

YOUTH CONNECTION ACROSS THE OPPORTUNITY YOUTH FORUM, 2024



The [Opportunity Youth Forum](#) (OYF) is a network of collaboratives in urban, rural, and tribal communities across the U. S. seeking to create reconnection pathways for better outcomes in education, employment, and well-being for opportunity youth. Opportunity youth are young adults, 16–24 years old, who are neither employed nor enrolled in education.

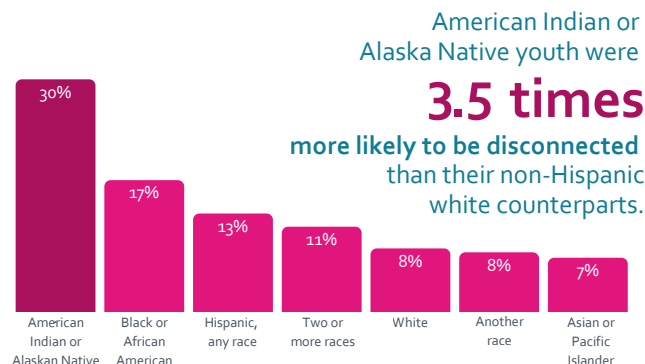
PERCENT OF OPPORTUNITY YOUTH IN THE OYF NETWORK IN 2024



In 2024,

955,715

or 11.3% of 16–24-year-olds in OYF network communities were opportunity youth (disconnected from school and work).



CHARACTERISTICS OF OPPORTUNITY YOUTH IN THE OYF NETWORK

AGE



7 out of every 10 opportunity youth were 20–24 years old.

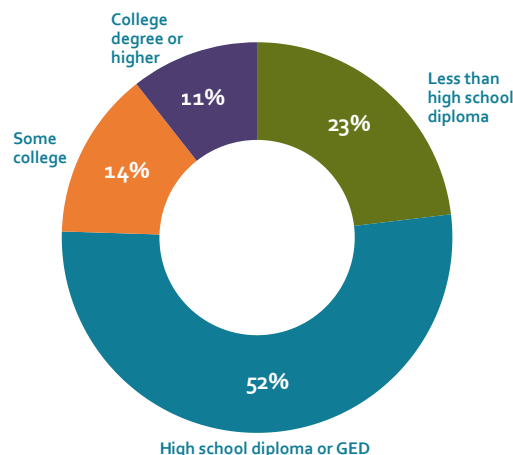
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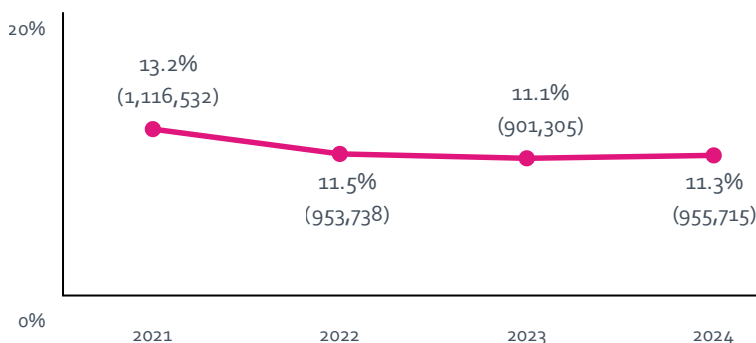
Opportunity youth were nearly equally split by gender.

*Equal Measure acknowledges that people identify across a range of gender categories. Unfortunately, the American Community Survey only tracks male and female.

HIGHEST EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT



PROGRESS TOWARD REDUCING OPPORTUNITY YOUTH IN THE OYF NETWORK (2021–2024)



160,817

fewer opportunity youth in 2024 compared to 2021

For more information about the OYF Common Measures and the OYF Communities included in this analysis, click [here](#).
Sources: American Community Survey 1-year PUMS data from 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024

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