

The next group to go, with an average age of 24, will be men completing a master's degree this year who are not otherwise deferrable—about 23,000 men.

This year's first-year, full-time graduate students who are not in the medical fields, or who are not veterans or fathers before last June, or reservists, are expected to total 89,000 men at an average age of 23 available for induction.

From the baccalaureate population, with an average age of 22, we can expect a net inductable population of 163,000. From these groups of current college students, we will then have an available total of about 280,000 qualified draftable men, age 22 through 25.

Makeup of the draft pool:

To the 280,000 draft-available men coming out of school this year at the baccalaureate or higher levels, we can expect to add about 50,000 college graduates of earlier years who have been deferred in II-A and whose age will be about equally divided among 23-, 24-, and 25-year-olds.

There will also be a small population of college dropouts who did not reach baccalaureate level, but who have been deferred as students and will reach age 22 or higher during the year. There are probably less than 10,000 of these.

Below the age of 22, the draftable pool will include 350,000 men between age 20 and 22 who have not previously been drafted, plus about 336,000 men born in 1949—the 19-year-old available group—and about 160,000 men born in 1950 who become 19 during the year. This gives us a net available draft pool of about 1.2 million men.

Who will be inducted?

Under the rule of drafting oldest first, all available new Ph. D.'s will be drafted, as will all the scientists, engineers, and teachers who have been deferred occupationally and who fall back into I-A; all draft-eligible new master's degree recipients, and probably all the available and qualified men who are now first-year graduate students. The proportion of the baccalaureate graduates drafted will depend on the extent of the calls.

The size of the draft calls will be determined in large part by the number of volunteers available. DOD expects to need a total input of 850,000 men to the Active Forces during fiscal 1969. The expected number of volunteers is 610,000, leaving a draft call of about 240,000. The acquisition includes 60,000 officers. Note that about 100,000 volunteers are expected from the college graduate population.

At the anticipated call level, it seems highly unlikely that any man under age 22 would be inducted during fiscal year 1969, although, of course, some variation in local board levels of age at induction can be expected.

As of December 31, we had about 66,000 men in I-A who were born in 1942 through 1945. The calls in January through April total 146,300.

Since we draft oldest first, we can assume that all these "older" men, plus those in the older age group who fall back into I-A by the end of the fiscal year, will have been exhausted.

We are now drafting at an average age of 20 years and 4 months, and high calls through the rest of the fiscal year will probably lower this age.