

TEEN DIVERSITY

A snapshot of U.S. teens' diversity compiled by YALSA's cultural competencies task force



14% of the U.S. population is between the ages of 10-19.



Nearly 50% of youth 0-17 are of color



Hispanics are the largest and youngest minority population in the U.S.



Two-thirds of Latino youths were born in the U.S. Many are the descendants of the wave of Latin American immigrants who began coming to the U.S. around 1965.

About 17% of all Hispanics and 22% of all Hispanic youth ages 16 to 25 are unauthorized immigrants.

In 2011-2012, English language learners made up 14.2% of public school enrollment.



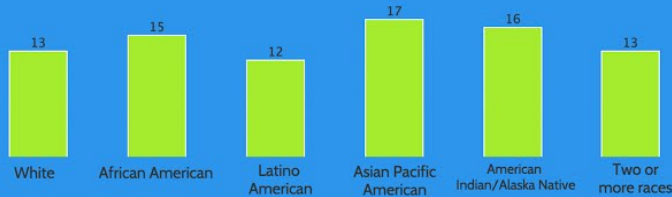
POVERTY

In 2010, more than 16 million youth (22% of all youth) 18 and under lived below the federal poverty threshold (\$22,314 for a family of four in 2010.)



In 2007, nearly 25% of youth in both small and large rural areas lived below the federal poverty level compared to 17.3% of youth in urban areas.

13% of the total population of youth ages 3-21 are served under the Disabilities Education Act and span across all ethnicities.



LGBTQI Teens

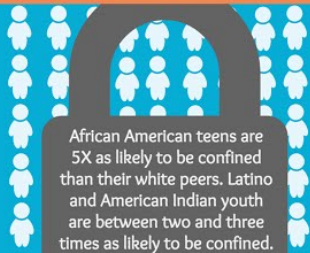
92% of LGBTQI teens say they have heard negative things about being LGBTQI.



They are 2X as likely to be physically assaulted, kicked, or shoved at school.

Approximately 20% of homeless youth are LGBTQI, which is disproportionately high, as only 10% of the general youth population identifies as LGBTQI.

In 2011, 61,423 youth under the age of 18 were in confinement.



Looking for more?

For more information about teen demographics in your community, visit [this interactive map](#) from the Brookings Institute.



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39% of the homeless population is under the age of 18.



8% of the homeless population are unaccompanied minors under the age of 25.

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