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

Nearly 50% of youth 0-17 are of color
- African American: 15.1%
- Latino American: 24.9%
- American Indian: 4.6%
- Asian Pacific American: 5.2%
- Two or more races: 4.2%

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.

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

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).

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

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

Looking for more?
For more information about teen demographics in your community, visit this interactive map from the Brookings Institute.

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

African American teens are 5X as likely to be confined as their white peers. Latino and American Indian youth are between two and three times as likely to be confined.

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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