps, 56 percent were working and 10 percent were in school.

On page 57, you conclude, and I quote:

Overall, there is no reported change in the number currently employed compared to their pre-Job Corps status. The number in school has dropped slightly. Unemployment has increased slightly. Group by group there are some slight variations in this pattern.

This is from your initial survey of total Job Corps terminations, I believe, in August of 1966, presented in January of 1967.

Is that not correct?

Mr. HARRIS. What page are you reading on?

Mr. GOODELL. I cited the pages, page 10 and then pages 56 and 57 in the first study.

Mr. HARRIS. May I comment on that, Congressman?

Mr. GOODELL. Yes.

Mr. HARRIS. We found, on page 15, of study 1709, March 1967, the study of August terminations, we have "what were you doing just before joining the Job Corps?"

We learned something subsequent to doing this, and as a matter of fact, we didn't change the data at all when they submitted to the committee. The fact of the matter is we changed the way we asked this by dint of the fact we learned a great deal.

We asked "what were you doing before you joined the Job Corps?" And we found that the number who said "working" was 58 percent. The fact of the matter is that this was not tight questioning. I say not "tight questioning," because what we have found was, when we went back and inquired further of them, we found that what they meant by before they joined the Job Corps would be anything from 3 to 6 months before. We found that in the next study. You can see the effect, which I think is a much better measure.

We asked them what they were doing—this, I believe, is in the fourth report, May 1967, continuing study of Job Corps terminations, wave 2.

If you go to page—I have it for you here—

Mr. GOODELL. I have those.

Mr. HARRIS. At page 9 you will see that the figure went down to 44 percent. We have reason to believe 44 percent is a much more accurate