

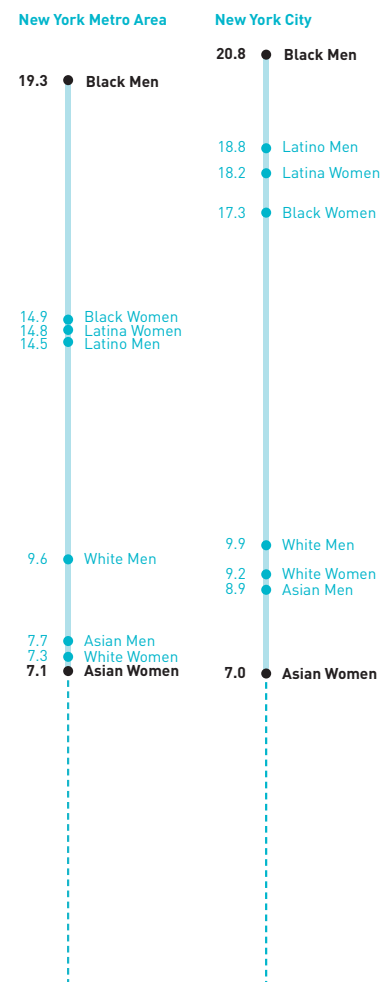
A PORTRAIT OF NEW YORK CITY 2018

WELL-BEING IN THE FIVE BOROUGHS AND THE GREATER METRO AREA



YOUTH DISCONNECTION IN NEW YORK

Youth Disconnection Rates by Gender and Race and Ethnicity



Since Measure of America first wrote about disconnected youth in 2012, public awareness of both the plight and the promise of these young people—teens and young adults between the ages of 16 and 24 who are neither working nor in school—has grown by leaps and bounds. The rate of youth disconnection in the United States has declined every year since 2010, thanks in great part to the recovery from the Great Recession. But there are still 4.6 million disconnected young people in the United States, and racial and ethnic disparities persist. Although disconnection declined for all racial and ethnic groups between 2010 and 2017, the gap between the groups with the highest and lowest rates—Native American and Asian youth—has not changed considerably.

New York versus the Rest

- The rate of disconnection in the New York metro area is 11.5 percent, 0.2 percent lower than the rate in the country as a whole, 11.7 percent.
- Compared to other metro areas, New York is lagging, ranking seventh among the ten largest metro areas in the country—after Boston, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Washington, DC, Atlanta, Miami, and Chicago, but ahead of Dallas and Houston.

New York City versus the New York Metro Area

- Ocean City, New Jersey, has the lowest rate of disconnection in the metro area at 7.2 percent.
- The Bronx has the highest rate of all urban counties in the United States at 23.4 percent.
- Eight suburban counties in the New York metro area rank in the top ten counties with the lowest rates of disconnection.
- Six of the ten counties in the New York metro area with the highest rates are in urban centers.
- New York City has a rate of 14.8 percent, 3.3 percent higher than the New York metro area as a whole.

Disconnection and Race

- Asian teenagers and young adults are the least likely to be disconnected in the city and the wider metro area, followed by white, Latino, and black youth.
- For all four major racial and ethnic groups, disconnection rates are higher in the city than in the metro area.
- Asian and Latino rates of disconnection vary by subgroup.

Disconnection and NYC Neighborhoods

- Hunts Point, Longwood, and Melrose, all in the Bronx, have the highest youth disconnection rates by neighborhood, at 29 percent. Close to 7,600 young people are disconnected in these neighborhoods.
- It is important to note that 40 percent of adults in Hunts Point, Longwood, and Melrose do not have a high school diploma, and median earnings are \$22,000.
- Battery Park City, Greenwich Village, and Soho have the lowest disconnection rates by neighborhood, at 4.9 percent.
- In these neighborhoods, almost 40 percent of adults have a graduate degree, and less than 4 percent of children live in poverty.
- While the neighborhoods with the highest rates of disconnection are consistently communities of color, those with the lowest rates are somewhat more diverse.

Disconnection Implications

- 18.9 percent of disconnected young women are mothers, compared to 5 percent of connected young women.
- More than a fifth of disconnected youth dropped out of high school, compared to less than 3 percent of connected youth.
- 4 percent of disconnected youth and 10.5 percent of disconnected black boys are institutionalized, compared to less than 1 percent of connected youth.
- Increasingly effective networks of groups and individuals are addressing the root causes of disconnection to continue to reduce the rates in New York City neighborhoods.

Youth Disconnection by Asian and Latino Subgroups

	%	#
ASIAN	7.5%	18,774
CHINESE	7.0	6,066
Men	7.8	3,277
Women	6.2	2,789
INDIAN	8.6	6,216
Men	7.9	2,823
Women	9.2	3,393
FILIPINO	6.3	1,418
PAKISTANI	9.3	1,540
	%	#
LATINO	15.6	114,141
MEXICAN	15.3	14,905
Men	13.3	6,608
Women	17.4	8,297
PR, DR, CUBAN	17.3	67,465
Men	18.5	36,582
Women	16.1	30,883
CENTRAL AMERICAN	15.2	14,055
Men	12.8	6,587
Women	18.2	7,468
SOUTH AMERICAN	11.2	13,160
Men	10.6	6,308
Women	11.7	6,852
OTHER LATINO	12.9	3,546
Men	14.2	2,181

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