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## Snapshot of Georgia's Youth: ages 12–17

*There are 797,777 youth ages 12 – 17 in Georgia.<sup>1</sup>*

### Health

- 78% of youth have both medical and dental preventive care visits<sup>2</sup>
- 45% of youth do not have a medical home<sup>3</sup>
- 11% of youth do not have health insurance<sup>4</sup>
- 18% of youth have special health-care needs<sup>5</sup>
- 24% of youth live in a household where someone uses tobacco<sup>6</sup>
- 16% of youth ages 14 – 17 are considered obese<sup>7</sup>
- 5,756 births were to girls ages 15 – 17<sup>8</sup>

### Education

- 39% of youth watch TV or videos, or play video games for two to three hours on an average weekday<sup>9</sup>
- 6% of 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students do not meet standards on the reading CRCT; 22% do not meet math standards; 40% do not meet science standards<sup>10</sup>
- 25% of high-school students do not graduate on time<sup>11</sup>

### Safety

- 7,574 youth are abused or neglected<sup>12</sup>
- 318 youth died<sup>13</sup>

### Family and Economic Security

- 18% of youth live in households with incomes below the federal poverty level<sup>14</sup>
- 248,745 of youth live in single-parent households<sup>15</sup>
- 44,629 of youth live with grandparents<sup>16</sup>

<sup>1,13</sup>Emory School of Public Health Analysis of OASIS data, 2007

<sup>2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9</sup>National Survey of Children's Health, 2007

<sup>8</sup>Georgia Department of Human Resources, OASIS, 2007

<sup>10, 11</sup>Georgia Department of Education, 2007-2008

<sup>12</sup>Emory School of Public Health Analysis of DFCS data, 2007

<sup>14, 15, 16</sup>U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 2005-2007