

About half of the above number of 327,000 are not deferred because of critical occupations or essential activities and are probably deferred because of community hardship.

There remain about 100,000 who were deferred because of their critical occupations and/or essential activities and will be no longer deferrable for that reason.

These are generally persons of professional training (engineers, scientists, teachers, structural linguists, computer technologists, and so forth).

They will no doubt promptly be reclassified as available for induction and will fill the substantial draft calls of the months remaining in the fiscal year. Because of the heavy draft calls of 1966, the replacement of these men now having served 2 years will demand high calls in the rest of this fiscal year.

Thus, most of these men now in occupational deferment will probably be reclassified in 1-A, and immediately inducted because they are older than the present age of call.

How it will affect current graduates:

The graduates emerging from college at the midyear commencements are in a particularly exposed position if they are in the older age brackets. The average age of induction at present is about 20.5 years.

However, those occupationally deferred up to now who will be reclassified will be inducted first probably and will raise the average age of induction.

As indicated above, the number in this category will probably not satisfy the aggregate demand for the remainder of fiscal 1968.

It is probable, therefore, that midyear graduates will almost surely be reached by July 1. Certainly those who are older will be reached before July 1. In particular, master's degree recipients and doctoral graduates at midyear commencements will be especially likely to be inducted.

The number of these will not be large enough to affect greatly the manpower equation for total inductions but, since they are likely to be in the upper age brackets, they will be reached early.

How it will affect June graduates:

Draft calls in fiscal 1969, beginning in July, have been forecast by the Department of Defense by implication based on their budget requests as averaging some 24,000 per month.

It is safe to say that any changes in respect to calls will very probably not be less and will very likely be more unless the present war situation changes in presently indiscernible fashion. Because of the likelihood that the pool of available inductees arising from the cessation of occupational deferments will have been absorbed and will therefore become a minor element, college graduates, and especially those graduating at the master's or doctoral levels, will be the predominant pool. There will be about 320,000 altogether.

Since oldest will be called first, the higher degree recipients will presumably be called first. Of the 7,000 doctoral recipients who will be under 26 years of age, probably these will be called early in the year—to be followed by older college graduates and master's degree recipients.