



2007

Snapshot of Georgia's Youth: ages 12-17

There are 762,000 youth ages 12-17 in Georgia.¹

Health

- 59% have both medical and dental preventive-care visits²
- 67% do not have a medical home³
- 10% do not have health insurance⁴
- 8% have one or more asthma-related health issues⁵
- 33% live in a household where someone uses tobacco⁶
- 19% spend 20 minutes or less daily exercising or participating in physical activity⁷
- 5,260 births annually are to girls ages 15 to 17⁸

Education

- 36% of youth watch TV, watch videos, or play video games for two to three hours on an average school day⁹
- 13% of eighth-grade students do not meet standards on the English/Language Arts CRCT; 23% do not meet math standards¹⁰
- 30% of high-school students do not graduate on time¹¹

Safety

- 9,011 youth ages 12–17 are abused or neglected¹²
- More than 290 die¹³

Family and Economic Security

- 18% live in households with incomes below the federal poverty level¹⁴
- 234,300 live in single-parent households¹⁵
- 43,700 live with grandparents¹⁶

¹ Georgia Department of Human Resources, OASIS, 2005

^{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7} National Survey of Children's Health, 2003

⁸ Georgia Department of Human Resources, OASIS, 2005

⁹ National Survey of Children's Health, 2003

^{10, 11} Governor's Office of Student Achievement, 2005-2006

¹² Georgia Department of Human Resources, DFCS, 2005

¹³ Georgia Department of Human Resources, OASIS, 2005

^{14, 15, 16} U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 2005