Survey: Many didn’t register for draft

Post offices across US report no-shows far above 2% predicted

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When America’s 18-year-old men were ordered to register for the draft last month, Selective Service Director Bernard B. Brinckerhoff predicted that only 2% of them would not sign up.

A Globe sample of postal districts in Massachusetts, however, suggests that the registration order was not as clear-cut as expected by approximately 37%.

One million of the 4,470,000 civilian American males born between 1960 and 1969 appear to be in violation of the draft-sign-up law, which was called for by the Selective Service in order to prevent the draft from becoming a major issue.

The selections were taken from the state of Massachusetts, which includes the cities of Boston, Cambridge, and Salem, and from the New York City area.

The draft registration program appears to be, at least, a failure, at least in some areas.

Each of the millions is supposed to be twice as likely to be drafted as a young man who was supposed to register, as long as he is not in the best available census data.

The figures are available in the best available census data.

The Selective Service System has not released registration figures in its formal reports, but in an unpublicized survey by the Federation of American Republics, a figure of 25% was reported for the week ending November 12.

The figures are available from the Federal Census Bureau, which states that the registration program suffered a major blow at the beginning of December.

In greater Boston, an estimated 37% of the male population of the age group did not sign up.

Young men register for draft in Braintree Post Office last month.