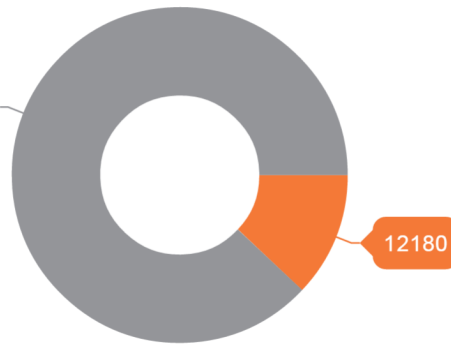


**101,500**

young people  
ages 16 - 24 live  
in Westchester



**12,180**

of them are  
disconnected  
youth

## DISCONNECTED YOUTH ARE:

**1**

not working

**2**

not in school

**3**

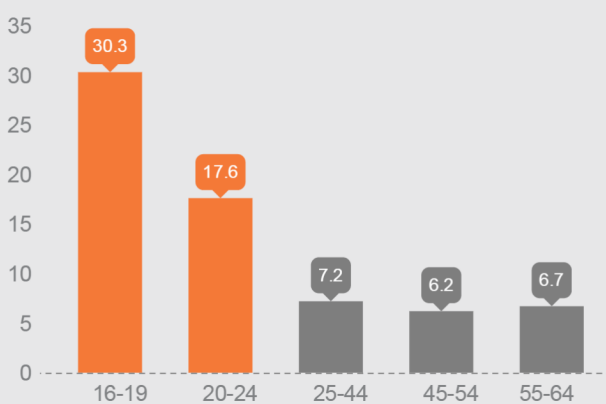
vulnerable as they transition  
from youth to adulthood

Opportunity Index; Youth Not in School and Not Working (% and total ages 16-24), 2014, Custom tabulations from US Census Bureau, [http://opportunityindex.org/#9.00/41.122/-73.795/Westchester/New\\_York](http://opportunityindex.org/#9.00/41.122/-73.795/Westchester/New_York)

African American and Latino youth are **2x**  
more likely to be disconnected than white youth.  
\*in New York City and the surrounding suburbs

Measure of America; Burd-Sharps, S., & Lewis, K. One in 7: Ranking Youth Disconnection in the 25 Largest Metro Areas. 2012, [http://ssrc-static.s3.amazonaws.com/moa/MOA-One\\_in\\_Seven09-14.pdf](http://ssrc-static.s3.amazonaws.com/moa/MOA-One_in_Seven09-14.pdf)

## Youth face higher unemployment rates than adults.



U.S. Census Bureau; American Community Survey, 2013 5-Year Estimates, Table S2301, <http://factfinder2.census.gov>



About **1 in 4**  
young adults ages 16-24  
are looking for a job.

U.S. Census Bureau; American Community Survey, 2013 5-Year Estimates, Table S2301, <http://factfinder2.census.gov>

## Many youth are not ready for college or careers.

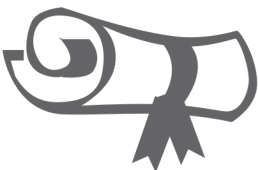


**85%** of youth  
graduate from high  
school on time.



Yet only **48%**  
of those graduates are  
ready for college or careers.

New York State Education Department (NYSED); 2014 4-Year June Graduation Rates; English Language Arts and Mathematics Aspirational Performance Measure, <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/pressRelease/20141218/home.html>



**39%** of 18-24 year olds in Westchester  
have a high school diploma or less.

U.S. Census Bureau; American Community Survey, 2013 5-Year Estimates, Table S1501, <http://factfinder2.census.gov>

## All young people must develop key interpersonal skills and attributes for success in the workplace.



INITIATIVE



HONESTY



TIMELINESS



DEPENDABILITY



GOOD ATTITUDE

## Westchester youth can gain work experience through summer job programs like these.

### PRIVATE SECTOR SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM

**200+** youth ages 16-24 were  
employed in 2014.

Partners: Westchester-Putnam Workforce  
Investment Board (WIB), Business Council  
of Westchester

### FOSTER YOUTH PROGRAM

**50+** current or former foster youth ages  
16-21 were employed in 2014.

Partners: WIB, Westchester County Dept.  
of Social Services (DSS), Westchester  
County Dept. of Parks & Recreation

Source: Westchester-Putnam Workforce Investment Board

### ANNUAL YOUTH WORKFORCE SUMMIT

**250+** youth ages 16-24 attended  
in 2014.

Partners: WIB, Business Council of  
Westchester

### SUMMER TANF PROGRAM

**550+** youth ages 14-20 who receive  
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families  
were employed in 2014.

Partners: NYS Office of Temporary and  
Disability Assistance, DSS, WIB

All data pertains to Westchester County unless otherwise specified. For more information, visit [www.wca4kids.org](http://www.wca4kids.org).

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