

age is increasing. Do you have any information on how many of them stayed in college or how many became dropouts?

Dr. FROST. What I have, Madam Chairman, is the first data on the group in 1965. We took a sample of six of those and tracked those six.

Mrs. GREEN. Six youngsters?

Dr. FROST. No, six colleges; a total of 953 youngsters and we are now tracking them. They are currently sophomores.

I can file this with you as soon as I can get a copy made. The data is not easy to come by as colleges—for us at least—they have a difficult time remembering this youngster was an Upward Bound student but we are making progress. It looks as though they are going to stay in college at about the same rate as other youngsters going to college.

This is a messy business as far as data is concerned. You know many youngsters start at a college but don't finish in that college but some finish college even though not at the college where they started.

I am working to firm up this data but it looks as though they have a staying power about the same as other youngsters going to such colleges.

Mrs. GREEN. What are your figures?

Dr. FROST. We know data on 819 of the 953. We can extrapolate on the others. There was an initial college going rate of 80 percent, 23 percent of those who went withdrew during or at the end of the first year.

Fifty-one percent of them came back for their sophomore year. Of those, we knew as of February, Mrs. Green, that 18 percent were on probation. We knew nothing about 37 percent as to whether they were on probation and we knew 45 percent were in good standing.

The summary of this data is that the sample was 953, 762, or 80 percent started college, 23 percent were not there after the freshman year, and then over the summer we lost more and 51 percent of them went back so the whole number of the original college going group still in college is about 40 percent and I think that that is comparable to the kind of figures you expect with the regular college-going populations in these colleges but I want to say clearly I am not clear on this general data and I am working with the Office of Education to get some data.

I think it is fair to compare these youngsters with regular going college students. I don't know whether we can get retention rates for other poorer young American youngsters who were not in this program.

Mrs. GREEN. These statistics are for what year, 1966?

Dr. FROST. These youngsters started in Upward Bound in the pilot summer, a sample of them, and they are therefore currently in their sophomore year. They went through their freshman year last year and are now in their sophomore year.

The data I have was taken in February 1967, and we are waiting for the spring performance records of this group.

Mrs. GREEN. Do you have figures on the number that stayed in college university programs on their own before this program was in operation in the Office of Economic Opportunity?

Dr. FROST. No, I do not; nor do I know of any other program where the poverty criteria were so strictly enforced and an Upward Bound-