Of those receiving public assistance, most are too old, too young, too sick or too disabled to be self-supporting. The most recent figures supplied by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, as of October, 1967 show:

More than 2-million persons, mostly women, are 65 or over. Their average age is 72.

More than 700,000 are totally blind or disabled.

Almost 4-million are children whose parents cannot support them.

1,250,000 are the parents of those children.

About 1,100,000 are their mothers; approximately 160,000 are their fathers.

100,000 of the fathers are physically or mentally incapacitated and unable to work; about 60,000 are able-bodied, are capable of being trained or re-trained and can be made self-supporting. This 60,000 turns over every two years.

