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SPOTLIGHT ON
TEENS & TWEENS

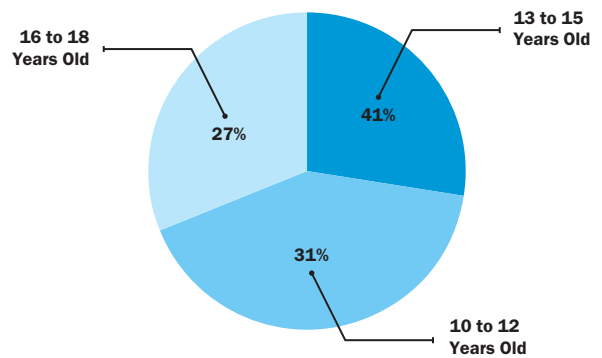
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Methodology

These survey results are comprised of responses from 2,985 Boys & Girls Club teens and tweens from 46 states and the District of Columbia collected between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024.

For many of the survey questions below, teens and tweens were allowed to select multiple answers. Because of this, the percentages provided reflect the proportion of respondents who selected each of those answers.

About the youth survey responders:



Well-being

How often, if at all, do you feel each of the emotions below?							
	HAPPY	MOTIVATED/ ENERGIZED	HOPEFUL	ANXIOUS/ WORRIED	ANGRY	SAD	OVERWHELMED/ STRESSED OUT
All of the Time/Often	72%	61%	61%	30%	20%	16%	32%
Sometimes	22%	29%	29%	33%	36%	34%	34%
Rarely/Never	6%	10%	10%	37	44%	49%	34%

Perspectives on Issues Facing Youth Today

For the following questions, tweens and teens were given a list of answer options and were prompted to either “select up to 5” or “select up to 3.” The percentages reflect what proportion of respondents selected each of those answers.

What social issues are most important to you?

(Select up to 5)

Mental health	33%
Freedom of speech	24%
Racial justice	21%
Women’s rights	20%
Community violence	20%
Guns	19%
Hunger or food insecurity	19%
Climate change	18%
Social media	16%
LGBTQ+ issues	15%
Police and criminal justice	15%
Economy	12%
None of these issues	12%
Poverty	11%
Immigration	10%
Religious freedom	9%
Quality education	8%
Voting rights	7%
Substance use	7%
Reproductive rights	6%
International conflict	4%

What issues do you think your generation will make significant improvements in?

(Select up to 3)

Mental health	23%
LGBTQ+ issues	17%
Freedom of speech	15%
Climate change	15%
Community violence	15%
Racial justice	14%
Guns	14%
None of these issues	14%
Social media	13%
Women’s rights	10%
Hunger or food insecurity	10%
Police and criminal justice	8%
Economy	8%
Quality education	6%
Immigration	6%
Poverty	5%
Religious freedom	5%
Voting rights	5%
Reproductive rights	5%
Substance use	5%
International conflict	2%

Job & Career Interests

For the following questions, tweens and teens were given a list of answer options and were prompted to “Select all that apply.” The percentages reflect what proportion of respondents selected each of those answers.

What kind of job would you be interested in? A job where you can... *(Select all that apply)*

Be creative	39%
Inspire others	29%
Help or provide a service to people	27%
Start a business	25%
Serve your community	24%
Lead a group	23%
Make money	17%
Build something	17%
Work in a group	17%
Do research	16%
Work with numbers	14%
Work independently	14%
Teach	12%
Take care of animals	11%
I'm not sure	9%
Sell things	7%
I don't care	2%

While looking for a job, what barriers have you faced or do you anticipate facing? *(Select all that apply)*

Not knowing where to start	39%
Finding a job	28%
Transportation	26%
Not having the right qualifications or training	25%
Family responsibilities	20%
Lack of financial support	17%
None	16%
I'm not sure	13%
Not enough jobs available	12%