

YOUTH RIGHT NOW

The Nation's
Largest Data Set
on Kids & Teens

Survey Summary

We asked **more than 130,000 kids and teens** how they're feeling about their academics, emotional well-being, relationships, readiness for life after high school, and the social issues impacting their generation.* This is the largest data set on youth in the nation, to our knowledge, and a unique window into how America's kids are doing. Read the full survey results at BGCA.org/YouthRightNow.

KEY TAKEAWAYS:



Young people feel **hopeful and prepared for the future.**

- The majority of youth (75%) intend to go to college and more than half (62%) feel confident they have the skills needed to be successful in a job.
- 93% of 11th and 12th graders know what education or training they need for the career they want and 91% know the costs to expect.



Today's teens are **committed to societal change** and passionate about social justice issues that continue to top headlines.

- 81% feel they can make a difference in their community.
- More than half (53%) of teens identified racial justice as the top social issue they care about.*

* Data points marked with an asterisk represent Boys & Girls Clubs of America's 2022 Teen Survey (sample size: 600+ teens). All other teen-specific data represents 2023 Boys & Girls Clubs of America National Youth Outcomes Initiative Member Survey, youth ages 13+ (sample size 33,000+ teens).

WHERE YOUTH ARE THRIVING:

Today's **youth are compassionate and empathetic**, and that's especially true of Gen Z teens. 83% of teens report they've done something to help people in their community.

- 85% of youth think about how other people will be affected when making a decision.
- 86% of youth can stand up for what they think is right, even if their friends disagree.

WHERE YOUTH NEED SUPPORT:

In the age of social media and following years of pandemic disruption, youth continue to face challenges with **social dynamics and in-person learning, stress management and problem-solving.**

- 7 out of 10 youth say when something important goes wrong in their life, they can't stop worrying about it. And 67% say they try to keep anyone from finding out.
- 40% of youth say they were bullied on school property in the past year, while 18% of youth have experienced cyberbullying.