

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. ¹

17%

of all youth age 16-24 were unemployed in 2012. ²

10,000

teens age 16-19 were not attending school and not working in 2013. ³

38,673

youth age 18-24 completed part of high school but did not receive a diploma in 2013. ⁴

73%

of students who enrolled in community college directly from high school were recommended for developmental math, English, or both in 2010. ⁵

54%

of first-time undergrads returned for their second year for fall of 2010 at two-year schools. ⁶

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. HigherEdInfo.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