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National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) Report: Entry Cohorts of Children in Rhode Island Foster Care FFY14, FFY17, FFY20

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Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families (RI DCYF) National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) Report: Entry Cohorts of FFY 2014, FFY2017, FFY2020

Introduction

The Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth & Families is pleased to share with you *The Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) Report FFY14, FFY17, FFY20*. This report provides summary information on youth who participated in NYTD surveys. A primary aim of the report is to provide data and information to Rhode Island agencies and communities to guide their efforts in supporting the well-being of youth transitioning out of foster care in Rhode Island.

Aims of NYTD

NYTD was designed to measure outcomes of youth transitioning out of foster care and was implemented by the Administration for Children and Families in FFY10. The dispersal of flexible state funding to assist youth transitioning from foster care to self-sufficiency requires federal data collection to track independent living services and outcomes. In addition to the standard NYTD survey, Rhode Island administered additional supplemental questions as funding allowed. In each cohort, RI youth in foster care within 45 days following their 17th birthday were surveyed and followed up at ages 19 & 21. With three waves of data collection complete for the FFY14 and FFY20 cohorts, we can interpret the experiences of current and former foster youth as they age.

NYTD sample and design brief overview

The NYTD data presented in this report is based on entry cohorts from fiscal years FFY14, FFY17, FFY20. The FFY14, FFY17, FFY20 entry cohorts include youth in foster care at some point in the 45 days following their 17th birthday in that fiscal year who completed the baseline interview. Baseline surveys are considered “Completed” when the youth is marked as having participated and completed the NYTD survey within the corresponding reporting period. Those who “Completed” the baseline survey are considered referred for the subsequent follow-up surveys at 19 and 21 years of age. Follow-up surveys are considered “Completed” if the youth completed the baseline survey, is marked as participating in the follow-up survey, and completed the follow-up NYTD survey within the corresponding reporting period.

This report presents data only on the entry cohorts for the FFY14, FFY17, and FFY20 fiscal years identified and does not include data on youth who are not part of the respective fiscal year cohorts.

Why an entry cohort?

The advantage of an entry cohort over other approaches such as an exit cohort or point-in-time, is in its ability to better assess the impacts of system interventions and link observed impacts to the interventions. Relatedly, entry cohorts provide an accurate picture of patterns of change over time making it easier to understand policy or program intended effects compared to an exit cohort or point in time data. Further, analyzing entry cohort outcomes is consistent with the Children’s Bureau National Child Welfare Outcomes.

Overview of NYTD & NYTD PLUS Questionnaire Topics

- **OUTCOMES:**

- Financial self-sufficiency
 - Ability of youth to support self and manage financial resources
 - Employment status and sources of income
 - Acquisition of skills to enter the labor market
 - Additional questions included: wages, length of employment, and history of prior employment
- Educational attainment
 - Have youth completed high school or equivalency?
 - Current enrollment status and type of educational program; post-secondary schooling?
 - Source of support for educational programming
 - Does youth face barriers to educational attainment?
- Housing & Housing Instability
 - What types of living situations do youth obtain, and are they stable placements?
 - How do youth pay for housing?
 - Have youth experienced bouts of homelessness or housing instability?
- High-Risk Behaviors
 - Do youth engage in risky behaviors like substance abuse?
 - Do youth have contact with the legal system (e.g., arrest, conviction, incarceration)?
 - Do youth give birth or father a child; are they married to their birth partner?
- Access to Health Care
 - What types of insurance coverage do youth have to access medical and preventive services?
 - Are youth accessing services for substance abuse or psychological needs?

Highlights

Youth who completed NYTD baseline interviews in FFY14, FFY17, & FFY20 (Entry cohorts FFY14, FFY17, and FFY20)

The data presented below reflect an unduplicated count of interviewed youth in foster care at some point in the 45 days following their 17th birthday within FFY14 (Oct. 1, 2013-Sep. 30, 2014), FFY17 (Oct. 1, 2016-Sep. 30, 2017), or FFY20 (Oct. 1, 2020-Sep. 30, 2020), by fiscal year.

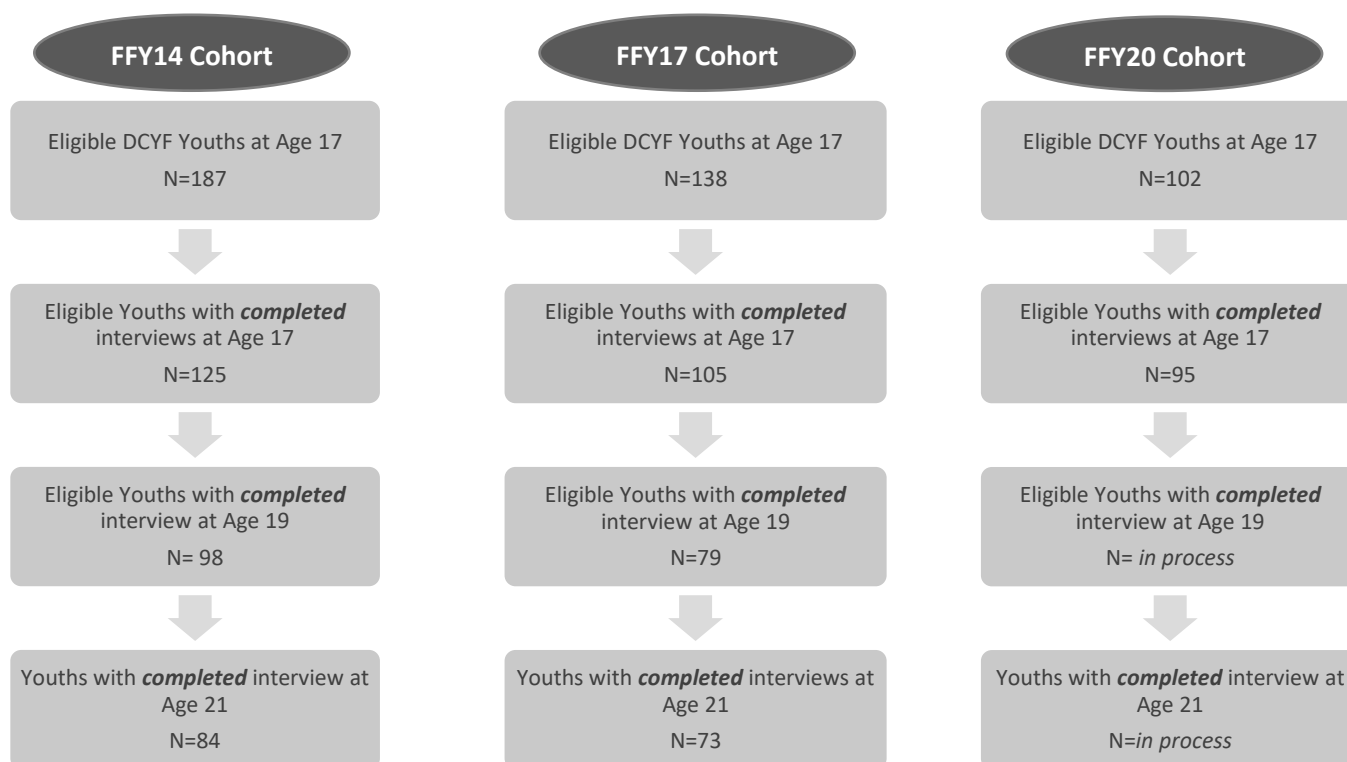


Table 1. Stats at a Quick Glance: Among children in foster care at some point in the 45 days following their 17th birthday within the eligible fiscal year reporting period– *The number of children interviewed and participating decreased over the three fiscal year cohorts*

| | FFY14 entry cohort | FFY17 entry cohort | FFY20 entry cohort |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Number of eligible youth at 17 | 187 | 138 | 102 |
| Number of youth with completed interviews at 17 | 125 | 105 | 95 |
| Number of youth with completed interview at 19 years | 98 | 79 | N/A |
| Number of youth with completed interview at 21 years | 84 | 73 | N/A |

**Interviews are considered "Completed" when the youth is marked as having participated and completed the NYTD survey within the corresponding reporting period.*

***Note that only youth who completed baseline interviews are eligible for follow-up interviews at ages 19 and 21*

Youth who completed NYTD baseline surveys in FFY14, FFY17, and FFY20, continued

FFY14,17 & 20 Trend Highlights: Demographics among NYTD youth who completed baseline interview

The percentage of **Black Non-Hispanic youth** with completed baseline interviews increased across fiscal year cohorts
 The race/ethnicity percentages of NYTD participants reflect percentages in the overall eligible population in each cohort.

The number and percent of **youth in foster care** increased from FFY14 to FFY17 at ages 19 and 21.

Table 2. Demographics and Foster Care Status of youth with completed NYTD baseline interviews, FFY14, FFY17, and FFY20 entry cohorts

| | FFY14 (N=125) | | FFY17 (N=105) | | FFY20 (N=95) | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-----|------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| | N | % | N | % | N | % |
| Gender | | | | | | |
| Female | 50 | 40% | 49 | 47% | 49 | 52% |
| Male | 75 | 60% | 56 | 53% | 46 | 48% |
| Race and Ethnicity | | | | | | |
| Black Non-Hispanic | 20 | 16% | 25 | 24% | 25 | 26% |
| Hispanic | 33 | 26% | 32 | 31% | 23 | 24% |
| Multiracial/other Non-Hispanic | 6 | 5% | 3 | 3% | - | - |
| White Non-Hispanic | 65 | 52% | 45 | 43% | 47 | 50% |
| Unknown/Missing | 1 | 1% | - | - | - | - |
| Foster Care Status at Survey | | | | | | |
| 17 years | 122 | 98% | 102 | 97% | 91 | 96% |
| 19 years | 26 | 27% | 46 | 54% | N/A | N/A |
| 21 years | 7 | 8% | 33 | 45% | N/A | N/A |

Notes:

- Multiracial/other includes Multiracial Non-Hispanic, Asian, American Indian and Pacific Islander.
- Note that data for the FFY20 Cohort at ages 19 and 21 has not been collected at this time.

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Section 1: Baseline and Follow-up

Metric Comparison of 2014 and 2017 Cohorts

FFY14 & FFY17 Highlights: Demographics for the FFY14 & FFY17 cohorts.

Youth with completed baseline interviews in combined FFY14 were primarily **Male** and of **White Non-Hispanic** race and ethnicity. There was a lower percentage of **Male** youth and a higher percentage of **Hispanic and Black Non-Hispanic** youth in FFY17, compared to FFY14.

Table 3. Stats at a Quick Glance: Among children in foster care at some point in the 45 days following their 17th birthday within the eligible fiscal year reporting period, FFY14 & FFY17 cohorts.

| | FFY14 entry cohort | FFY17 entry cohort |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Number of eligible youth at 17 | 187 | 138 |
| Number of youth with completed interviews at 17 | 125 | 105 |
| Number of youth with completed interview at 19 years | 98 | 79 |
| Number of youth with completed interview at 21 years | 84 | 73 |

*Interviews are considered "Completed" when the youth is marked as having participated and completed the NYTD survey within the corresponding reporting period.

**Note that only youth who completed baseline interviews are eligible for follow-up interviews at ages 19 and 21

Table 4. Demographics and Foster Care Status of youth with completed NYTD baseline interviews, FFY14 & FFY17 cohorts.

| | FFY14 (N=125) | | FFY17 (N=105) | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-----|------------------|-----|
| | N | % | N | % |
| Gender | | | | |
| Female | 50 | 40% | 49 | 47% |
| Male | 75 | 60% | 56 | 53% |
| Race and Ethnicity | | | | |
| Black Non-Hispanic | 20 | 16% | 25 | 24% |
| Hispanic | 33 | 26% | 32 | 31% |
| Multiracial/Other Non-Hispanic | 6 | 5% | 3 | 3% |
| White Non-Hispanic | 65 | 52% | 45 | 43% |
| Unknown/Missing | 1 | 1% | - | - |
| Foster Care Status at Survey | | | | |
| 17 years | 122 | 98% | 102 | 97% |
| 19 years | 26 | 27% | 46 | 54% |
| 21 years | 7 | 8% | 33 | 45% |

Notes:

- Multiracial/other includes Multiracial Non-Hispanic, Asian, American Indian and Pacific Islander.
- Note that percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

FFY14/FFY17 Highlights: Financial Self-Sufficiency and Educational Attainment of youth in FFY14 cohort compared to FFY17 cohort

The FFY17 entry cohort had a lower percentage of youths with a **Current Part-Time** job at 21 years and a higher percentage of youth with **Employment-related Skills** at 19 years compared to the FFY14 entry cohort

The FFY17 entry cohort had a lower percentage of youths **Currently Employed** at 21 years compared to the FFY14 entry cohort. The majority of youths with current employment in FFY14 and FFY17 cohorts had been employed for **less than 3 months** at the time of interview.

Youths in the FFY14 cohort had similar trends in **Educational Attainment** compared to the FFY17 cohort. There is an increase in the attainment of a **High School Diploma/G.E.D.** as youths age, and a decrease in the percent **Currently Enrolled** in education as youths age.

There is a similar increase in the percent of youths with **Barriers to Educational Attainment** in both FFY14 and FFY17 cohorts.

The FFY17 entry cohort had similar **Financial Resource** trends for Educational Aid, Food Assistance, and Bank Accounts across interview years compared to the FFY14 entry cohort.

Figure 1. Percent of youth employed, enrolled in education, with employment-related job skills, or a combination of the three categories, by age at interview, FFY14 & FFY17.

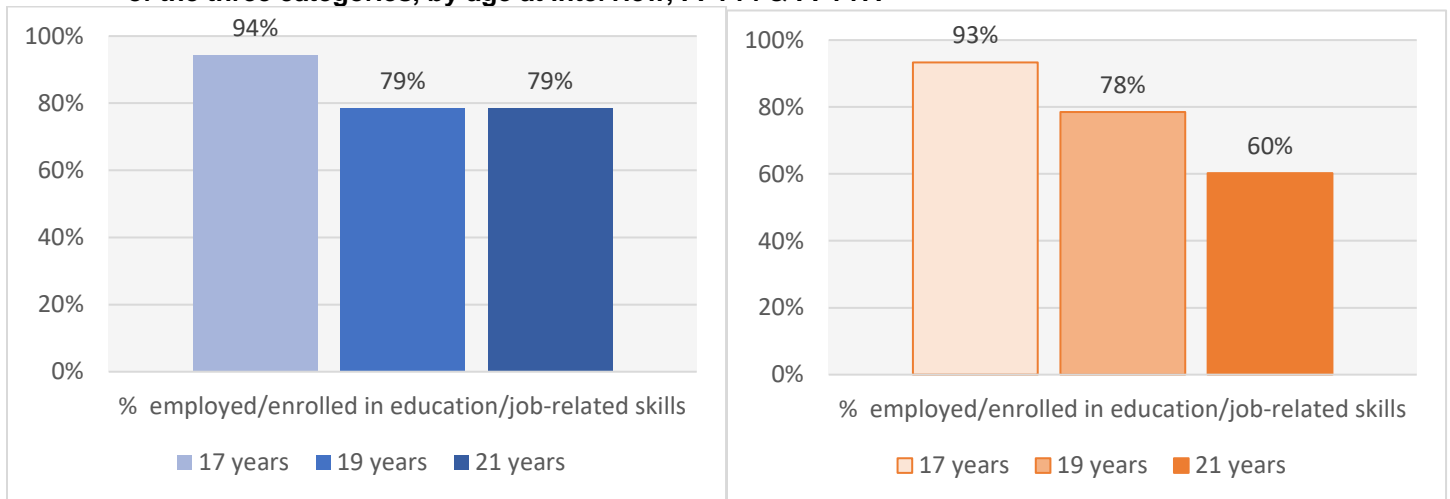


Figure 2.a. Percent of youth with employment, by age at interview, FFY14.

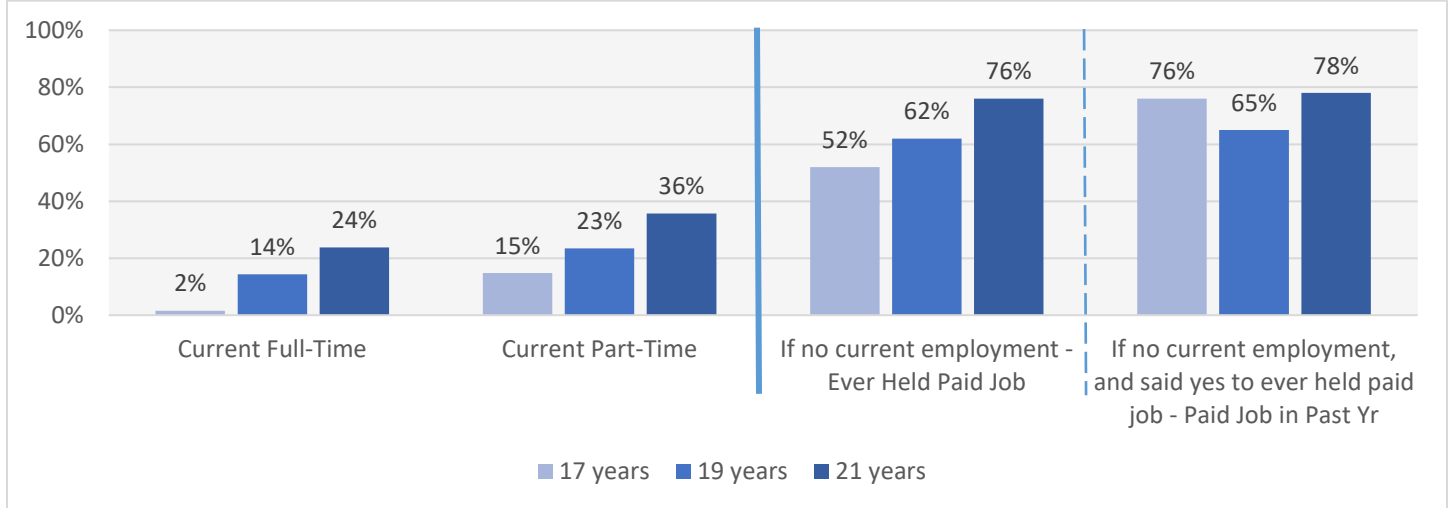


Figure 2.b. Percent of youth with employment, by age at interview, FFY17.

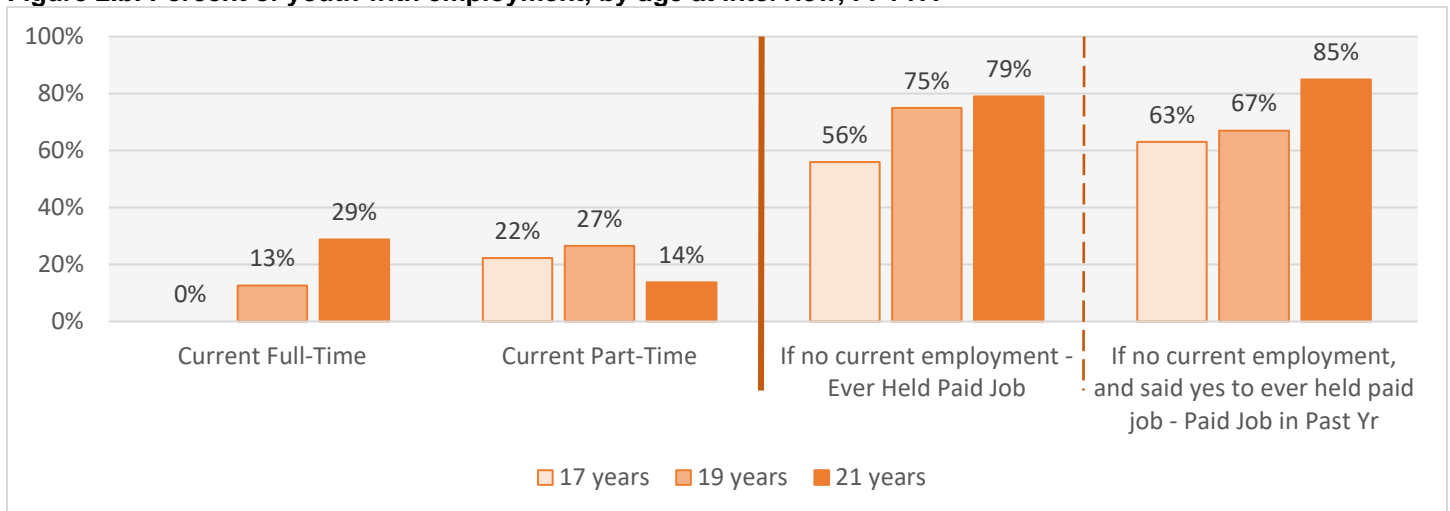
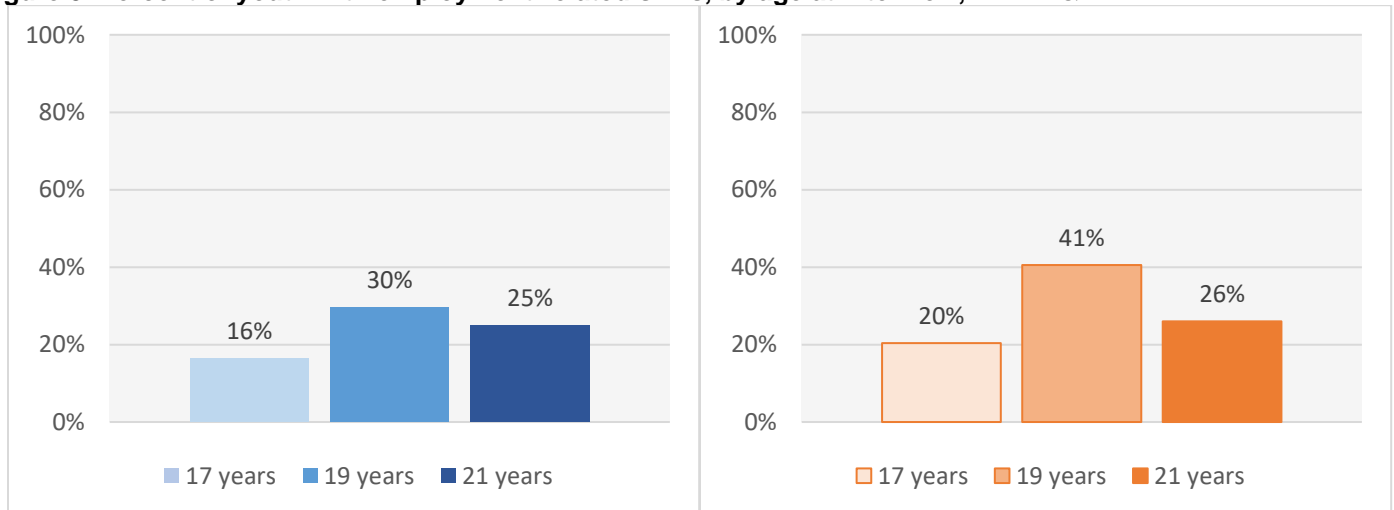
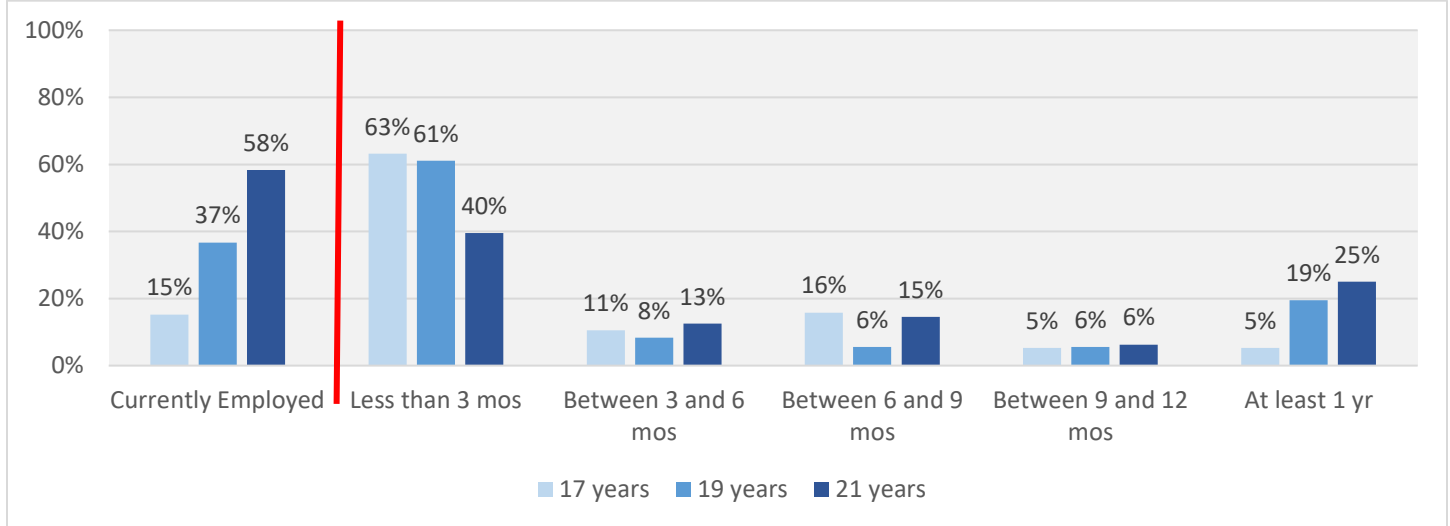


Figure 3. Percent of youth with employment-related skills, by age at interview, FFY14 & FFY17.



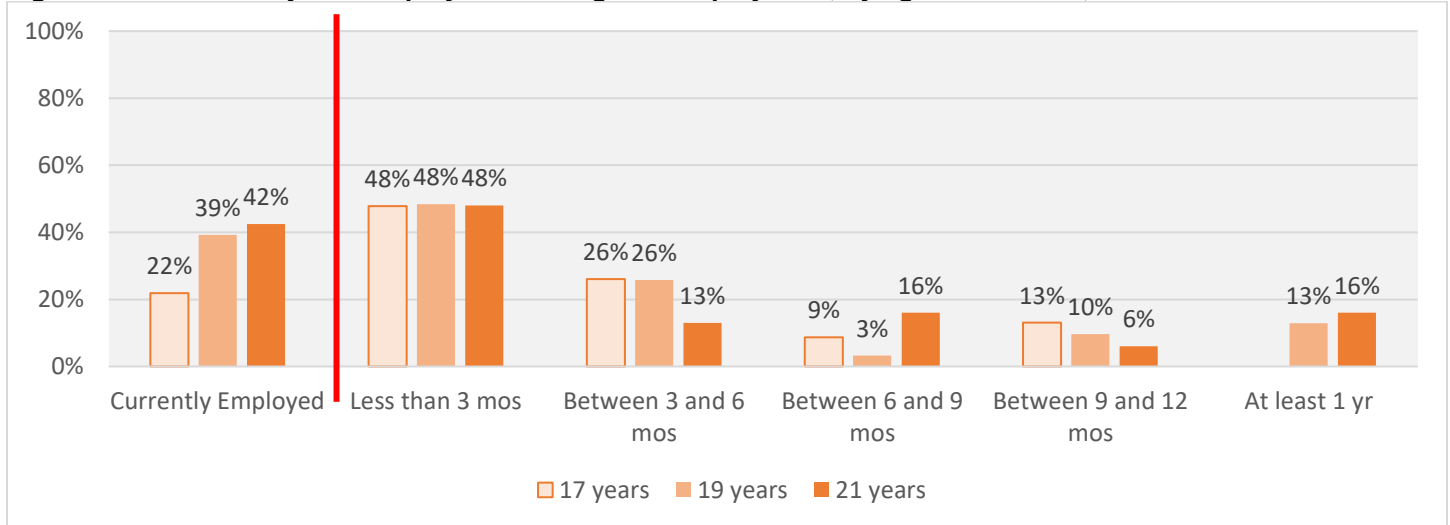
Note: Employment-related skills indicate completion of an apprenticeship, internship, or other on-the-job training in the past year.

Figure 4.a. Percent of youth employed and length of employment, by age at interview, FFY14.



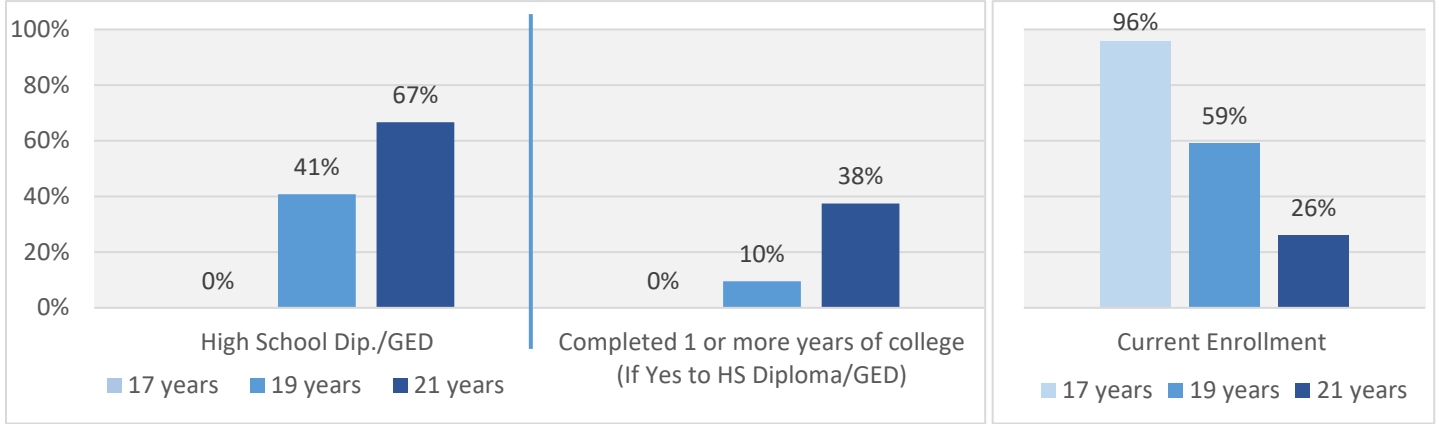
Note: Length of employment only applies to youth with current employment at the time of interview.

Figure 4.b. Percent of youth employed and length of employment, by age at interview, FFY17.



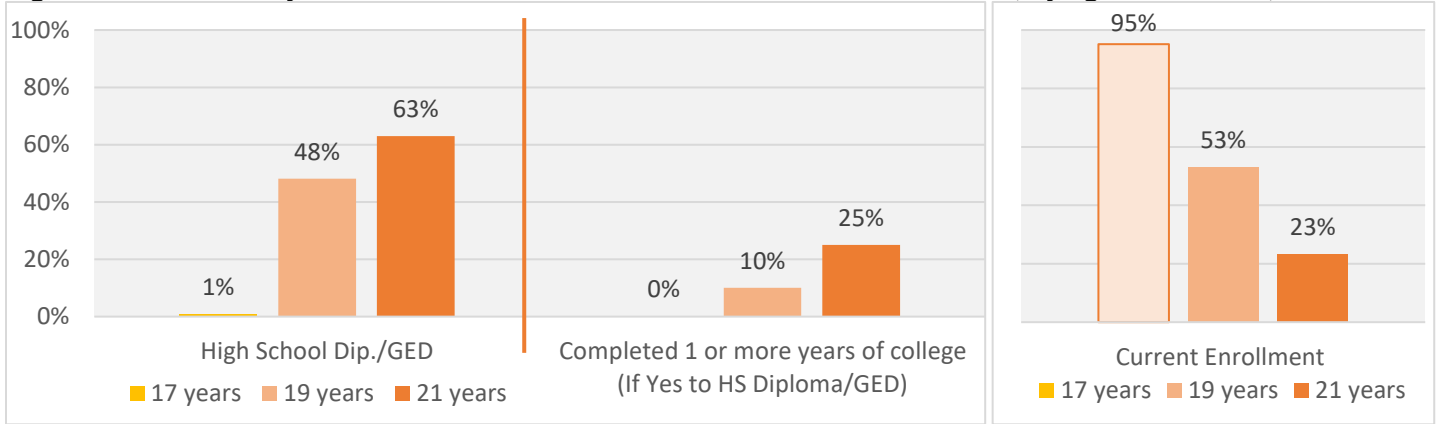
Note: Length of employment only applies to youth with current employment at the time of interview.

Figure 5.a. Percent of youth with educational attainment and current enrollment, by age at interview, FFY14.



Note: Current enrollment includes high school, GED classes, post-high school vocational training, and college.

Figure 5.b. Percent of youth with educational attainment and current enrollment, by age at interview, FFY17.



Note: Current enrollment includes high school, GED classes, post-high school vocational training, and college.

Figure 6. Percent of youth not enrolled in vocational training, any type of college, or graduate school with barriers to continuing education, by age at interview, FFY14 & FFY17.

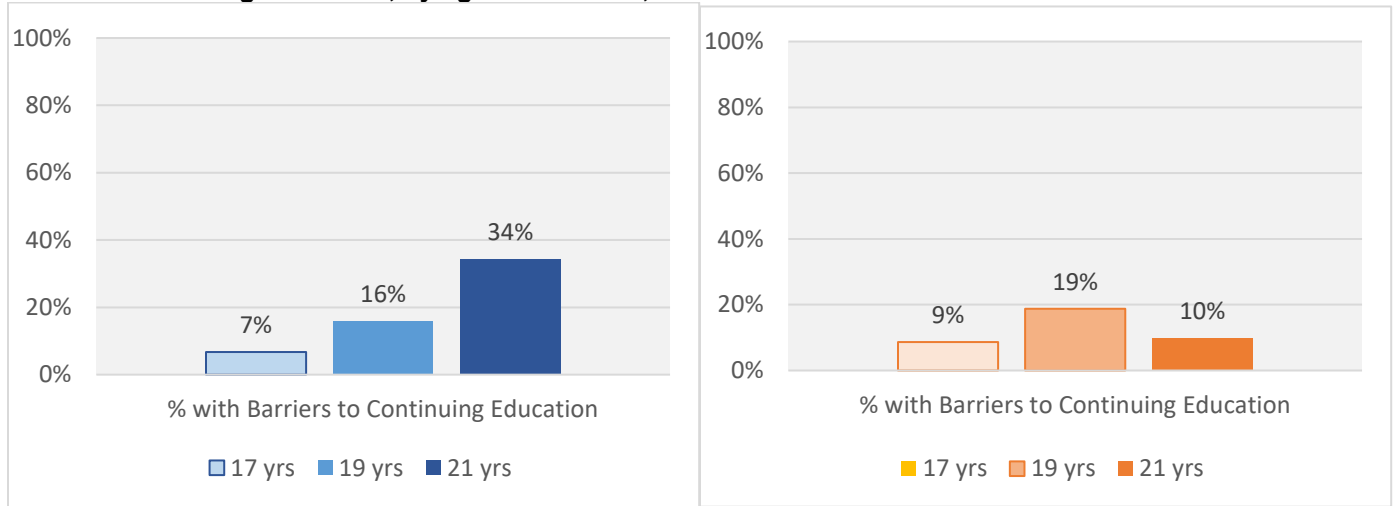


Figure 7.a. Percent of youth currently receiving financial resources, by age at interview, FFY14.

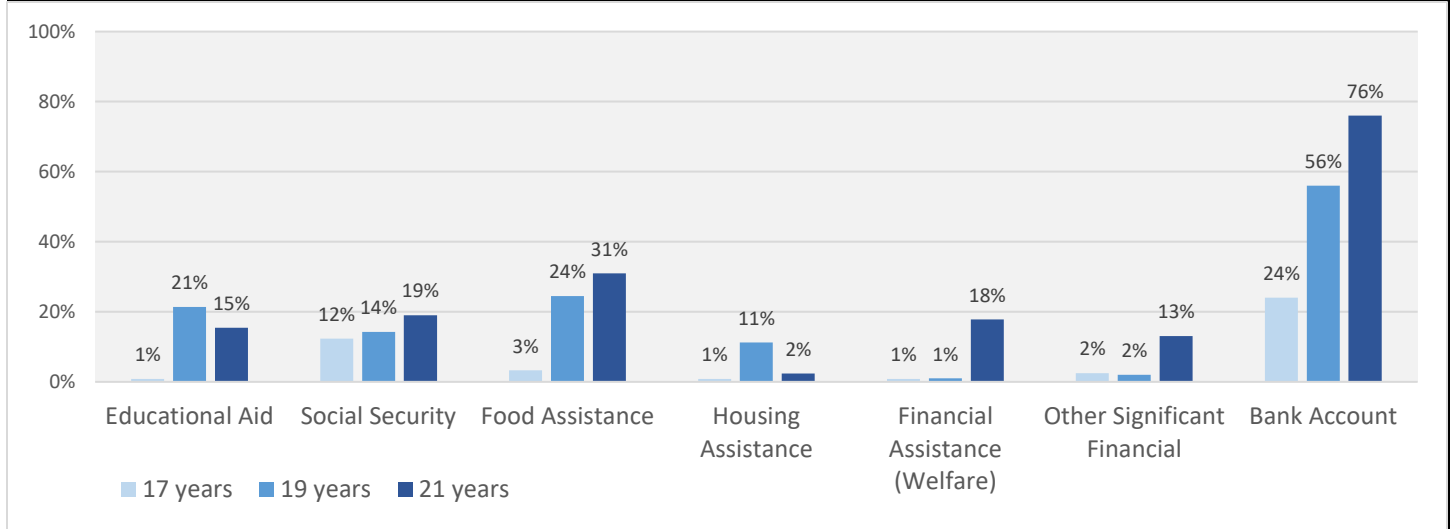
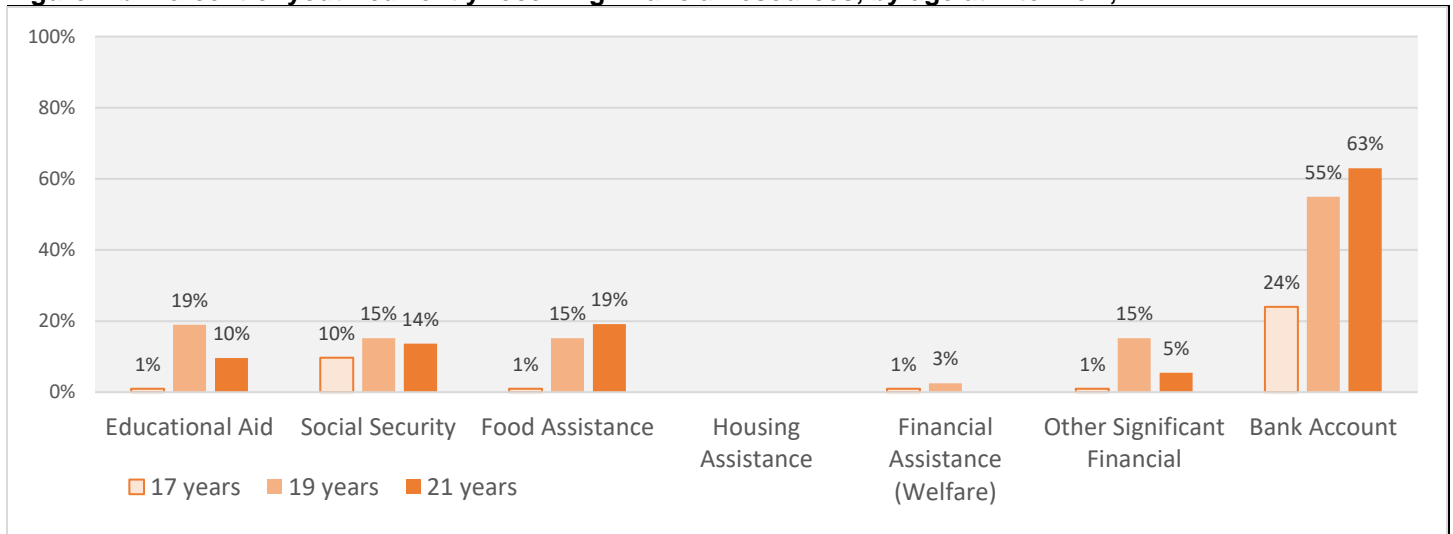


Figure 7.b. Percent of youth currently receiving financial resources, by age at interview, FFY17.

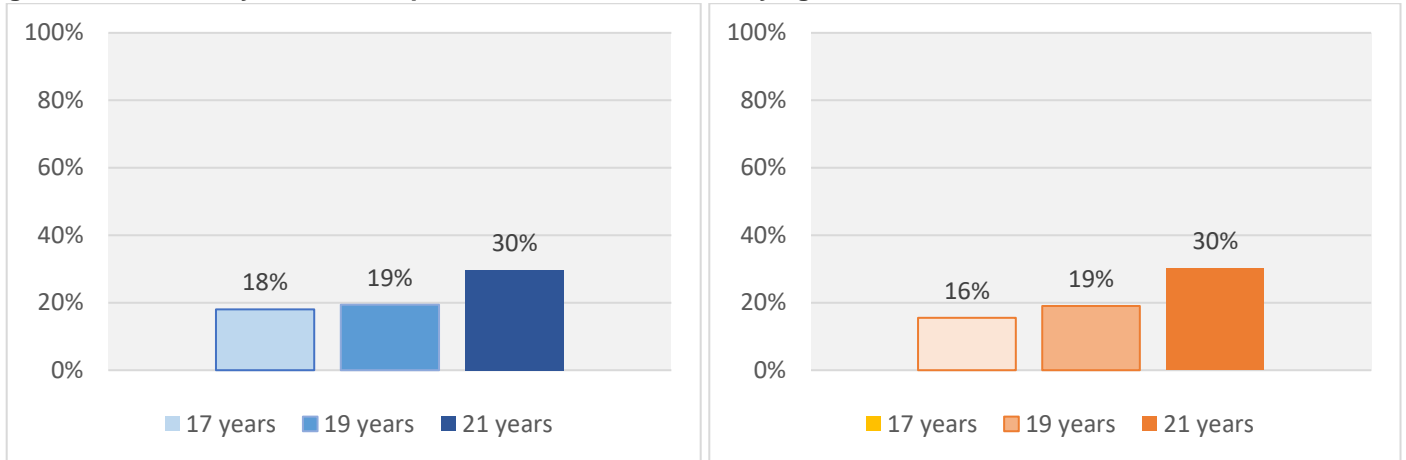


FFY14/FFY17 Highlights: Housing Instability of youth in FFY14 cohort compared to FFY17 cohort

In both FFY14 and FFY17 cohorts, there is an increase in youths who have ever experienced **Homelessness** as youths age.

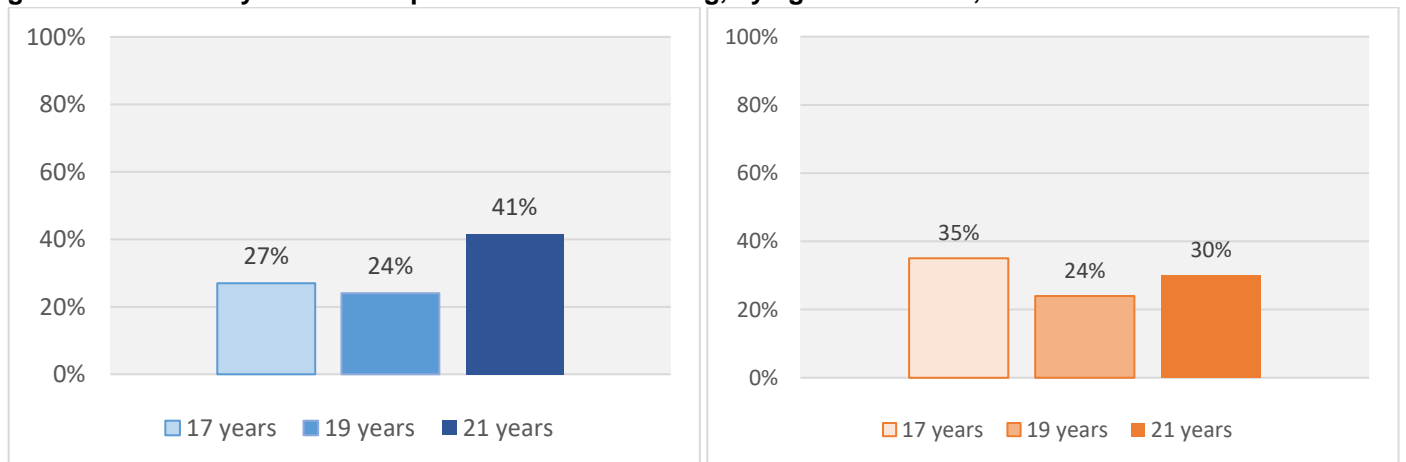
In both FFY14 and FFY17 cohorts, youth at age 19 had the lowest frequency of **Couch Surfing** in the last two years. Youth in FFY14 had a higher frequency of **Couch Surfing** in the last two years at age 21 compared to FFY17.

Figure 8. Percent of youth who experienced homelessness, by age at interview, FFY14 & FFY17.



* **Baseline: ever been homeless, Follow-up: homeless in past 2 years**

Figure 9. Percent of youth who experienced couch surfing, by age at interview, FFY14 & FFY17.



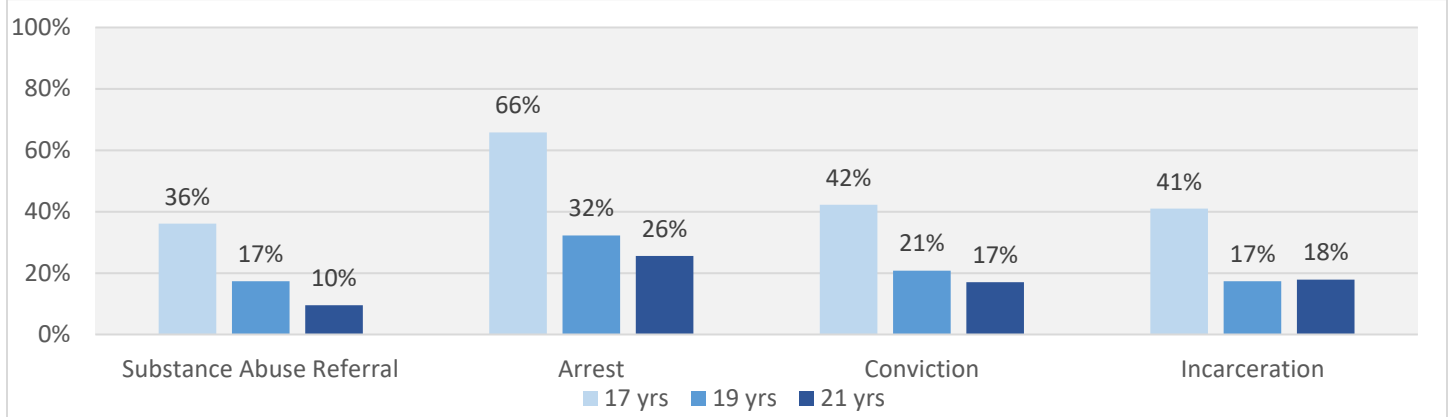
* **Baseline: ever couch surfed or didn't have a permanent home, Follow-up: couch surfed or didn't have a permanent home in last 2 years**

FFY14/FFY17 Highlights: Health Risk Behaviors of youth in FFY14 cohort compared to FFY17 cohort

FFY14 and FFY17 cohorts both demonstrate decreases in most substance abuse and legal involvement **Health Risk Behavior** metrics as youths age.

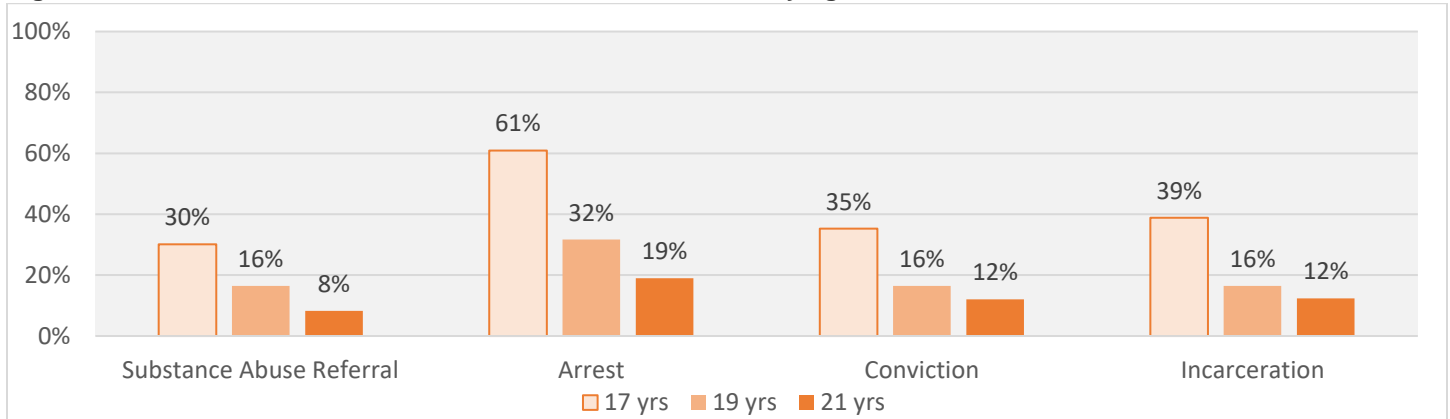
The percent of youth who **Birthered or Fathered a Child** increased as youths aged for both FFY14 and FFY17 cohorts.

Figure 10.a. Percent of children with Health Risk Behaviors, by age at interview, FFY14.



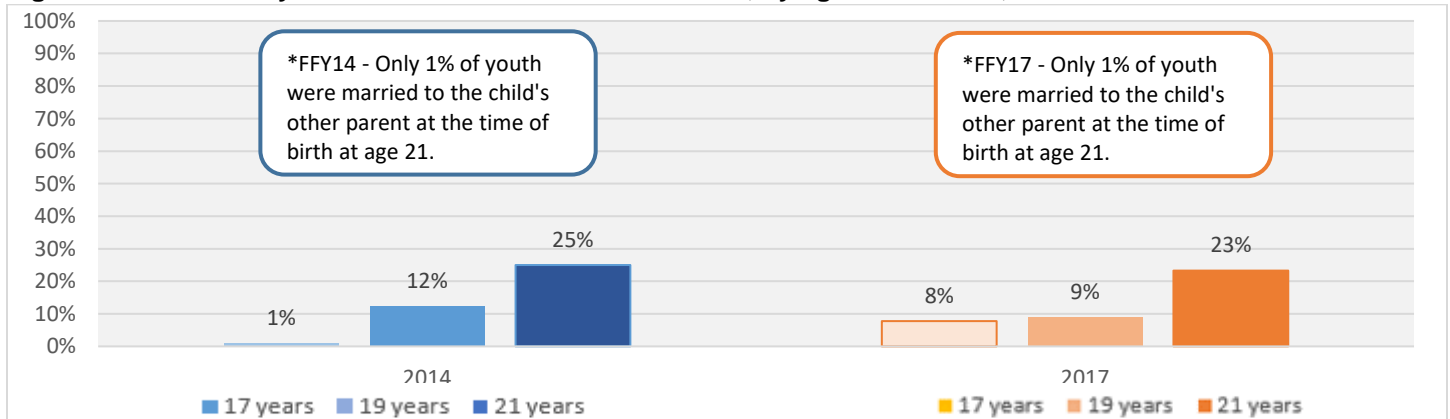
* Baseline: ever experienced health behavior, Follow-up: experienced health behavior in last 2 years

Figure 10.b. Percent of children with Health Risk Behaviors, by age at interview, FFY17.



* Baseline: ever experienced health behavior, Follow-up: experienced health behavior in last 2 years

Figure 11. Percent of youth who birthed or fathered a child, by age at interview, FFY14 & FFY17.



* Baseline: ever birthed/fathered child, Follow-up: birthed/fathered child in last 2 years

FFY14/FFY17 Highlights: Healthcare Access of youth in FFY14 cohort compared to FFY17 cohort

*FFY14 and FFY17 cohorts both show that most youth use Medicaid as their **Health Insurance**, with decreases in other health insurance coverage across ages in FFY17 compared to FFY14.*

*If covered by health insurance other than Medicaid, youth aged 17 in FFY17 had lower percentages of **Medical Coverage** compared to youth aged 17 in FFY14.*

*If covered by health insurance other than Medicaid, youth aged 17 in FFY14 with medical coverage had a lower percent of **Mental Health Coverage** compared to youth aged 17 in FFY17.*

*Both FFY14 and FFY17 cohorts had high percentages of youth with access to **Dental Coverage**.*

Figure 12.a. Percent of children with Current Access to Health Insurance, by age at interview, FFY14.

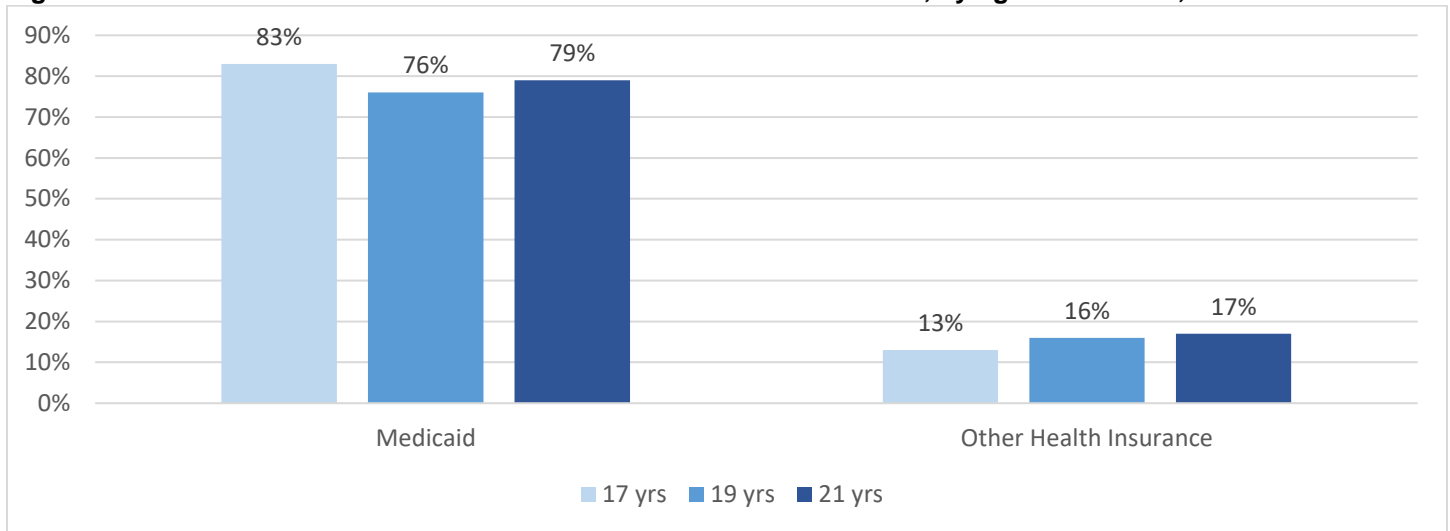


Figure 12.b. Percent of children with Current Access to Health Insurance, by age at interview, FFY17.

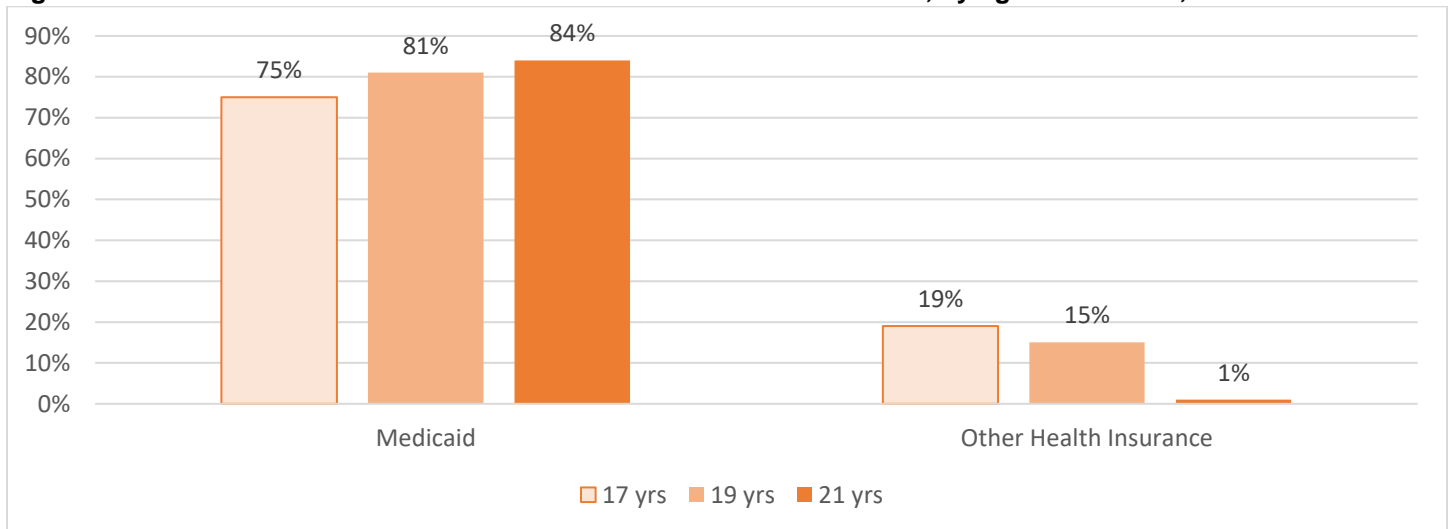


Figure 13.a. Percent of children with Access to Specific Coverage Types, if covered by Other Health Insurance (Non-Medicaid), by age at interview, FFY14.

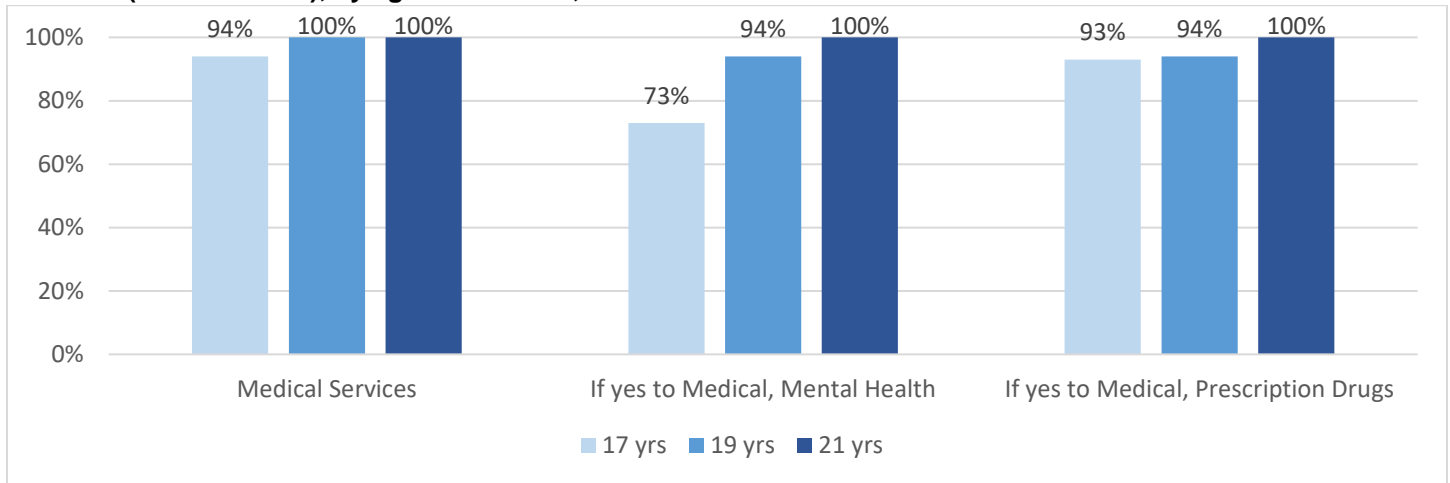


Figure 13.b. Percent of children with Access to Specific Coverage Types, if covered by Other Health Insurance (Non-Medicaid), by age at interview, FFY17.

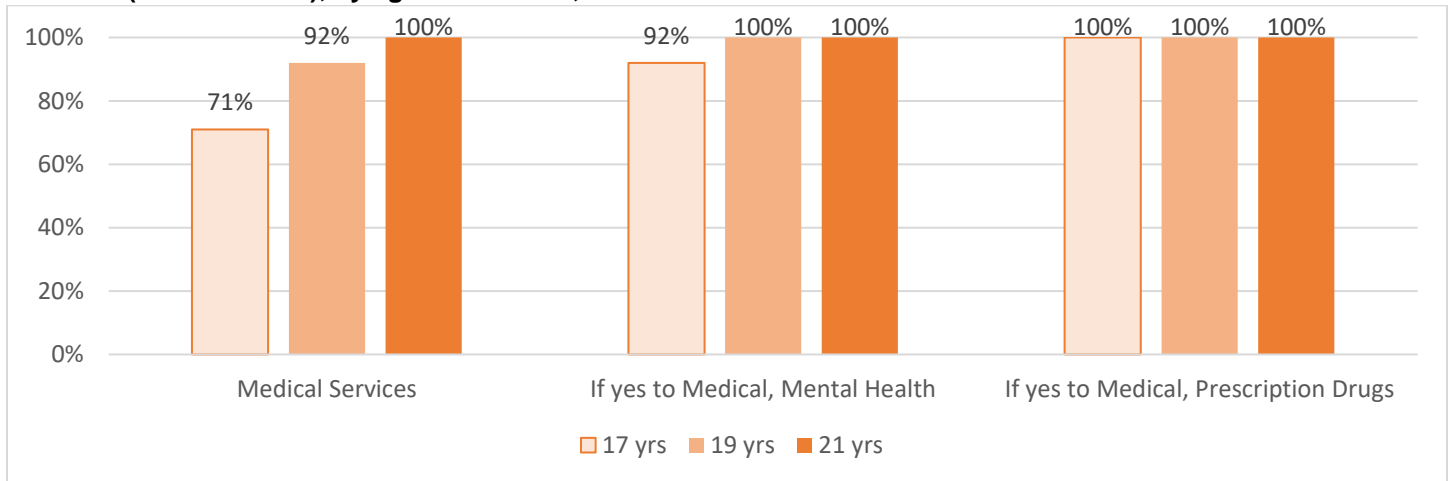
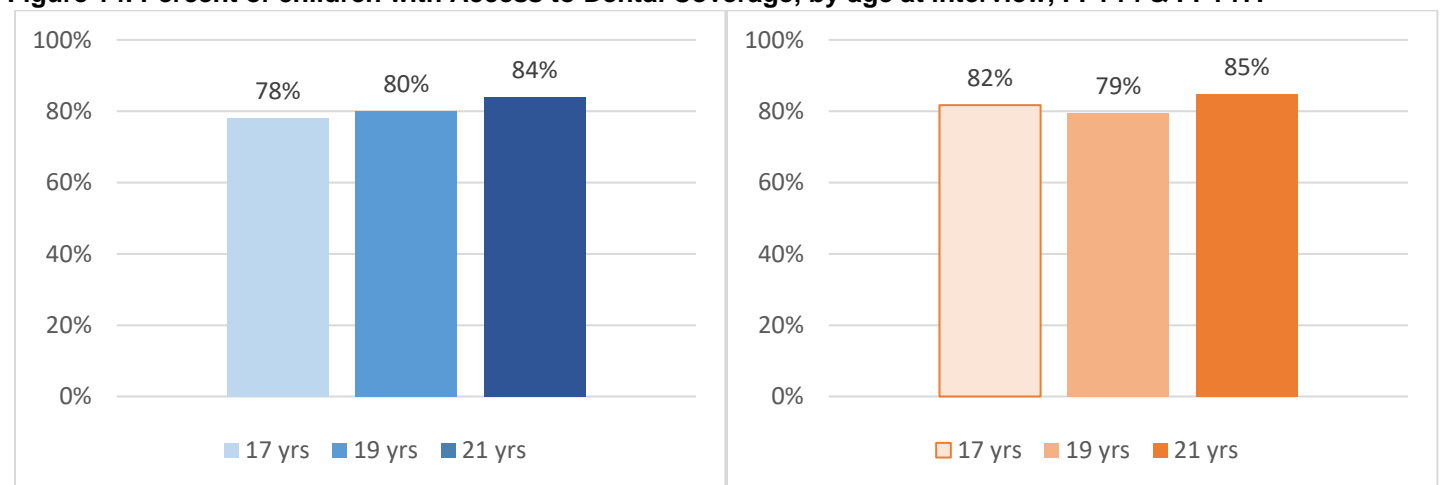


Figure 14. Percent of children with Access to Dental Coverage, by age at interview, FFY14 & FFY17.



FFY14/FFY17 Highlights: Healthy Relationships and Independent Living Planning of youth in FFY14 cohort compared to FFY17 cohort

FFY17 had lower percentages of youth with a **Healthy Adult Relationship** as youths aged and less efforts were made to **Maintain/Strengthen** that relationship, compared to FFY14.

FFY14 youth had a higher percent of involvement in their **Independent Living Plan** at age 19 compared to FFY17.

Figure 15.a. Percent of children with Healthy Relationships and DCYF Efforts to Maintain/Strengthen Relationships, by age at interview, FFY14.

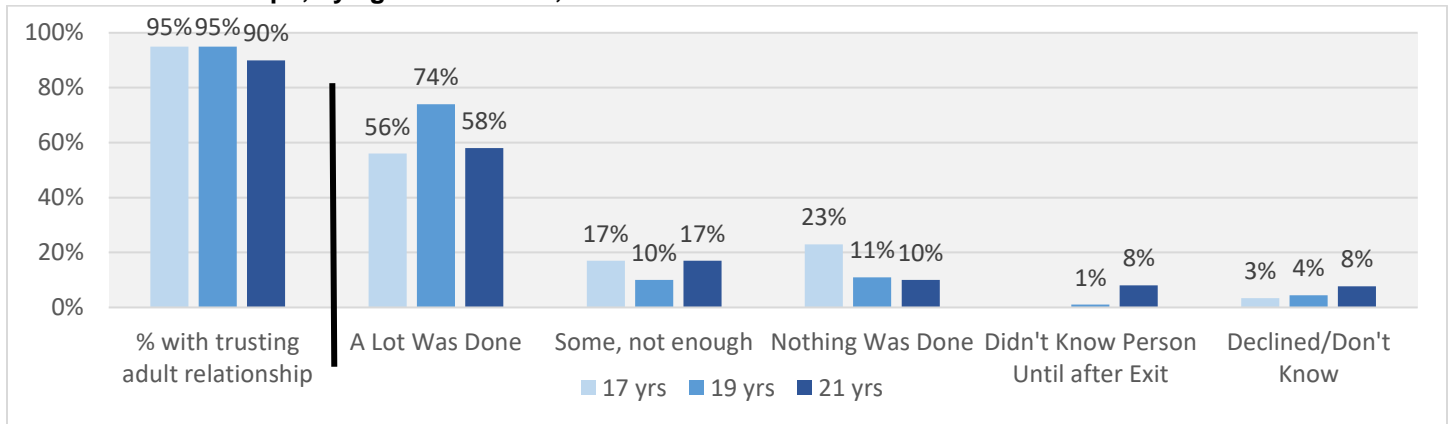


Figure 15.b. Percent of children with Healthy Relationships and DCYF Efforts to Maintain/Strengthen Relationships, by age at interview, FFY17.

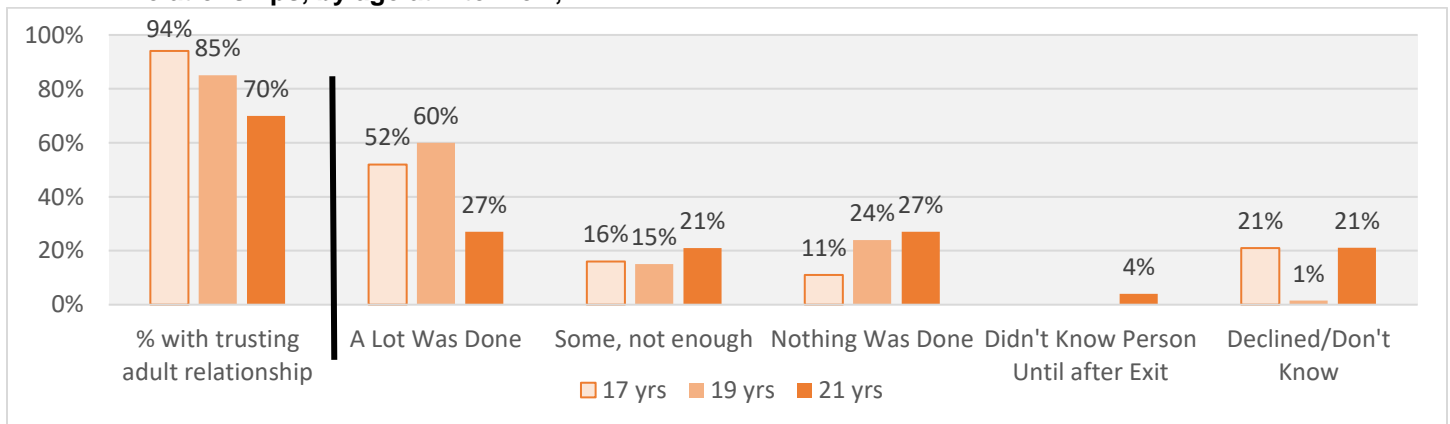
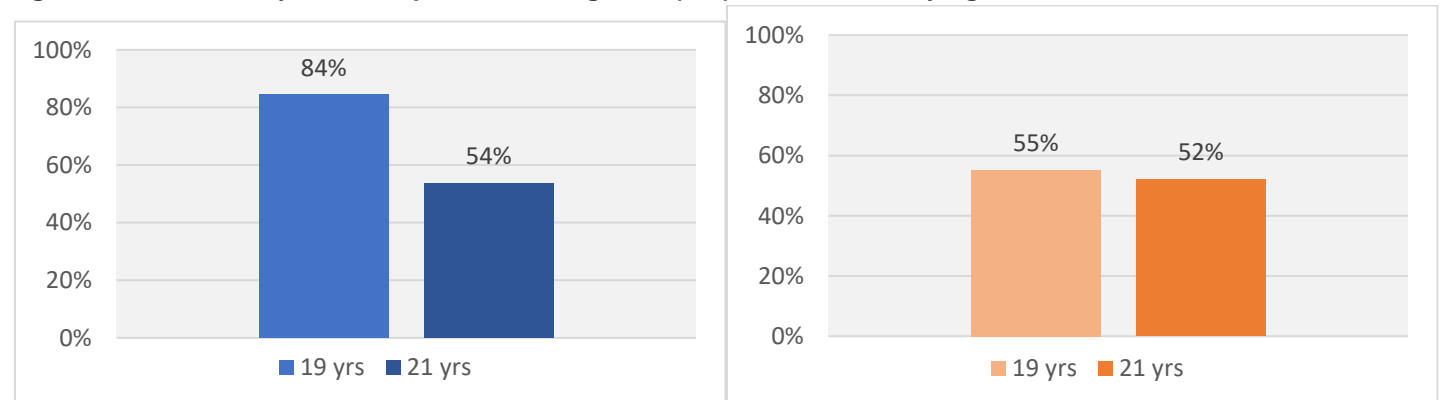


Figure 16. Percent of youth Independent Living Plan (ILP) involvement, by age at interview, FFY14 & FFY17.



*Involvement in plan is defined as leading the plan or being involved without leading the plan.

Section 2: Race & Ethnicity Baseline and Follow-up Metrics for Combined FFY14 & FFY17 Cohorts

Combined FFY14 & FFY17 Highlights: Demographics among combined FFY14 & FFY17 cohorts.

Youth with completed baseline interviews in combined FFY14 & FFY17 cohorts were primarily **Male** and of **White Non-Hispanic** race and ethnicity.

Table 5. Stats at a Quick Glance: Among children in foster care at some point in the 45 days following their 17th birthday within the eligible fiscal year reporting period, combined FFY14 & FFY17 cohorts.

| | Combined FFY14 & FFY17 Cohorts |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Number of eligible youth interviewed at 17 | 325 |
| Number of youth with completed interviews at 17 | 230 |
| Number of youth with completed interview at 19 years | 177 |
| Number of youth with completed interview at 21 years | 157 |

*Interviews are considered "Completed" when the youth is marked as having participated and completed the NYTD survey within the corresponding reporting period.

**Note that only youth who completed baseline interviews are eligible for follow-up interviews at ages 19 and 21

Table 6. Demographics and Foster Care Status of youth with completed NYTD baseline interviews, combined FFY14 & FFY17 cohorts.

| | FFY14/FFY17 Cohort (N=230) | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----|
| | N | % |
| Gender | | |
| Female | 99 | 43% |
| Male | 131 | 57% |
| Race and Ethnicity | | |
| Black Non-Hispanic | 45 | 20% |
| Hispanic | 65 | 28% |
| Multiracial/other Non-Hispanic | 9 | 4% |
| White Non-Hispanic | 110 | 48% |
| Unknown/Missing | 1 | 1% |
| Foster Care Status at Survey | | |
| 17 years | 224 | 97% |
| 19 years | 69 | 39% |
| 21 years | 40 | 25% |

Notes:

- Multiracial/other includes Multiracial Non-Hispanic, Asian, American Indian and Pacific Islander.
- Note that percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Combined FFY14 & FFY17 Highlights: Youth in combined FFY14 & FFY17 cohorts

*****Caution: Numbers in Tables 7-13 are small and caution is advised in interpretations. *****

·Employment & Job Skills

A lower percent of White Non-Hispanic youth had employment at age 17 compared to other races/ethnicities. At age 19, a higher percent of Black Non-Hispanic youth gained job skills in the previous 2 years compared to other races/ethnicities.

·Educational Attainment

The percent of Black Non-Hispanic youth who obtained a High School Diploma/GED by age 19 was lower compared to other races/ethnicities. The percent of Black Non-Hispanic youth currently enrolled in education at ages 19 and 21 was higher compared to other races/ethnicities.

Youth not enrolled in further education had increasing barriers as they aged, although Black Non-Hispanic youth saw their highest percent with barriers at age 19.

·Efforts to Maintain/Strengthen Healthy Relationships

Black Non-Hispanic, Hispanic, and White Non-Hispanic youth had decreasing trends in the percent with a trusting adult relationship, although Black Non-Hispanic had lower percentages at ages 19 and 21.

Youth of all races/ethnicities at age 19 had the most efforts while in foster care to maintain/strengthen their relationship compared to other ages. Black Non-Hispanic youth had the lowest percentage of youth with enough efforts at age 21 compared to other races/ethnicities.

·Housing Instability

Black Non-Hispanic, Hispanic, and White Non-Hispanic youth had increasing percentages of youth experiencing homelessness as they aged.

· Health Risk Behaviors

Black Non-Hispanic, Hispanic, and White Non-Hispanic youth had decreasing percentages of youth with both substance abuse referrals and at least one arrest, conviction, or incarceration as they aged.

·Independent Living Plan Involvement

Youth of all races/ethnicities had decreases of involvement in their Independent Living Plan from age 19 to 21.

Youth who completed NYTD baseline surveys in combined FFY14 and FFY17, continued

Table 7. Number and percent of youth with employment and job skills, by age at interview, Combined FFY14 & FFY17 cohorts.

| | | Current Full-Time/Part-Time Employment (N and % YES) | | | | | | | | Employment Related Skills (N and % YES) | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----|---|-----|----------|-----|----------------------|-----|----------|-----|--|-----|----------|-----|----------------------|-----|----------|-----|
| | | Black NH | | Hispanic | | Other/Multiracial NH | | White NH | | Black NH | | Hispanic | | Other/Multiracial NH | | White NH | |
| | | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % |
| Combined FFY14/FFY17 | 17 | 9 | 20% | 13 | 20% | DNS | 22% | 18 | 16% | 8 | 18% | 11 | 17% | DNS | 22% | 19 | 18% |
| | 19 | 12 | 29% | 24 | 51% | DNS | 44% | 27 | 34% | 21 | 51% | 14 | 30% | DNS | 11% | 25 | 32% |
| | 21 | 17 | 47% | 23 | 55% | DNS | 50% | 10 | 50% | 9 | 25% | 11 | 26% | DNS | 26% | 19 | 26% |

*Excludes unknown youth and missing (N=1 for age 17). DNS = Data not shown if number is <5.

**Employment-related skills indicate completion of an apprenticeship, internship, or other on-the-job training in the past year.

Table 8. Number and percent of youth with educational attainment and educational enrollment, by age at interview, Combined FFY14 & FFY17 cohorts.

| | | High School Diploma/ GED (N and % YES) | | | | | | | | Current Enrollment (N and % YES) | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----|---|-----|----------|-----|----------------------|-----|----------|-----|-------------------------------------|-----|----------|-----|----------------------|------|----------|-----|
| | | Black NH | | Hispanic | | Other/Multiracial NH | | White NH | | Black NH | | Hispanic | | Other/Multiracial NH | | White NH | |
| | | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % |
| Combined FFY14/FFY17 | 17 | DNS | 0% | DNS | 2% | DNS | 0% | DNS | 0% | 42 | 93% | 61 | 97% | 9 | 100% | 102 | 95% |
| | 19 | 13 | 32% | 21 | 45% | 6 | 67% | 37 | 47% | 28 | 68% | 26 | 55% | DNS | 33% | 42 | 53% |
| | 21 | 23 | 64% | 27 | 64% | DNS | 50% | 48 | 67% | 14 | 39% | 8 | 19% | DNS | 0% | 16 | 22% |

*Excludes unknown youth. DNS = Data not shown if number is <5.

**Current enrollment represents enrollment and attendance of high school, GED classes, post-high school vocational training, or college.

Table 9. Number and percent of youth with barriers to continuing education, by age at interview, Combined FFY14 & FFY17 cohorts.

| | | If not enrolled in vocational, college or graduate school, % with barriers to continuing education (N and % YES) | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----|---|---|-----|----------|-----|-----|----------------------|---|----|----------|---|
| | | Black NH | | | Hispanic | | | Other/Multiracial NH | | | White NH | |
| | | N | % | | N | % | | N | % | | N | % |
| Combined FFY14/FFY17 | 17 | DNS | | 9% | DNS | 3% | DNS | 0% | | 11 | 10% | |
| | 19 | 7 | | 21% | 6 | 17% | DNS | 14% | | 10 | 16% | |
| | 21 | DNS | | 15% | 9 | 26% | DNS | 17% | | 16 | 25% | |

*Excludes unknown youth. DNS = Data not shown if number is <5.

Table 10. Number and percent of youth with efforts to maintain/strengthen healthy relationships, by age at interview, Combined FFY14 & FFY17 cohorts.

| | | Trusting Adult Relationship (N and % YES) | | | | | | | | Enough effort was made to maintain/strengthen relationship (N and % YES) | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----|--|-----|----------|-----|----------------------|-----|----------|-----|---|-----|----------|-----|----------------------|-----|----------|-----|
| | | Black NH | | Hispanic | | Other/Multiracial NH | | White NH | | Black NH | | Hispanic | | Other/Multiracial NH | | White NH | |
| | | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % |
| Combined FFY14/FFY17 | 17 | 41 | 93% | 62 | 97% | 8 | 89% | 103 | 95% | 19 | 46% | 37 | 59% | DNS | 50% | 57 | 55% |
| | 19 | 35 | 88% | 42 | 91% | 6 | 67% | 73 | 94% | 23 | 66% | 31 | 74% | 6 | 86% | 46 | 63% |
| | 21 | 24 | 69% | 36 | 86% | 5 | 83% | 59 | 83% | 7 | 28% | 18 | 49% | DNS | 60% | 30 | 48% |

*Excludes unknown youth. DNS = Data not shown if number is <5.

**Enough effort represents those that answered "A lot was done to maintain or strength my relationships with this person".

Table 11. Number and percent of youth with housing instability, by age at interview, Combined FFY14 & FFY17 cohorts.

| | | Homelessness (N and % YES) | | | | | | | | Couch Surfing (N and % YES) | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----|----------------------------|-----|----------|-----|----------------------|-----|----------|-----|-----------------------------|-----|----------|-----|----------------------|-----|----------|-----|
| | | Black NH | | Hispanic | | Other/Multiracial NH | | White NH | | Black NH | | Hispanic | | Other/Multiracial NH | | White NH | |
| | | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % |
| Combined FFY14/FFY17 | 17 | 6 | 13% | 13 | 21% | DNS | 11% | 18 | 17% | 14 | 32% | 16 | 25% | DNS | 33% | 36 | 33% |
| | 19 | 7 | 17% | 12 | 26% | DNS | 0% | 15 | 19% | 8 | 20% | 13 | 28% | DNS | 22% | 19 | 24% |
| | 21 | 11 | 31% | 13 | 31% | DNS | 17% | 22 | 31% | 11 | 31% | 15 | 36% | DNS | 33% | 28 | 39% |

*Excludes unknown youth. DNS = Data not shown if number is <5.

***Baseline: ever experienced, Follow-up: experienced in last 2 years.

Table 12. Number and percent of youth with risky health behaviors, by age at interview, Combined FFY14 & FFY17 cohorts.

| | | Substance Abuse Referral (N and % YES) | | | | | | | | Arrest/Conviction/Incarceration (N and % YES) | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----|--|-----|----------|-----|----------------------|-----|----------|-----|---|-----|----------|-----|----------------------|-----|----------|-----|
| | | Black NH | | Hispanic | | Other/Multiracial NH | | White NH | | Black NH | | Hispanic | | Other/Multiracial NH | | White NH | |
| | | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % |
| Combined FFY14/FFY17 | 17 | 11 | 24% | 18 | 29% | DNS | 33% | 43 | 40% | 21 | 47% | 26 | 40% | DNS | 44% | 39 | 35% |
| | 19 | 7 | 17% | 5 | 11% | DNS | 11% | 17 | 22% | 8 | 20% | 10 | 21% | DNS | 11% | 11 | 14% |
| | 21 | DNS | 3% | DNS | 10% | DNS | 17% | 8 | 11% | 5 | 14% | 5 | 12% | DNS | 33% | 12 | 17% |

*Excludes unknown youth. DNS = Data not shown if number is <5.

***Baseline: ever experienced, Follow-up: experienced in last 2 years.

Table 13. Number and percent of youth with involvement in their Independent Living Plan (ILP), by age at interview, Combined FFY14 & FFY17 cohorts.

| | | Involvement in Plan (N and % YES) | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----|-----------------------------------|-----|----------|-----|----------------------|-----|----------|-----|
| | | Black NH | | Hispanic | | Other/Multiracial NH | | White NH | |
| | | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % |
| Combined FFY14/FFY17 | 17 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | 19 | 30 | 75% | 28 | 52% | 5 | 56% | 60 | 77% |
| | 21 | 19 | 54% | 25 | 60% | DNS | 33% | 34 | 51% |

*Excludes unknown youth. DNS = Data not shown if number is <5.

****Involvement in plan is defined as leading the plan or being involved without leading the plan.*

Section 3: Baseline Metric

Comparison for 2014, 2017 and 2020 Cohorts

FFY14,17 & 20 Baseline Highlights: Demographics among NYTD youth who completed baseline interview

The number and percent of **Male** youth who completed the baseline decreased over the cohort years. The percentage of **Black Non-Hispanic youth** with completed baseline interviews increased across fiscal year cohorts. The number and percent of **youth in foster care** remained high at baseline for all cohort years.

Table 14. Stats at a Quick Glance: Among children in foster care at some point in the 45 days following their 17th birthday within the eligible fiscal year reporting period– The number of children interviewed and participating in baseline interview decreased over the three fiscal year cohorts.

| | FFY14 entry cohort | FFY17 entry cohort | FFY20 entry cohort |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Number of youth interviewed at 17 | 187 | 138 | 102 |
| Number of youth with completed interviews at 17 | 125 | 105 | 95 |

*Interviews are considered "Completed" when the youth is marked as having participated and completed the NYTD survey within the corresponding reporting period.

Table 15. Demographics and Foster Care Status of youth with completed NYTD baseline interviews, FFY14, FFY17, and FFY20 entry cohorts

| | FFY14 (N=125) | | FFY17 (N=105) | | FFY20 (N=95) | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-----|------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| | N | % | N | % | N | % |
| Gender | | | | | | |
| Female | 50 | 40% | 49 | 47% | 49 | 52% |
| Male | 75 | 60% | 56 | 53% | 46 | 48% |
| Race and Ethnicity | | | | | | |
| Black Non-Hispanic | 20 | 16% | 25 | 24% | 25 | 26% |
| Hispanic | 33 | 26% | 32 | 31% | 23 | 24% |
| Multiracial/other Non-Hispanic | 6 | 5% | 3 | 3% | - | - |
| White Non-Hispanic | 65 | 52% | 45 | 43% | 47 | 50% |
| Unknown/Missing | 1 | 1% | - | - | - | - |
| Foster Care Status at Survey | | | | | | |
| 17 years | 122 | 98% | 102 | 97% | 91 | 96% |

Notes:

- Multiracial/other includes Multiracial Non-Hispanic, Asian, American Indian and Pacific Islander.
- Note that data for the FFY20 Cohort at ages 19 and 21 has not been collected at this time.

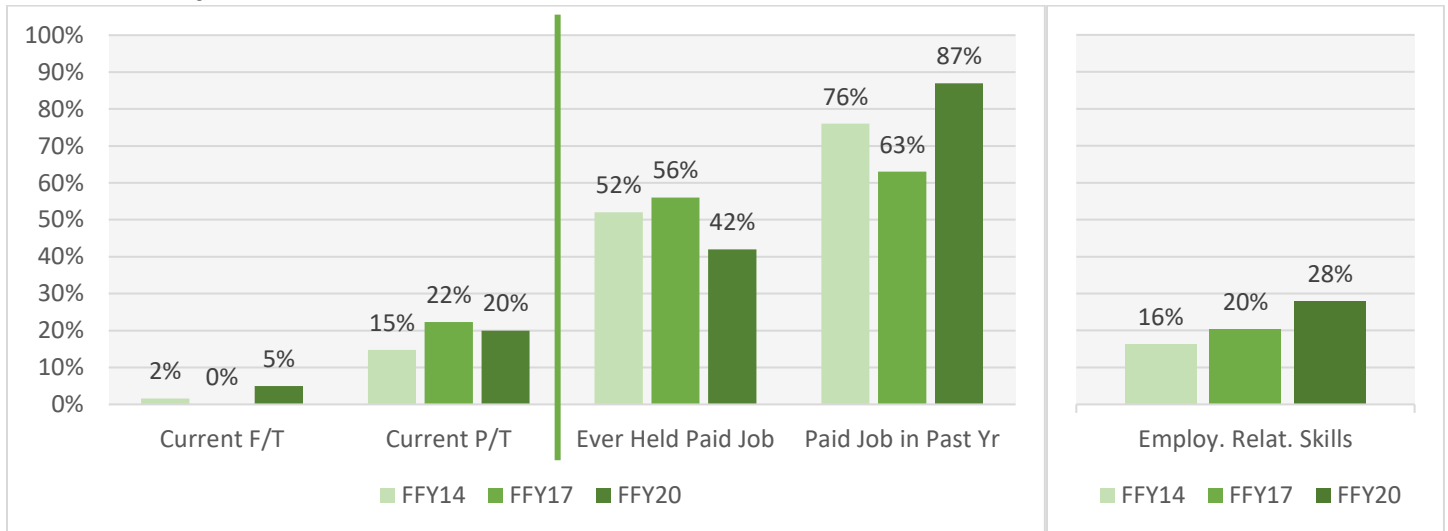
Highlights: Comparison of Financial Self-Sufficiency for youth in FFY14, FFY17, and FFY20 cohorts at baseline.

There are increasing trends in youth **Currently Employed** and with **Employment Related Skills** across cohort years.

The majority of currently employed youth in all cohort years had been employed for **less than 3 months** at the time of the baseline interview, with an increase in those employed between 3 and 6 months over cohort years.

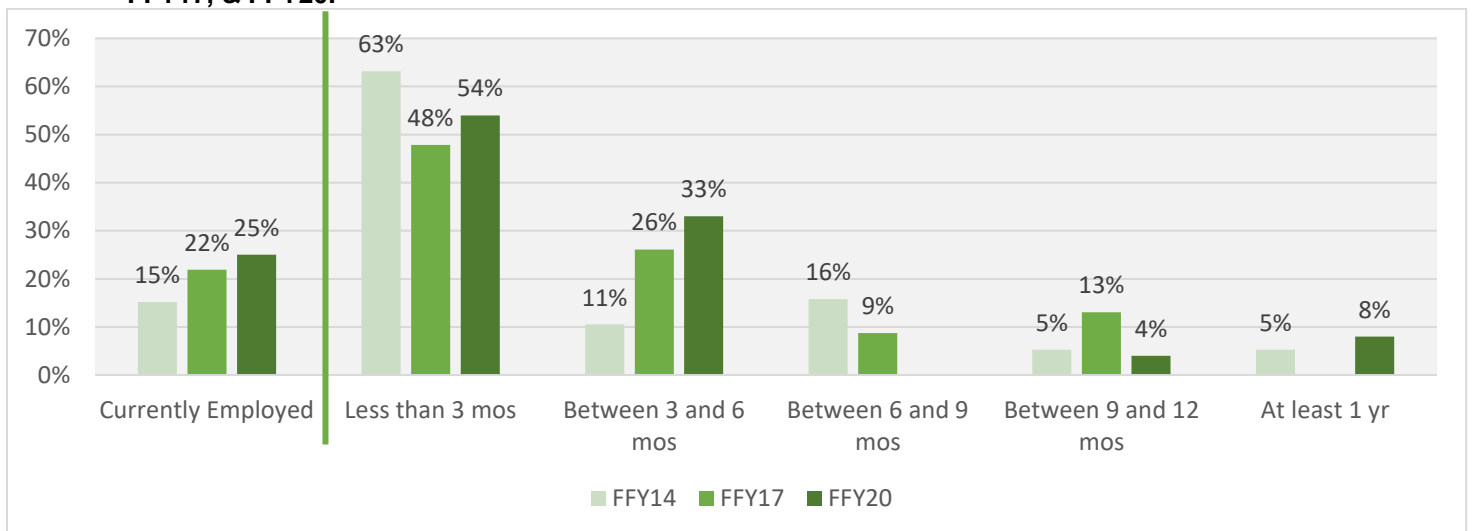
All cohorts showed similar percentages for all **Financial Resources** measures.

Figure 17. Percent of youth with employment and job skills at baseline interview, by cohort year, FFY14, FFY17, & FFY20.



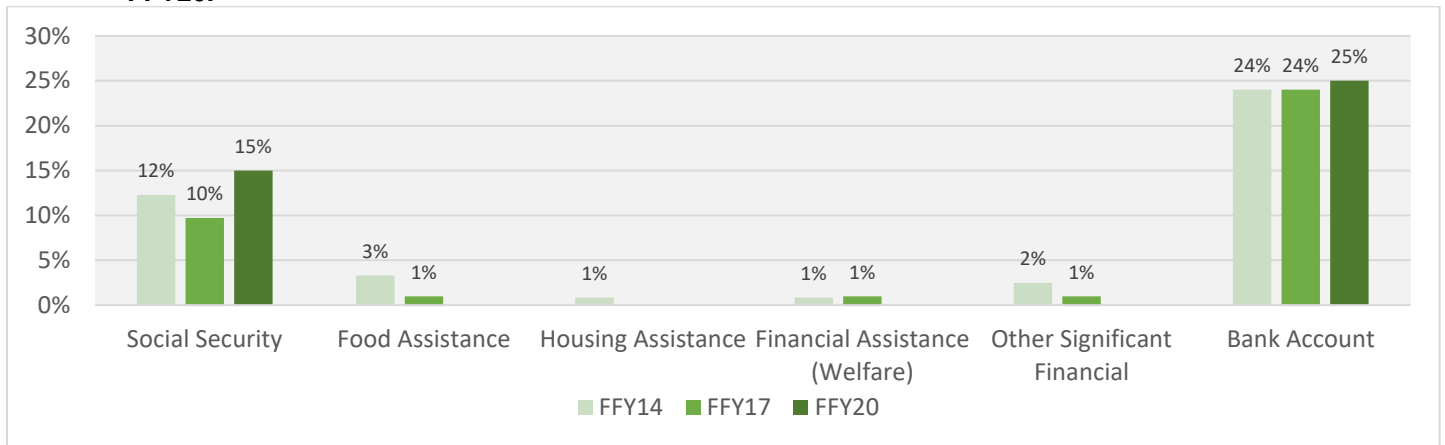
Note: Employment-related skills indicate an apprenticeship, internship, or other on-the-job training.

Figure 18. Percent of youth employed and length of time employed at baseline interview, by cohort year, FFY14, FFY17, & FFY20.



Note: Length of employment only applies to youth with current employment at the time of interview.

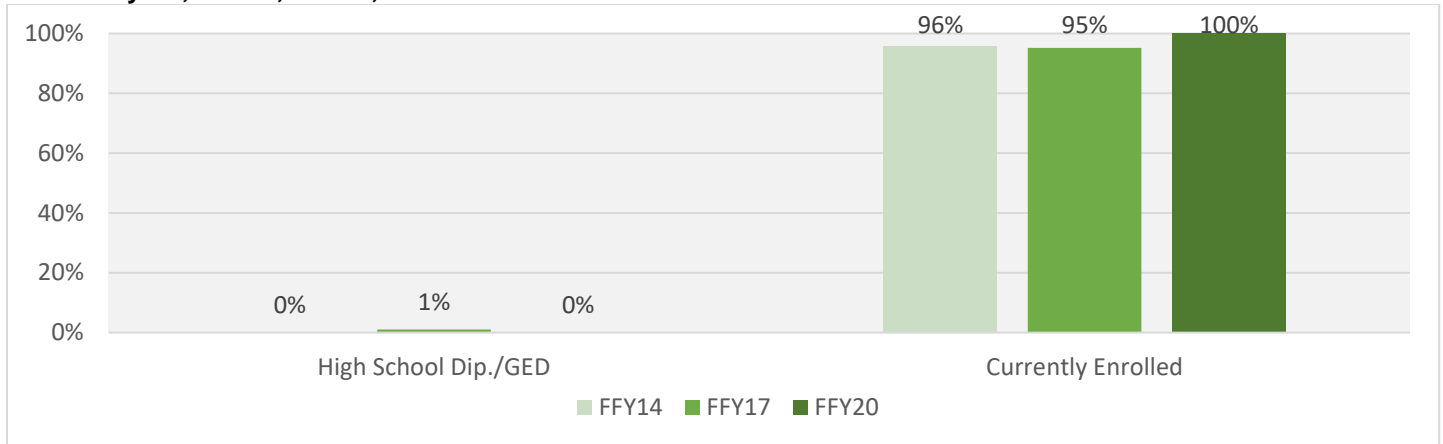
Figure 19. Percent of youth receiving financial resources at baseline interview, by cohort year, FFY14, FFY17, & FFY20.



Highlights: Comparison of Educational Attainment for youth in FFY14, FFY17, and FFY20 cohorts at baseline.

Trends for **Current Enrollment** and **Educational Attainment** of a High School Diploma or GED were similar across all cohorts.

Figure 20. Percent of youth with educational attainment and current enrollment at baseline interview, by cohort year, FFY14, FFY17, & FFY20.

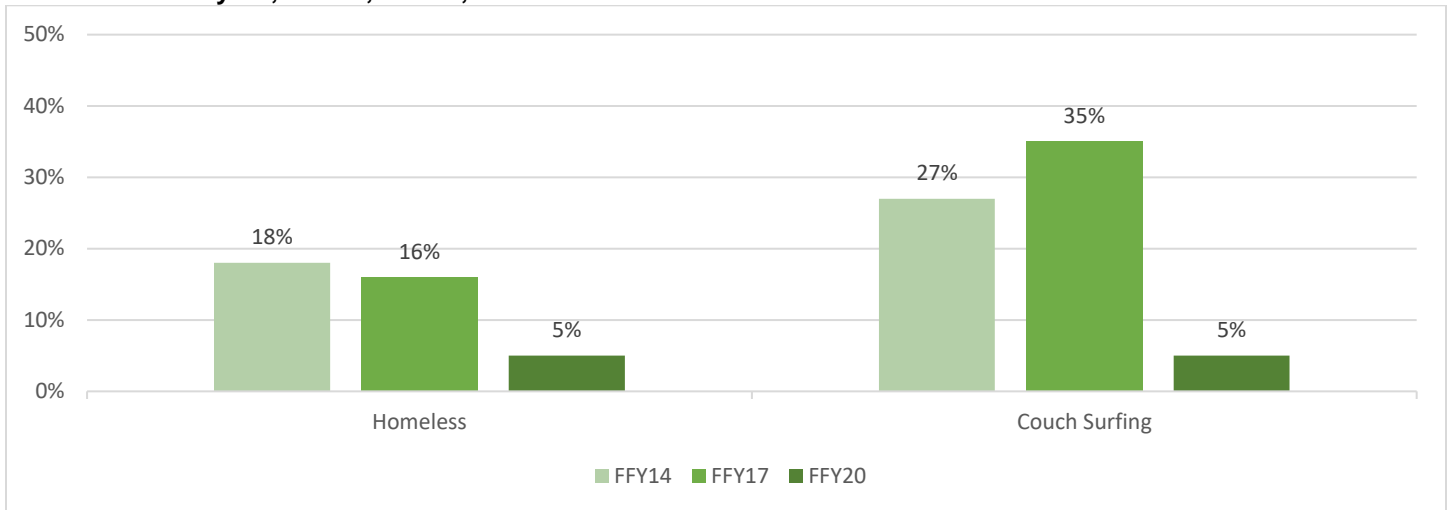


Highlights: Housing Instability of youth in FFY14, FFY17, and FFY20 cohorts at baseline.

*There was a decrease in youth who have ever experienced **Homelessness** across cohort years.*

*There was a decrease in youth who have ever experienced **Couch Surfing** in FFY20 compared to FFY14 and FFY17.*

Figure 21. Percent of youth who have ever experienced homelessness or couch surfing at baseline interview, by cohort year, FFY14, FFY17, & FFY20.



Highlights: Health Risk Behaviors of youth in FFY14, FFY17, and FFY20 cohorts at baseline.

*There were decreases in all **Health Risk Behaviors** across FFY14, FFY17, and FFY20 cohorts at baseline.*

Figure 22. Percent of children who had ever experienced Health Risk Behavior at baseline interview, by cohort year, FFY14, FFY17, & FFY20.

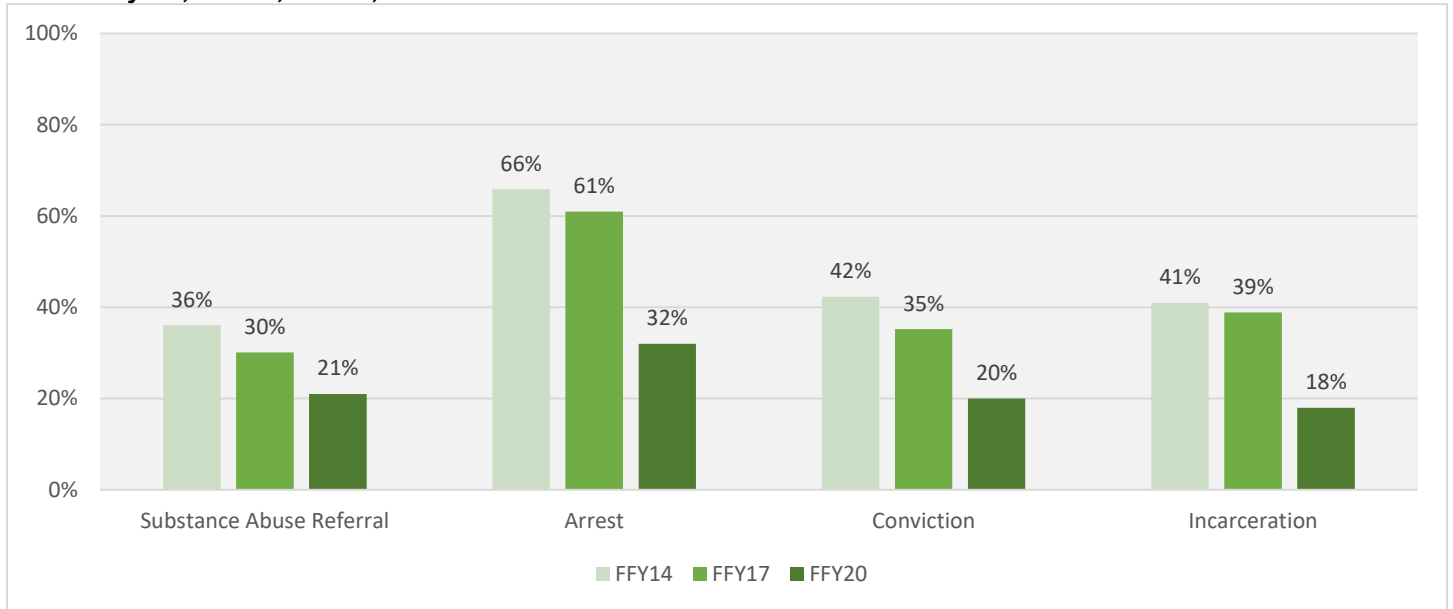
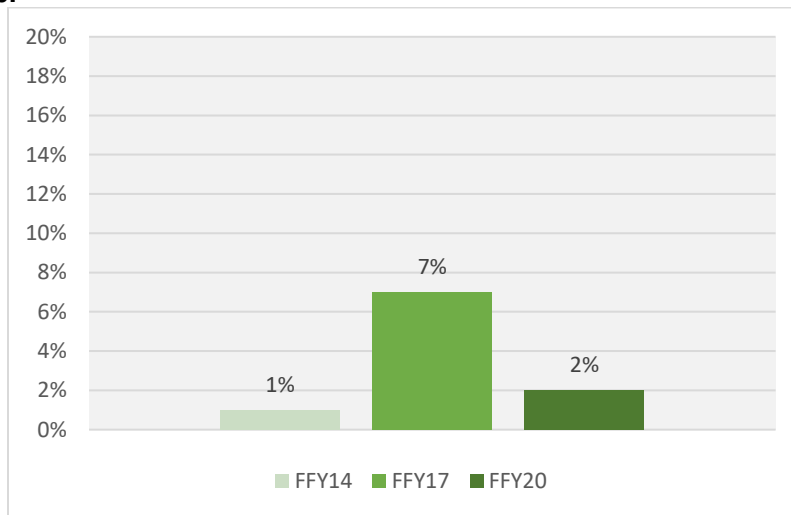


Figure 23. Percent of youth who ever birthed or fathered a child at baseline interview, by cohort year, FFY14, FFY17, & FFY20.



Highlights: Healthcare Access of youth in FFY14, FFY17, and FFY20 cohorts at baseline.

There was a decrease in the percent of youth with **Medicaid Coverage** over FFY cohorts.

Youth with medical coverage under health insurance other than Medicaid had less **Access to Mental Health** coverage compared to **Access to Prescription Drug** coverage.

Figure 24. Percent of children with Access to Health Insurance at baseline interview, by cohort year, FFY14, FFY17, & FFY20.

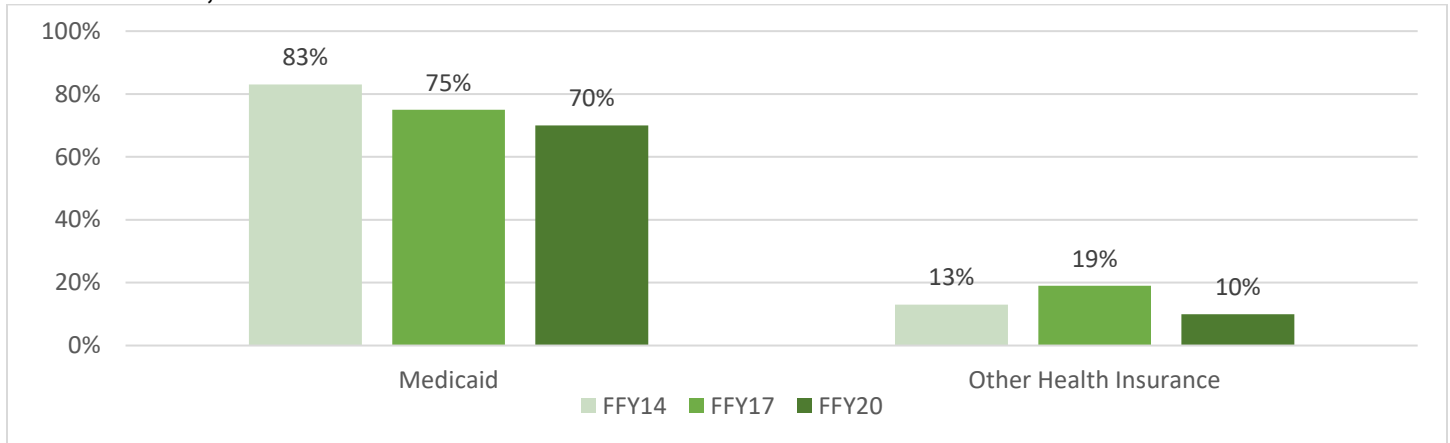


Figure 25. Percent of children with Access to Specific Coverage Types at baseline interview, if covered by Other Health Insurance (Non-Medicaid), by cohort year, FFY14, FFY17, & FFY20.

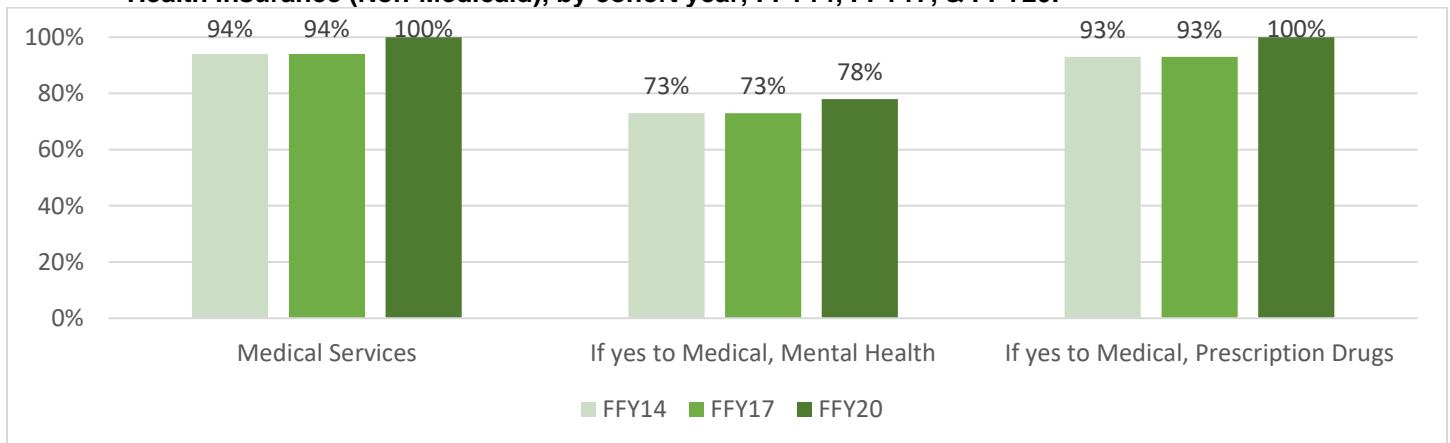
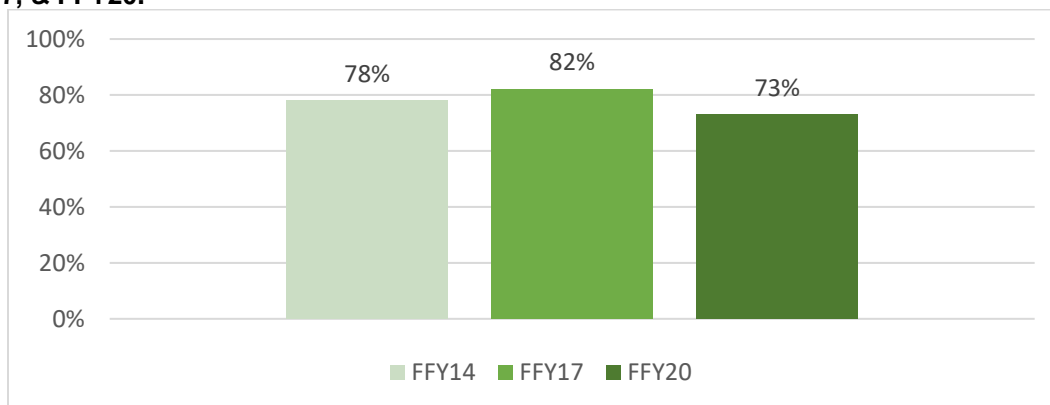


Figure 26. Percent of children with Access to Dental Coverage at baseline interview, by cohort year, FFY14, FFY17, & FFY20.



VOLUNTARY EXTENSION OF CARE

The Voluntary Extension of Care (VEC) Program supports young adults in DCYF care at age 18 who want continued help as they begin their adult lives.

The VEC program's goal is simple: support young people in becoming self-sufficient, independent, and thriving adults. The program is youth-driven with the young adult setting their own goals for housing, education, employment, and future success.

*RIDCYF VEC Brochure

Table 16. Enrollment of NYTD youth in Voluntary Extension of Care (VEC) at the time of interview, by age, FFY14, FFY17, and FFY20 entry cohorts

| | FFY17 (N=105) | | FFY20 (N=95) | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| | N | % | N | % |
| Age at Completed Interview | | | | |
| 17 years | N/A | N/A | 0 | 0% |
| 19 years | 4 | 5% | N/A | N/A |
| 21 years | 15 | 21% | N/A | N/A |

*Source: RICHIST. The VEC statute went into effect on 7/1/18, and the first VEC agreement was in 11/2018.