

TABLE 1 Youth Disconnection in the Most Populous US Metro Areas

| RANK | METRO AREA | DISCONNECTED YOUTH | DISCONNECTED YOUTH | DISCONNECTED YOUTH | | |
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| | | (% ages 16-24) | (# ages 16-24) | (% ages 16-24) | BLACKS | LATINOS |
| | United States | 13.8 | 5,527,000 | 21.6 | 16.3 | 11.3 |
| 1 | Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA | 7.7 | 8,945 | | | 6.1 |
| 2 | Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT | 7.7 | 8,207 | | | 5.5 |
| 3 | Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH | 8.2 | 49,229 | 9.8 | 17.3 | 6.8 |
| 4 | Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI | 9.1 | 41,494 | 16.6 | | 7.7 |
| 5 | Ogden-Clearfield, UT | 9.1 | 9,061 | | | 8.0 |
| 6 | Spokane-Spokane Valley, WA | 9.3 | 7,247 | | | 8.7 |
| 7 | Worcester, MA-CT | 9.3 | 11,220 | | | 7.7 |
| 8 | Wichita, KS | 9.6 | 8,276 | | | 7.3 |
| 9 | San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA | 9.7 | 20,242 | | 11.9 | 6.7 |
| 10 | Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton, PA | 9.7 | 5,887 | | | 9.1 |
| 11 | Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura, CA | 9.8 | 10,853 | | 11.1 | |
| 12 | Syracuse, NY | 10.0 | 11,207 | | | 9.8 |
| 13 | Akron, OH | 10.1 | 9,910 | | | 10.2 |
| 14 | Pittsburgh, PA | 10.2 | 30,575 | 21.8 | | 9.1 |
| 15 | Raleigh, NC | 10.3 | 15,621 | 12.8 | | |
| 16 | Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA | 10.3 | 8,194 | | | 8.8 |
| 17 | Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY | 10.4 | 13,855 | | | 10.8 |
| 18 | San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA | 10.4 | 50,593 | 19.4 | 12.2 | 9.2 |
| 19 | Toledo, OH | 10.7 | 9,628 | | | 7.7 |
| 20 | Provo-Orem, UT | 10.7 | 14,445 | | | 10.7 |
| 21 | Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis, WI | 10.7 | 20,219 | 19.9 | | |
| 22 | Springfield, MA | 11.0 | 7,932 | | | 11.7 |
| 23 | Columbus, OH | 11.0 | 30,403 | 13.2 | | 10.6 |
| 24 | Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT | 11.1 | 16,909 | | 25.0 | 6.6 |
| 25 | Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD | 11.3 | 39,864 | 18.4 | | 7.8 |
| 26 | Grand Rapids-Wyoming, MI | 11.3 | 18,963 | | | 9.6 |
| 27 | Austin-Round Rock, TX | 11.5 | 27,959 | 17.8 | 14.4 | 8.8 |
| 28 | Urban Honolulu, HI | 11.7 | 14,834 | | | |
| 29 | Dayton, OH | 11.8 | 12,215 | | | 9.7 |
| 30 | Buffalo-Cheektowaga-Niagara Falls, NY | 12.0 | 17,348 | 20.3 | | 9.0 |
| 31 | San Diego-Carlsbad, CA | 12.1 | 54,278 | | 13.7 | 11.0 |
| 32 | Salt Lake City, UT | 12.2 | 18,812 | | 14.8 | 11.1 |
| 33 | Kansas City, MO-KS | 12.3 | 30,795 | 22.1 | 12.3 | 10.1 |
| 34 | Colorado Springs, CO | 12.3 | 11,186 | | | 12.7 |
| 35 | Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA | 12.4 | 50,593 | | 16.8 | 10.8 |
| 36 | Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV | 12.4 | 93,663 | 20.4 | 10.3 | 9.7 |
| 37 | Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO | 12.5 | 40,399 | | 16.9 | 10.4 |
| 38 | Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ | 12.5 | 12,034 | | | 9.9 |
| 39 | Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI | 12.5 | 147,508 | 24.5 | 13.9 | 7.5 |
| 40 | Columbia, SC | 12.6 | 14,769 | 20.6 | | 7.6 |
| 41 | Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA | 12.7 | 222,396 | 23.2 | 14.6 | 9.0 |
| 42 | New Haven-Milford, CT | 12.8 | 14,016 | 24.6 | 24.2 | 6.5 |
| 43 | Nashville-Davidson--Murfreesboro--Franklin, TN | 12.8 | 29,283 | 17.6 | | 10.4 |
| 44 | Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN | 12.8 | 38,312 | 20.6 | | 11.8 |
| 45 | Providence-Warwick, RI-MA | 13.0 | 28,340 | | 27.2 | 9.2 |
| 46 | Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC | 13.2 | 35,271 | 19.4 | | 10.3 |
| 47 | Rochester, NY | 13.4 | 21,701 | 30.8 | 23.0 | 9.8 |
| 48 | New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA | 13.5 | 324,264 | 21.4 | 16.4 | 9.2 |
| 49 | Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX | 13.6 | 117,590 | 21.3 | 15.9 | 10.0 |
| 50 | Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL | 13.6 | 41,236 | 22.1 | 15.5 | 9.5 |

There is no automatic link between population size and disconnection rates. Large and small cities alike struggle with youth disconnection.

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| | | | | BLACKS | LATINOS | WHITES |
| 51 | Cleveland–Elyria, OH | 13.6 | 32,354 | 24.4 | 18.3 | 8.5 |
| 52 | Boise City, ID | 13.7 | 12,383 | | | 11.1 |
| 53 | Harrisburg–Carlisle, PA | 13.8 | 9,168 | | | |
| 54 | Winston–Salem, NC | 13.9 | 10,668 | | | 13.0 |
| 55 | St. Louis, MO–IL | 14.0 | 48,903 | 20.7 | | 11.6 |
| 56 | Louisville/Jefferson County, KY–IN | 14.0 | 21,750 | 18.5 | | 13.3 |
| 57 | Houston–The Woodlands–Sugar Land, TX | 14.2 | 114,787 | 19.1 | 15.6 | 11.4 |
| 58 | Philadelphia–Camden–Wilmington, PA–NJ–DE–MD | 14.3 | 107,246 | 23.1 | 22.6 | 9.2 |
| 59 | Deltona–Daytona Beach–Ormond Beach, FL | 14.3 | 9,566 | | | 13.6 |
| 60 | Greenville–Anderson–Mauldin, SC | 14.5 | 17,466 | | | 14.8 |
| 61 | Charlotte–Concord–Gastonia, NC–SC | 14.5 | 45,473 | 19.8 | | 13.0 |
| 62 | Oklahoma City, OK | 14.6 | 26,447 | | | 13.0 |
| 63 | Cape Coral–Fort Myers, FL | 14.6 | 9,189 | | | 12.8 |
| 64 | Detroit–Warren–Dearborn, MI | 14.7 | 77,581 | 24.9 | 20.5 | 9.6 |
| 65 | Sacramento–Roseville–Arden–Arcade, CA | 14.8 | 42,782 | 27.3 | 18.4 | 12.7 |
| 66 | San Antonio–New Braunfels, TX | 14.8 | 46,512 | 20.8 | 16.0 | 10.4 |
| 67 | Tampa–St. Petersburg–Clearwater, FL | 14.8 | 46,361 | 20.8 | 14.0 | 14.0 |
| 68 | Youngstown–Warren–Boardman, OH–PA | 14.9 | 9,155 | | | 14.1 |
| 69 | Atlanta–Sandy Springs–Roswell, GA | 14.9 | 111,423 | 18.3 | 16.9 | 12.3 |
| 70 | Charleston–North Charleston, SC | 14.9 | 13,650 | 24.4 | | |
| 71 | El Paso, TX | 14.9 | 20,865 | | 14.4 | |
| 72 | Greensboro–High Point, NC | 15.1 | 14,931 | 16.5 | | 14.3 |
| 73 | Miami–Fort Lauderdale–West Palm Beach, FL | 15.1 | 100,937 | 20.7 | 14.9 | 10.8 |
| 74 | Little Rock–North Little Rock–Conway, AR | 15.2 | 17,942 | | | 13.2 |
| 75 | Stockton–Lodi, CA | 15.4 | 15,032 | | 15.2 | |
| 76 | Richmond, VA | 15.5 | 26,995 | 23.8 | | 10.7 |
| 77 | Tulsa, OK | 15.5 | 27,199 | 28.2 | | 13.9 |
| 78 | Indianapolis–Carmel–Anderson, IN | 15.8 | 35,539 | 22.3 | | 14.0 |
| 79 | Portland–Vancouver–Hillsboro, OR–WA | 16.1 | 46,657 | | 15.0 | 15.5 |
| 80 | Jackson, MS | 16.2 | 12,834 | 16.8 | | 16.0 |
| 81 | Tucson, AZ | 16.2 | 23,863 | | 21.6 | 10.7 |
| 82 | Albuquerque, NM | 16.7 | 20,676 | | 17.0 | 13.2 |
| 83 | Birmingham–Hoover, AL | 16.8 | 26,594 | 23.9 | | 12.5 |
| 84 | Chattanooga, TN–GA | 16.8 | 12,226 | | | 15.7 |
| 85 | Jacksonville, FL | 16.9 | 29,551 | 25.6 | | 15.3 |
| 86 | Phoenix–Mesa–Scottsdale, AZ | 17.3 | 95,586 | 19.1 | 23.9 | 11.3 |
| 87 | Knoxville, TN | 17.5 | 22,708 | | | 17.0 |
| 88 | Riverside–San Bernardino–Ontario, CA | 17.5 | 109,401 | 26.0 | 18.0 | 16.3 |
| 89 | Fresno, CA | 17.7 | 23,955 | | 17.7 | 16.4 |
| 90 | New Orleans–Metairie, LA | 18.2 | 26,234 | 27.5 | | 10.5 |
| 91 | Baton Rouge, LA | 18.6 | 22,273 | 31.1 | | 10.4 |
| 92 | Augusta–Richmond County, GA–SC | 18.7 | 15,524 | 23.5 | | 16.2 |
| 93 | North Port–Sarasota–Bradenton, FL | 19.0 | 12,913 | | | 16.5 |
| 94 | Las Vegas–Henderson–Paradise, NV | 19.6 | 47,568 | 33.2 | 19.8 | 15.5 |
| 95 | McAllen–Edinburg–Mission, TX | 19.8 | 23,481 | | 20.3 | |
| 96 | Lakeland–Winter Haven, FL | 20.4 | 14,612 | | | 19.5 |
| 97 | Bakersfield, CA | 21.2 | 26,411 | | 19.9 | 20.7 |
| 98 | Memphis, TN–MS–AR | 21.6 | 44,928 | 28.6 | | 13.2 |

Source: Measure of America calculations using US Census Bureau American Community Survey 2013.

Note: A blank indicates that either the population size of youth ages 16 to 24 in that group and metro area is too small, or the survey response rate is too low, for reliable youth disconnection estimates. For Native Americans, the national disconnection rate is 27.8 percent. The numbers for individual metro areas are too small for reliable estimates. For Asian Americans, only four metro areas have a sufficient population of youth ages 16 to 24 for disconnection estimates: San Jose–Sunnyvale–Santa Clara, CA: 6.0 percent; Los Angeles–Long Beach–Anaheim, CA: 6.9 percent; New York–Newark–Jersey City, NY–NJ: 9.2 percent; Scranton–Wilkes-Barre–Hazleton, PA: 10.7 percent. The national Asian American rate is 7.9 percent.