

Outcomes Data Snapshot: National

FY 2017 - 2021¹

Youth Outcomes at Baseline & Follow up

Cohort 3 Survey Participation²



This graph displays the number of youth who were eligible to take the survey and the number who participated. Survey data are displayed for age 17, 19, and 21.

Age 17: eligible 24,474 and participated 16,254, resulting in a participation percentage of 66%.

Age 19: eligible 11,956 and participated 8,912, resulting in a participation percentage of 75%.

Age 21: eligible 11,831 and participated 7,780, resulting in a participation percentage of 66%.

Reasons for Non-Participation

Participation Status	Age 17	Age 19	Age 21
Youth declined	2,590	523	697
Parent declined	32	6	3
Incapacitated	528	67	61
Incarcerated	294	226	290
Runaway or missing	1,253	47	37
Unable to locate	2,380	2,421	3,291
Death	2	35	63
Other ³	1,141	14	19

Characteristics of Survey Participants⁴

Variable label	Age 17	Age 19	Age 21
Female	50.0%	54.0%	56.0%
Male	50.0%	46.0%	44.0%
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.4%	1.6%	1.8%
Asian	0.7%	0.8%	0.8%
Black/African American	27.0%	26.0%	26.2%
Hispanic/Latino	22.2%	23.8%	24.2%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%
Two or More Races	6.0%	6.3%	6.6%
White	41.5%	39.8%	38.9%
Foster Care	100.0%	39.2%	20.9%

Outcomes Reported

Variable label	Age 17	Age 19	Age 21
Associate's degree (e.g., A.A.)	0%	0%	1%
Bachelor's degree (e.g., B.A. or B.S.)	0%	0%	0%
High school diploma/GED	5%	58%	70%
Higher degree	0%	0%	0%
None of the above	92%	38%	21%
Vocational certificate	0%	1%	2%
Vocational license	0%	0%	1%
Youth declined	2%	2%	3%
Current enrollment and attendance	93%	48%	26%



¹ This snapshot includes information about all youth who were eligible to take the NYTD survey at ages 17, 19 and 21.

² 'Eligible' participants include all youth reported by the state as in foster care at age 17 at baseline and all youth in the follow-up population at ages 19 and 21 not reported as incarcerated, incapacitated or deceased. 'Participated' includes youth who were reported to have provided at least one valid response to a survey question.

³ 'Other' may include late surveys, Outcome Reporting Status of "participated" but no valid survey responses, or Outcomes Reporting Status had a value of blank or out-of-range.

⁴ Please note that all races are mutually exclusive and exclude children of Hispanic origin. Children of Hispanic ethnicity may be any race.

Outcomes Reported (continuation)

Variable label	Age 17	Age 19	Age 21
Current full-time employment	2%	20%	34%
Current part-time employment	17%	27%	24%
Educational aid	3%	20%	17%
Employment-related skills	22%	29%	27%
Other financial support	10%	16%	12%
Public financial assistance	NA	6%	7%
Public food assistance	NA	18%	24%
Public housing assistance	NA	6%	10%
Social Security	11%	10%	9%
Connection to adult	93%	89%	87%
Homelessness ⁵	21%	21%	26%
Incarceration ⁵	30%	19%	17%
Substance abuse referral ⁵	24%	12%	10%
Children ⁵	5%	10%	20%
Marriage at child's birth ⁶	1%	4%	10%
Medicaid	83%	78%	72%
Other health insurance coverage	14%	15%	17%
Medical ⁶	86%	87%	88%
Mental health ⁷	86%	80%	81%
Prescription drugs ⁷	91%	89%	92%
Total	16,254	8,912	7,780

Outcomes Reported: In & Out of Care Populations

Variable label	Age 19		Age 21	
	<i>In care</i>	<i>Not in care</i>	<i>In care</i>	<i>Not in care</i>
Associate's degree (e.g., A.A)	0%	0%	2%	1%
Bachelor's degree (e.g., B.A. or B.S.)	0%	0%	0%	0%
High school diploma/GED	63%	55%	78%	69%
Higher degree	0%	0%	0%	0%
None of the above	33%	41%	14%	23%
Vocational certificate	1%	1%	3%	2%
Vocational license	0%	0%	1%	1%
Youth Declined	1%	2%	1%	3%
Current enrollment and attendance	63%	40%	40%	23%
Current full-time employment	17%	22%	35%	34%
Current part-time employment	30%	26%	28%	22%
Educational aid	27%	16%	27%	15%
Employment-related skills	33%	27%	31%	26%
Other financial support	22%	12%	20%	10%
Public financial assistance	NA	6%	NA	7%
Public food assistance	NA	18%	NA	24%
Public housing assistance	NA	6%	NA	10%
Social Security	9%	11%	8%	9%
Connection to adult	90%	88%	91%	86%
Homelessness ⁵	12%	25%	13%	28%
Incarceration ⁵	10%	23%	9%	19%
Substance abuse referral ⁵	10%	14%	8%	11%
Children ⁵	7%	11%	12%	22%
Marriage at child's birth ⁶	2%	4%	5%	10%
Medicaid	89%	68%	88%	68%
Other health insurance coverage	11%	14%	14%	18%
Medical ⁶	87%	87%	92%	88%
Mental health ⁷	86%	77%	87%	80%
Prescription drugs ⁷	90%	89%	95%	91%
Total	3,494	5,418	1,629	6,151

⁵ For these outcomes, the baseline cohort is surveyed on their occurrence during their lifetime. At follow up, the cohort is surveyed on the occurrence of these outcomes in the past 2 years.

⁶ The marriage at child's birth percentage is based on the percentage of those who had children. Similarly, the medical percentage is based on the percentage of those who had other health insurance coverage.

⁷ The mental health and prescription drugs percentages are based on the medical percentage.

Notes.

—NA indicates not applicable; only youth who have been discharged from foster care are asked about receiving public assistance on the NYTD survey.

—For a description of the data elements used, please see the NYTD Final Rule at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2008-02-26/pdf/E8-3050.pdf>.

—This snapshot contains a summary of highlights from NYTD data reported by states between Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 and 2021. The data are current as of June 2022. Please contact NYTDhelp@acf.hhs.gov if you have any questions about information in this data snapshot.

