

TABLE 4. MEN NOT IN THE LABOR FORCE WHO WANTED A REGULAR JOB, BY COMBINATION OF REASONS FOR NOT LOOKING FOR WORK AND AGE, SEPTEMBER 1966
[Numbers in thousands]

Reason	Age in years						
	Total, 16 and over	16 to 19	20 to 64				
			Total	20 to 24	25 to 54	55 to 59	60 to 64
Total.....	1,641	673	664	122	376	61	105
Ill health, disability.....	429	11	338	11	198	33	66
In school.....	573	468	103	66	39	11	5
Miscellaneous personal reasons.....	144	22	77	28	33	11	5
Expect to be working or seeking work shortly.....	44	17	27	17	27	17	34
Believed it would be impossible to find work.....	450	153	146	17	75	17	34
No other reason.....	266	22	123	17	61	11	34
Also in ill health.....	51	23	23	17	17	6	28
Also going to school.....	133	133					

force depended on recovery from accidents or from operations, on the outcome of scheduled surgery, on the healing of disfiguring conditions, or general improvement in health. With more precise inquiries, it might be possible to identify those with minor disabilities or illnesses, who expected to be in the labor force within a month or two.

About a tenth of this group indicated that they anticipated that finding work would be impossible, mainly because of their health and disability problems.

Persons in School

In one sense, going to school is not a full explanation for not looking for work. Part-time jobs are available to millions of students who do work weekends or evenings. The responses indicate that many students were uncertain about whether or not they really wanted work. They were available only for those jobs that would fit in with their school programs. In September, also, some of them did not yet have a clear idea whether they could handle their school work and a regular job. Some expected to start looking for work in the next week or two. Replies from about a fifth of the students indicated actual or expected difficulties in finding a job.

Family Responsibilities

Of the persons citing family responsibilities (1.1 million) all were women, and 90 percent were between the ages of 20 and 54. (See table 5.) The vast majority were married and had children at home.

The verbatim replies point up the problems women face in reconciling their desire for work

with their family responsibilities. Some husbands will not permit their wives to accept employment. In other cases, responsibilities to their children prevent women from working. This may be true even when the children are grown: Typical examples are the mother who was too busy getting her daughter ready to go overseas, the mother who has a diabetic daughter requiring special care, and the mother who was waiting until her son returned to his Armed Forces station.

A closely related group are those women who specifically mention inability to arrange for child care as their reason for not seeking work. Presumably this latter group of women would be available for work if they could solve the specific problem of finding someone to care for their children during working hours, whereas those who report "family responsibilities" are unlikely to enter the labor force until their children grow older or their family situation changes so that they have more freedom. Admittedly the distinction is conjectural.

TABLE 5. PERSONS WANTING WORK WHO WERE NOT LOOKING FOR WORK BECAUSE OF FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES OR INABILITY TO ARRANGE FOR CHILD CARE, SEPTEMBER 1966
[Numbers in thousands]

Age and reason	Family responsibilities	Inability to arrange for child care
Total.....	1,080	435
16 to 19 years.....	51	51
20 to 24 years.....	102	96
25 to 54 years.....	854	282
55 years and over.....	74	6
Total.....	1,080	435
No other comment.....	740	250
Husband won't permit work.....	62	17
Job, pay, hours, location have to be right.....	175	17
Expect to be working or seeking work shortly.....	17	17
No transportation.....	17	28
Couldn't find or believe no job available.....	67	28
All other (moving; going back to school).....	11	17