

difficult. As you know, in the case of mothers, you can argue that either way.

But we do have a good deal of information. I think it is getting better all the time. I would like to supply it for the record.

Representative MOORHEAD. Mr. Chairman, I think that would be very valuable.

Chairman PROXMIRE. Yes, indeed. Without objection, we will receive that information for the record.

(The information to be furnished for the record follows:)

On the basis of a special survey conducted in September 1966, it was found that about 10 percent of the persons not in the current labor force—some 5.3 million—wanted a regular job at the time of interview. Of these, however, 22 percent gave only a qualified affirmative answer (“maybe—it depends”), another 24 percent were negative or uncertain about their intentions to look for work in the next 12 months, and 6 percent did not reply to this question. Thus, about half of those who said they wanted jobs either qualified their responses or were indecisive about whether they would look for work in the next year. The reasons become clear when we examine why they were not looking for work. (See table 1.)

TABLE 1.—PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOR FORCE WHO WANTED A REGULAR JOB, BY REASON OF NOT LOOKING FOR WORK, SEPTEMBER 1966

[Numbers in thousands]

Reason	Both sexes		Men		Women	
	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution
Total.....	5,292	100.0	1,641	100.0	3,651	100.0
Ill health, physical disability.....	1,078	20.4	480	29.3	598	16.4
In school.....	1,242	23.5	706	43.0	536	14.7
Family responsibilities.....	1,080	20.4			1,080	29.6
Inability to arrange child care.....	435	8.2			435	11.9
Miscellaneous personal reasons ¹	434	8.2	144	8.8	290	7.9
Expects to be working or seeking work shortly.....	270	5.1	44	2.7	226	6.2
Believes it would be impossible to find work ²	754	14.2	266	16.2	488	13.4

¹ Includes old age or retirement, moving, entering or leaving Armed Forces, death in family, planning to go back to school, no need to work at present time.

² Includes employers think too old (or too young); couldn't find or did not believe any job (or any suitable job) was available, lacks skill, experience, education, or training, no transportation, racial discrimination, language difficulties, pay too low.

The full report on the September 1966 data entitled “Reasons for Nonparticipation in the Labor Force” is attached. Detailed information on persons not in the current labor force will be released regularly during 1968.