CONNECTICUT OPPORTUNITY YOUTH

12% of young adults age 18-24 were not in school, not working, and had no degree beyond high school in 2012.  

17% of all youth age 16-24 were unemployed in 2012.  

10,000 teens age 16-19 were not attending school and not working in 2013.  

38,673 youth age 18-24 completed part of high school but did not receive a diploma in 2013.  

73% of students who enrolled in community college directly from high school were recommended for developmental math, English, or both in 2010.  

54% of first-time undergrads returned for their second year for fall of 2010 at two-year schools.  

1. Kidscount.datacenter.org: Persons Age 18 to 24 Not Attending School, Not Working, And No Degree Beyond High School
2. Governing.com: Youth Unemployment Rate, Figures by State
3. Kidscount.datacenter.org: Teens 16 To 19 Not In School And Not Working
4. U.S. Census Bureau: Table B15001 (Connecticut)
5. CT State Colleges and Universities: Remedial and Developmental Education
6. Higheredlinfo.org: Retention Rates-First-Time College Freshman Returning Their Second Year
CONNECTICUT: POTENTIAL BARRIERS

School Discipline
15%
of high school students received in-school and out-of-school suspensions, and/or expulsions in school year 2011-2012.¹

Juvenile Justice
9%
of the arrests made in 2013 were young people under age 18.²

Foster Care Youth
31%
of youth in the foster care system were age 16-20 in 2012.³

Poverty
16%
of youth age 16-24 lived below the poverty line in 2013.⁴

Homelessness
661
students in grades 9-12 were reported as being homeless in school year 2012-2013.⁵

Parental Credential
8%
of youth under 18 were part of a household where the head lacked a high school credential in 2012.⁶

¹ Connecticut State Department of Education: Suspensions and Expulsions in Connecticut
² Connecticut Office of Policy and Management: Arrests in Connecticut: Trend Analysis
³ Kidscount.datacenter.org: Children In Foster Care By Age Group
⁴ U.S. Census Bureau: Table B17001
⁵ U.S. Department of Education: Consolidated State Performance Report
⁶ Kidscount.datacenter.org: Children In Families Where The Household Head Lacks A High School Diploma By Race And Ethnicity