

PA National Youth in Transition Database

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NYTD is more than a survey. It is a movement to ensure that every youth has access to the resources they need to successfully transition out of foster care into adulthood.

What is NYTD?

This federal program requires states to collect information on youth transitioning out of foster care.

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) requires states to compile and report data about these youth every six months.

There are two components – youth outcomes (survey-driven) and independent living services (service-driven).

In PA, data is collected via the **GetNYTDPA.org** website.



Youth Outcomes

Baseline surveys are administered to all 17-year-olds in out-of-home care

Follow-up surveys are administered to a random sample of baseline youth when they turn 19 and 21

Six outcomes are measured via baseline & follow-up surveys:

Financial self-sufficiency

Experience with homelessness

Educational attainment

Positive connection with adults

High-risk behavior

Access to health insurance



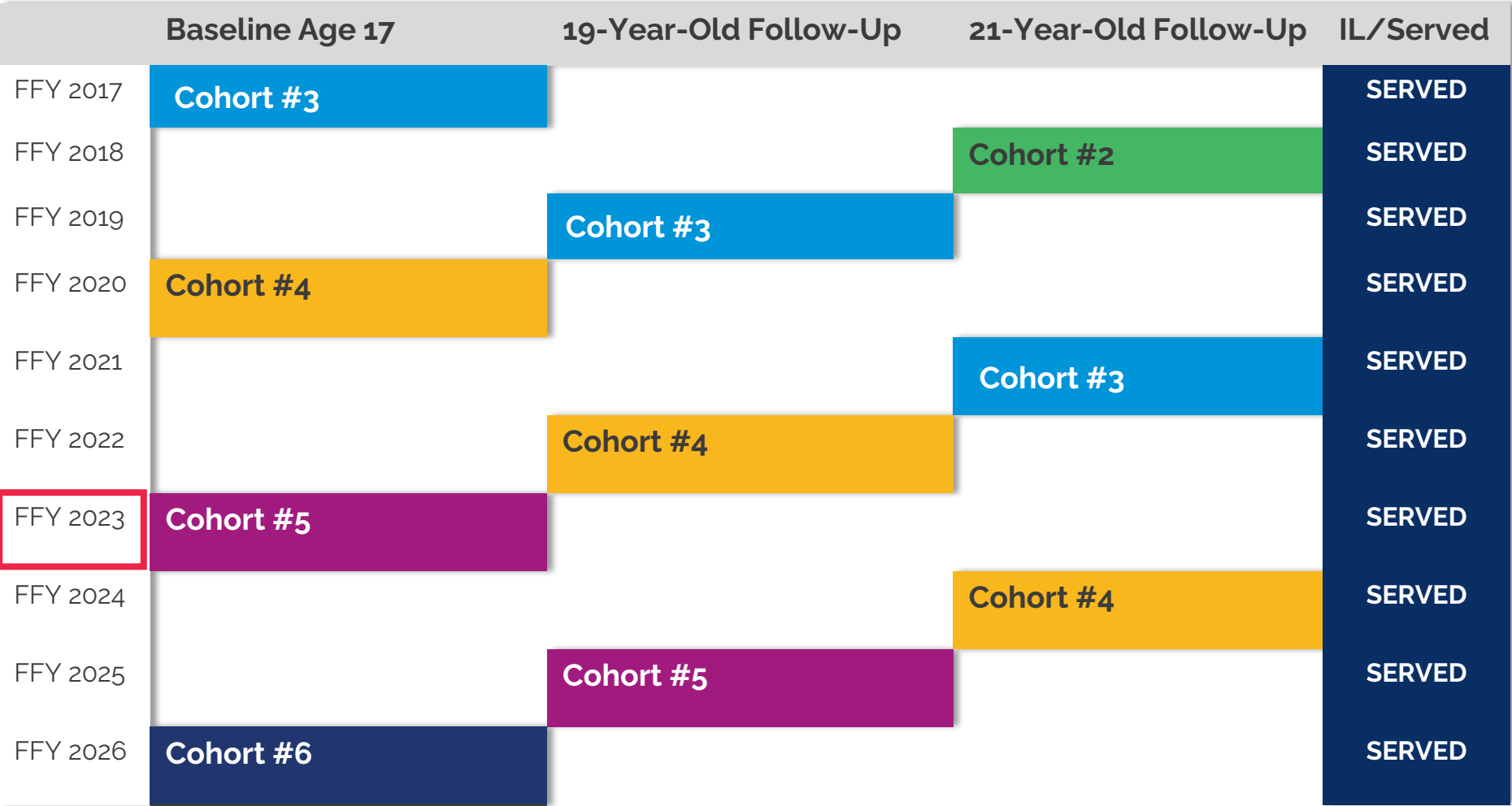
Independent Living (IL) Service / Served Data

Any IL service **paid for or provided** by the agency, regardless of the youth's age:

- Special education
- Independent living needs assessment
- Academic support
- Post-secondary educational support
- Career preparation
- Employment programs or vocational training
- Budget and financial management
- Housing education and home management training
- Health education and risk prevention
- Family support/healthy marriage education
- Mentoring
- Supervised independent living
- Room and board financial assistance
- Education financial assistance
- Other financial assistance



NYTD Never Stops Moving.



There is always a baseline, or a follow-up survey being conducted in any year



Youth Surveys – Baseline

Baseline survey data are submitted to the federal government every third FFY

- **A new baseline year is being conducted this year, FFY 2023**

Baseline surveys are to be completed by every 17-year-old in foster care on their **17th birthday** or who enter care up to 45 days **following that 17th birthday**

Counties are responsible for administering and educating youth on the importance of completing baseline surveys

The state must achieve an **80 percent** participation rate



Youth Surveys – Follow-up

Follow-Up surveys are administered **two and four years after baseline surveys**

A **random sample** of participants is identified for follow-up surveys

PCG **is responsible** for administering both follow-up surveys

The state is penalized if the response rate is below **60 percent**

- Exclusions for incarceration, incapacitation or death



Educate Youth & Maintain Engagement

It is important to educate young adults about NYTD when they participate in the 17-year-old baseline survey

- they may be contacted at ages 19 and/or 21 to complete follow-up survey
- there are gift card incentives for completing these follow-up surveys

Continuously engage youth

- As you know, life circumstances can be fluid for these youth
- Maintain accurate contact information in order to facilitate follow-up surveys

An answer to at least one outcome question constitutes a valid survey



Independent Living (IL) Service / Served Data

At the **end of every six-month period**, counties will either enter service data at GetNYTDPA.org or submit a spreadsheet to PCG.

- Youth's MCI Number
 - Youth's name
 - Youth's demographics
 - Youth's highest achieved education level
 - Yes/No for each service category
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- Service data must be submitted within 15 days of the end of the period
 - This is for both "A" Period (April 15th) and "B" Period (October 15th)

It is recommended that counties update their IL service data on an ongoing basis to improve accuracy of data and to minimize challenges with end-of-period submission deadlines



NYTD Program Statistics

National and Commonwealth Outcomes

Who participated in the survey?

Analytic Cohort for Nationwide & PA

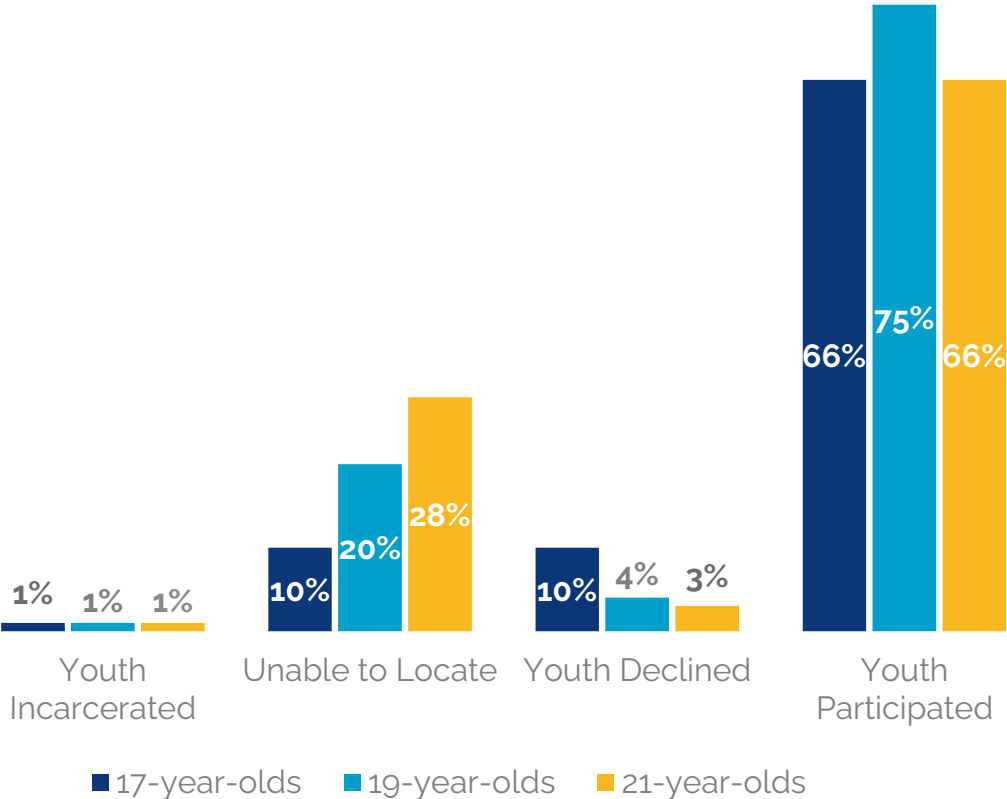
Youths with Dates of Birth
between 10/1/1999 and 9/30/2000

- Youth not participating
could also mean:
- Runaway/Missing
 - Youth Deceased
 - Parent Declined
 - Youth Incapacitated

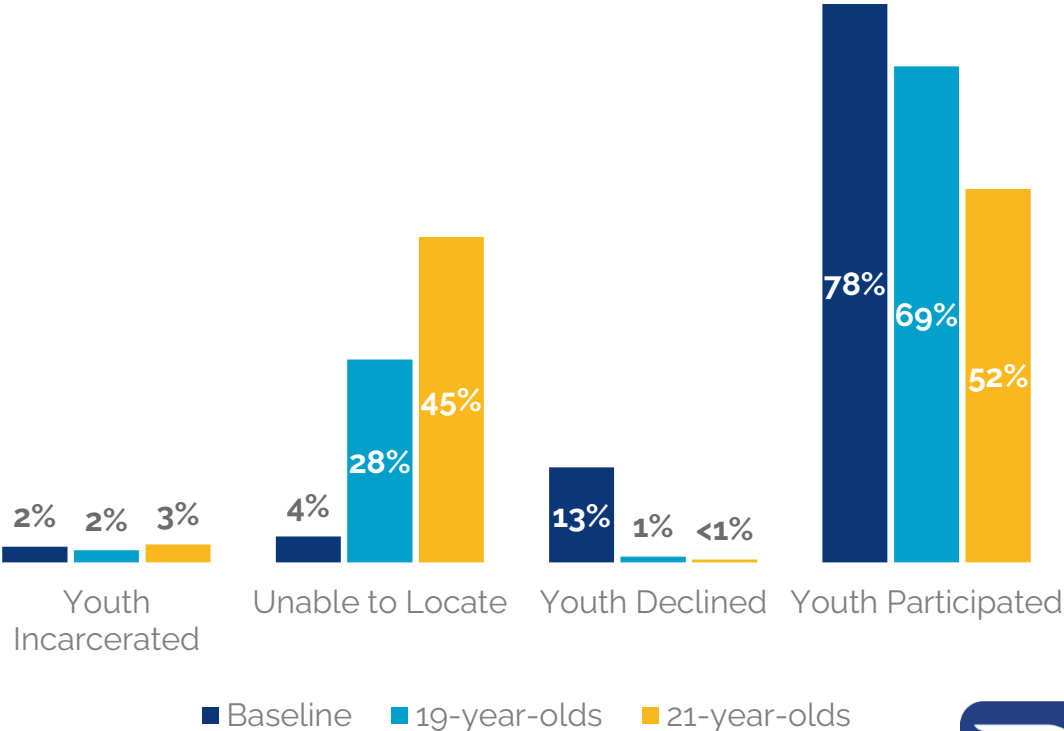
**Total Number of Survey
Responses for PA**

Baseline (17YO), N = 690
Follow Up (19YO), N = 166
Follow Up (21YO), N = 125
N total = 981

Nationwide



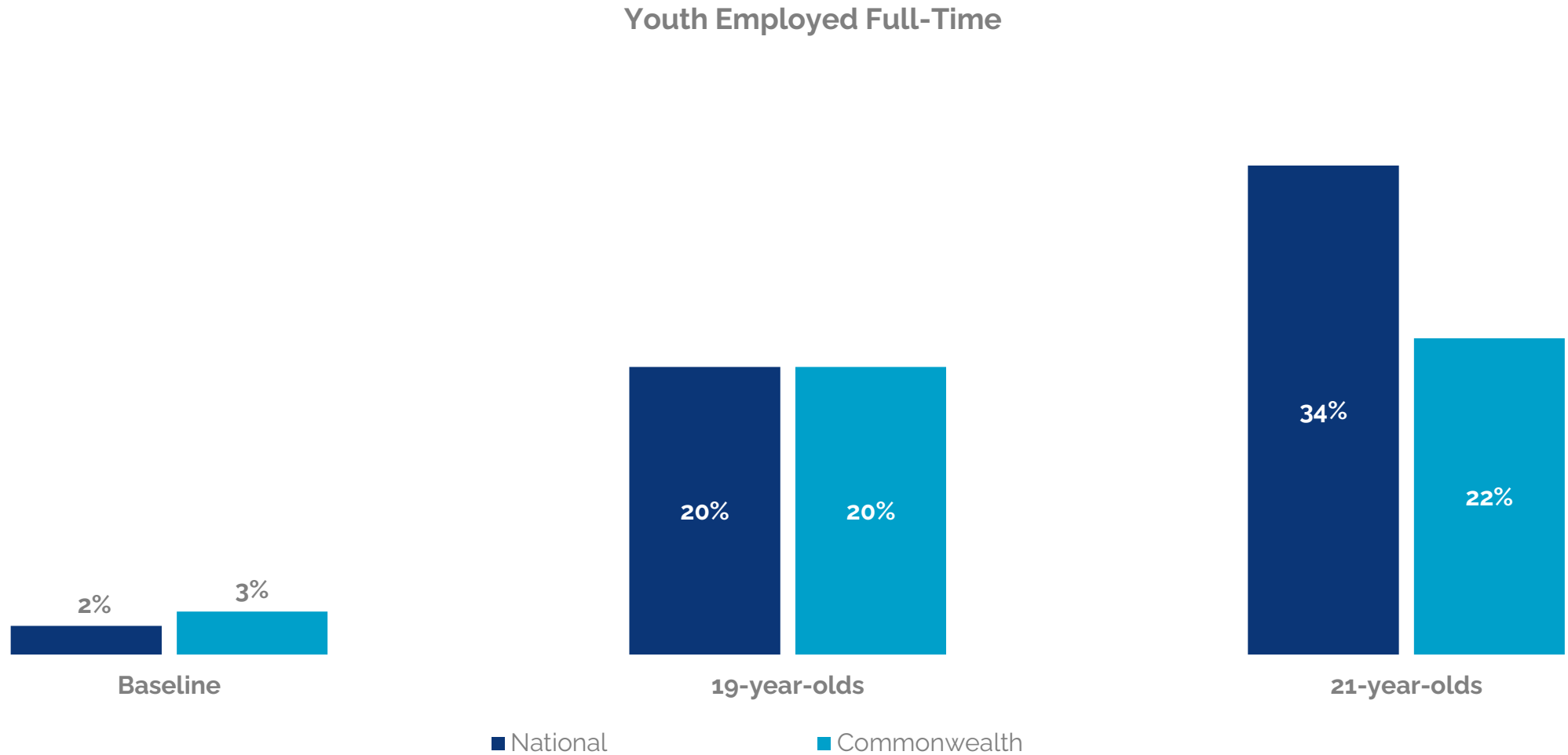
The Commonwealth



Employment

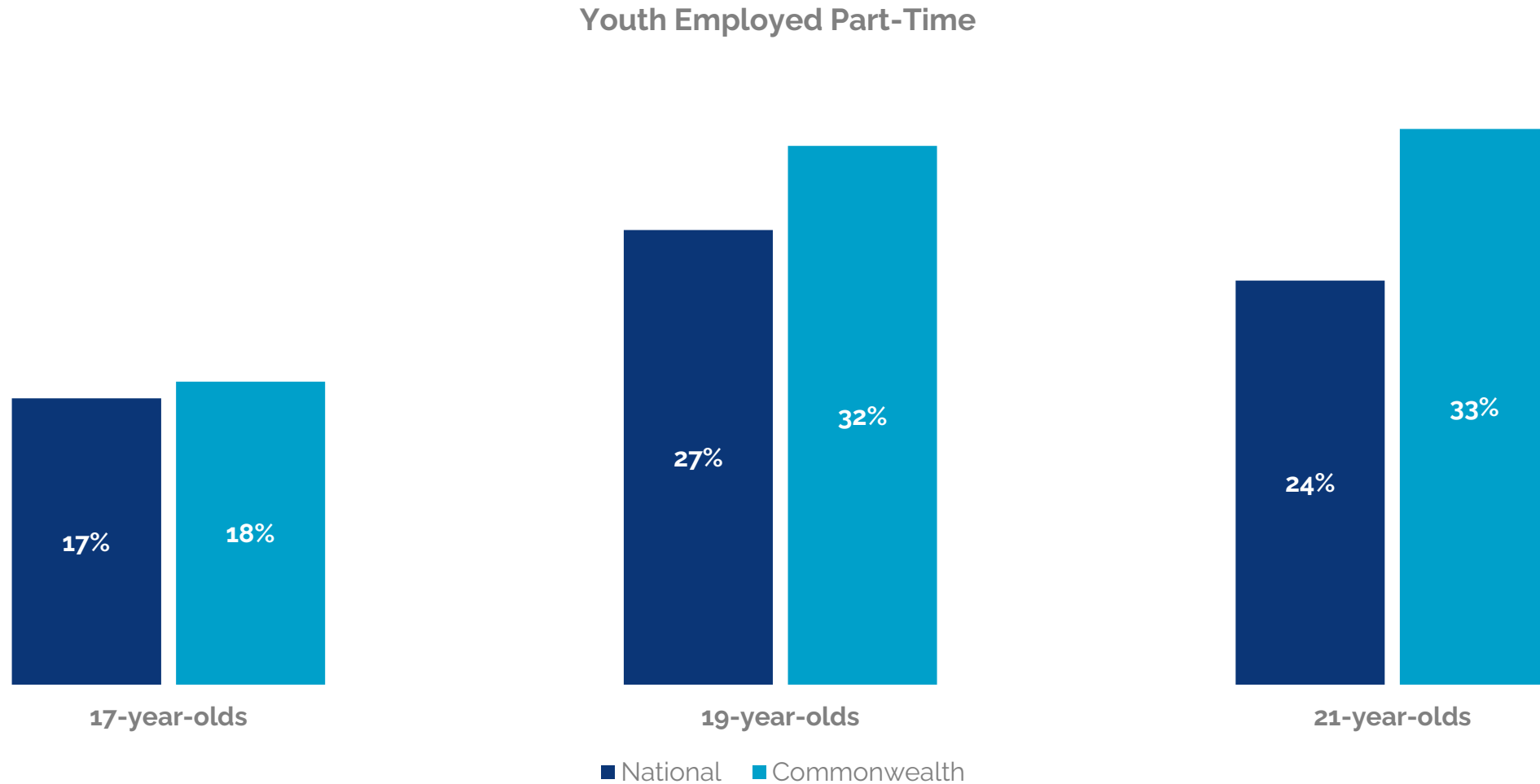


Youth employment increases as they age.





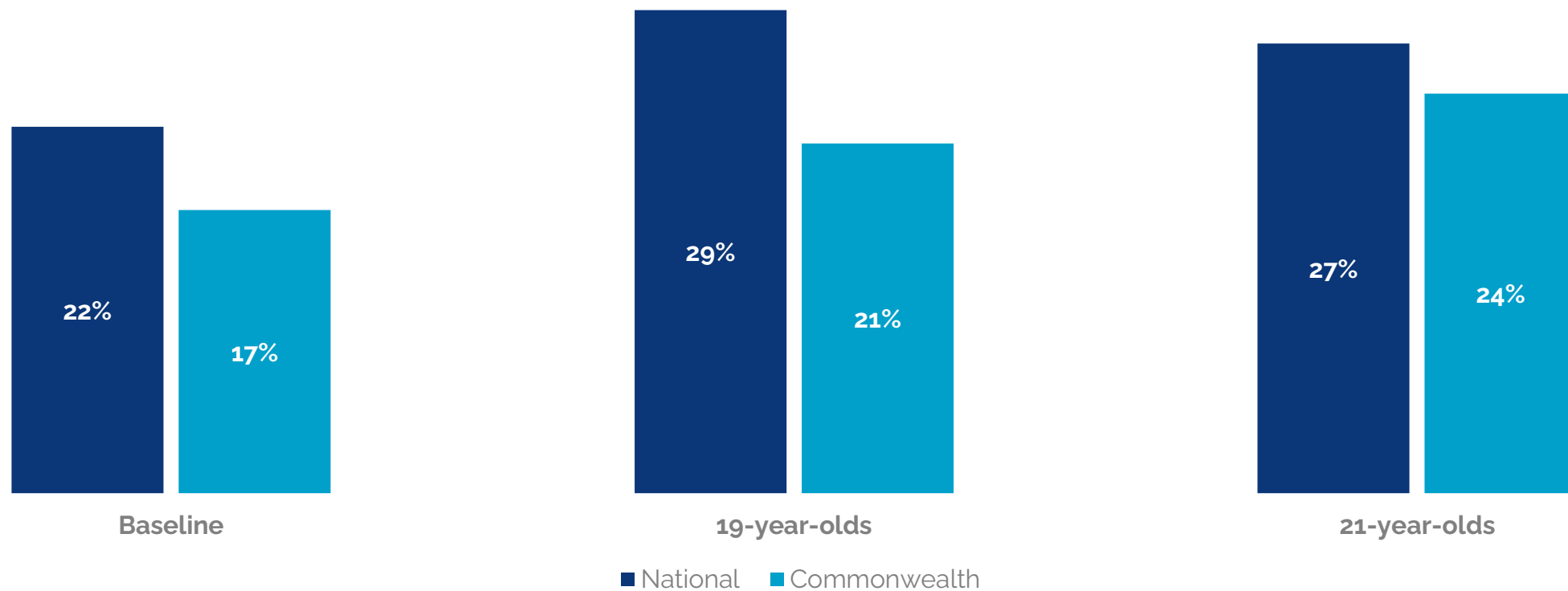
More youth are employed **part-time** than full-time.





As youth age, they are pursuing more **professional development opportunities**.

Youth Receiving Employment-Related Skills Training



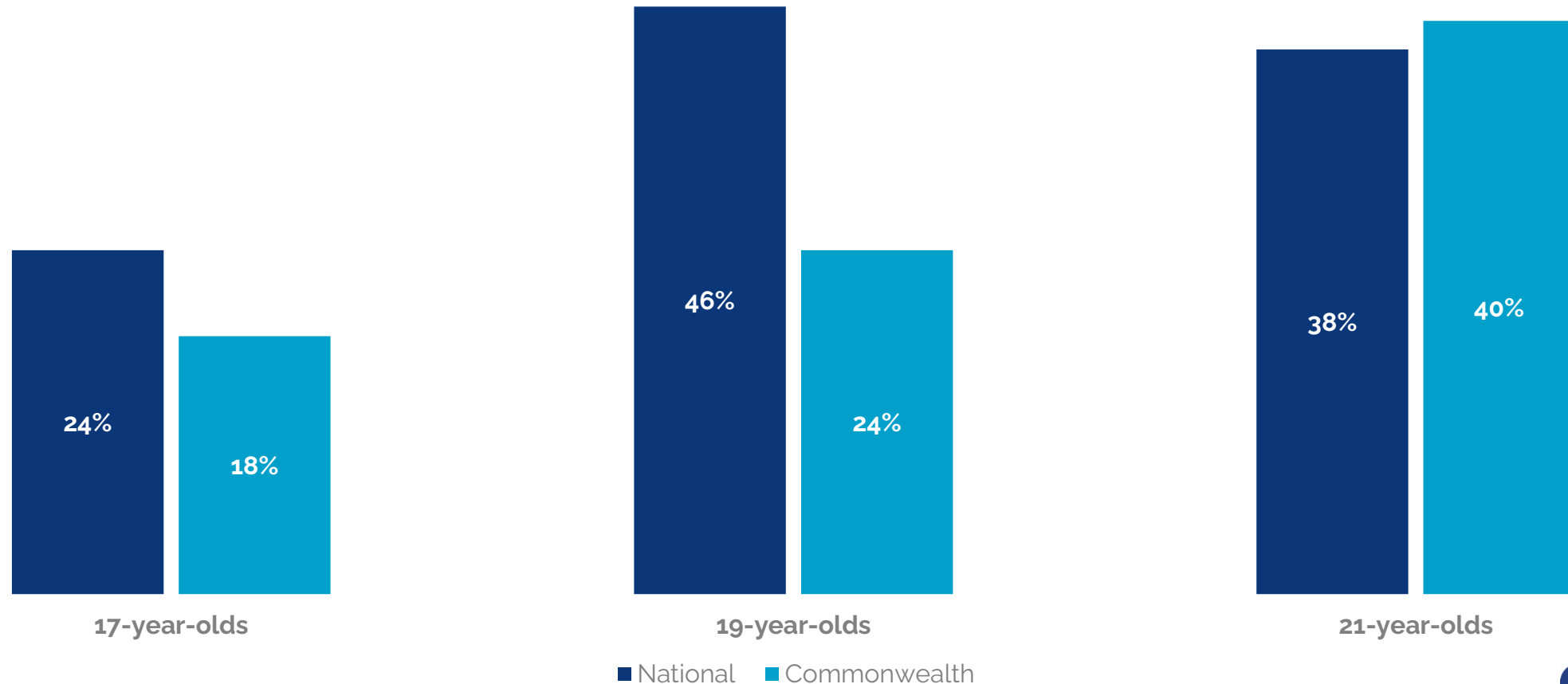
Finances



As youth get older, they receive **more** financial aid.

Financial aid includes any form of social security payments, education related financial aid, and/or any other financial support excluding paid employment.

Youth Receiving Financial Aid

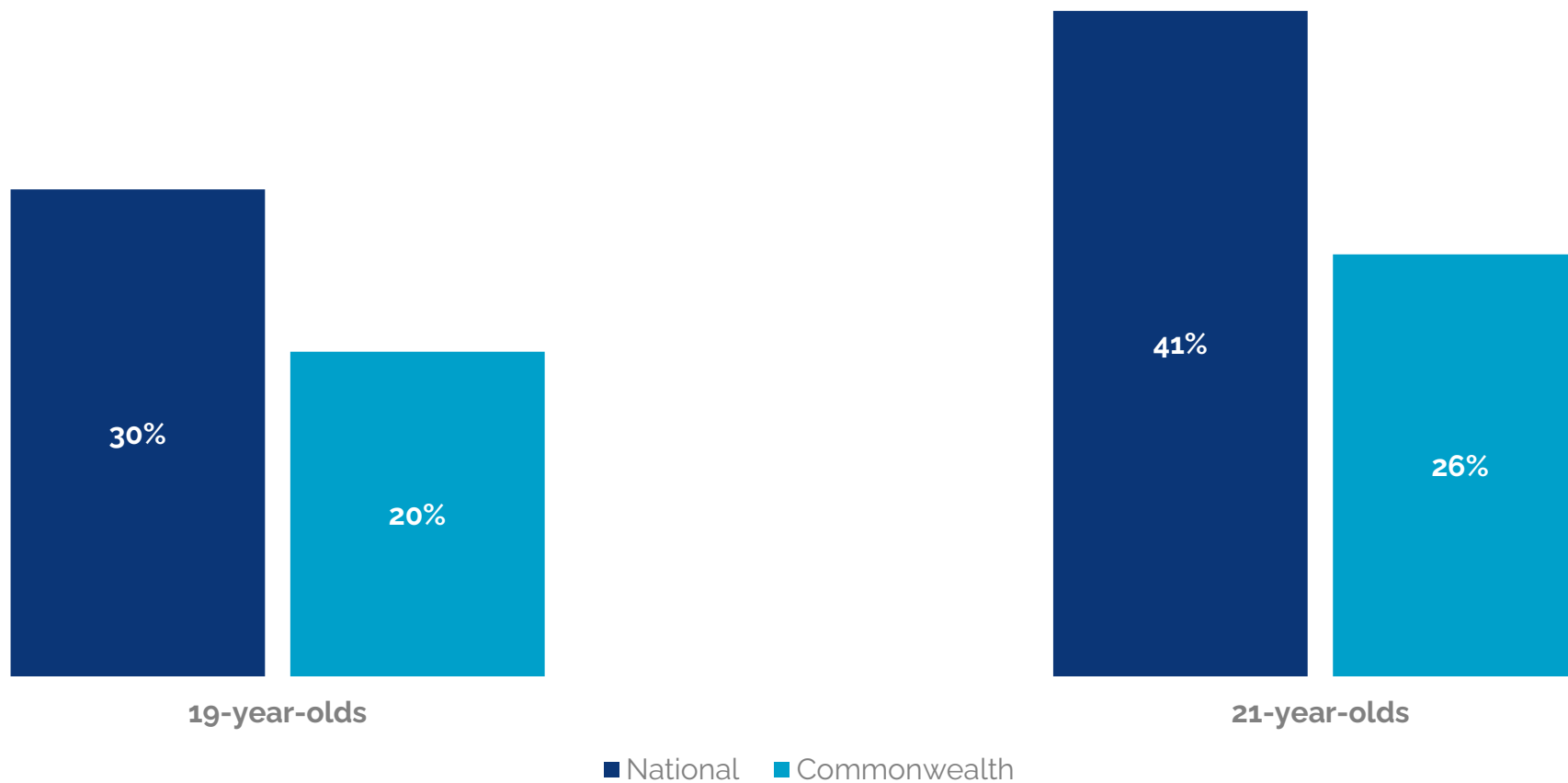




Many youth are **not** receiving **public assistance**.

Public assistance refers to any form of ongoing welfare payments, public food aid (including food stamps), and/or housing assistance from the government.

Youth Receiving Public Assistance

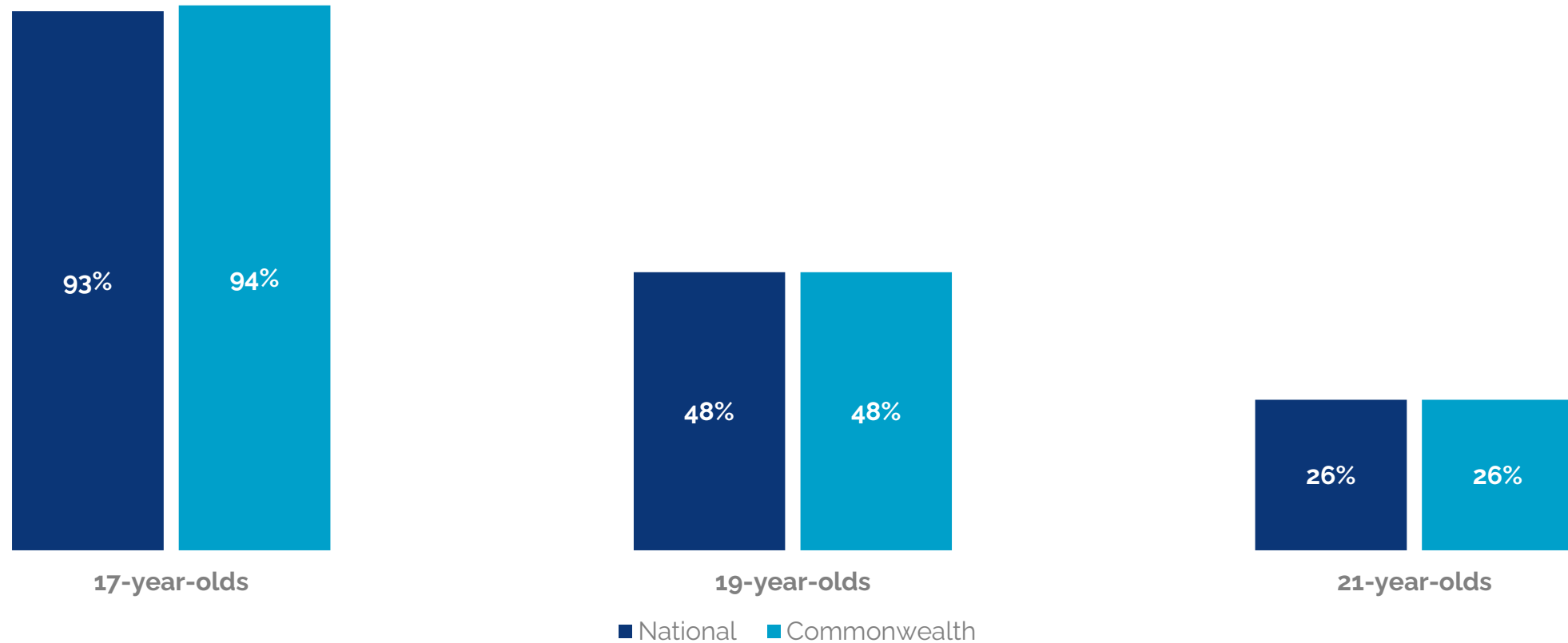


Education



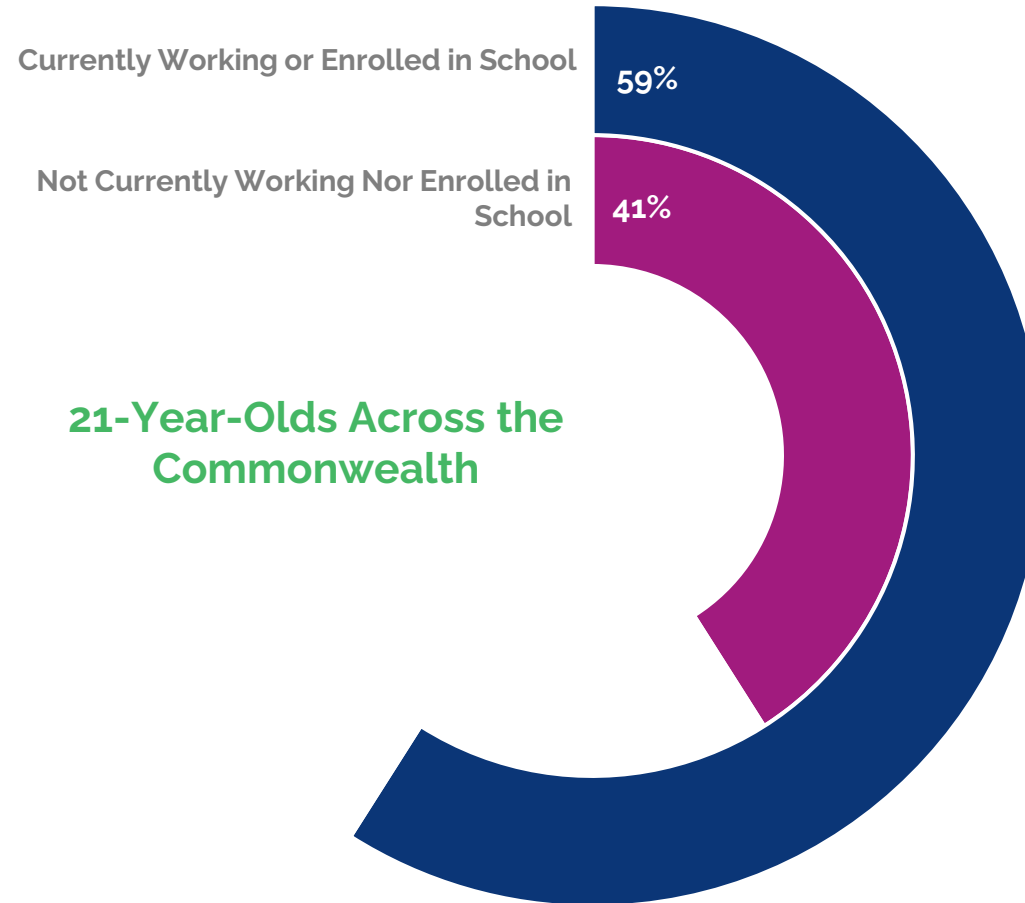
As youth get older, they are **less likely** to be enrolled in some type of educational institution or program.

Youth Enrolled at an Educational Institution or Participating in an Educational Program



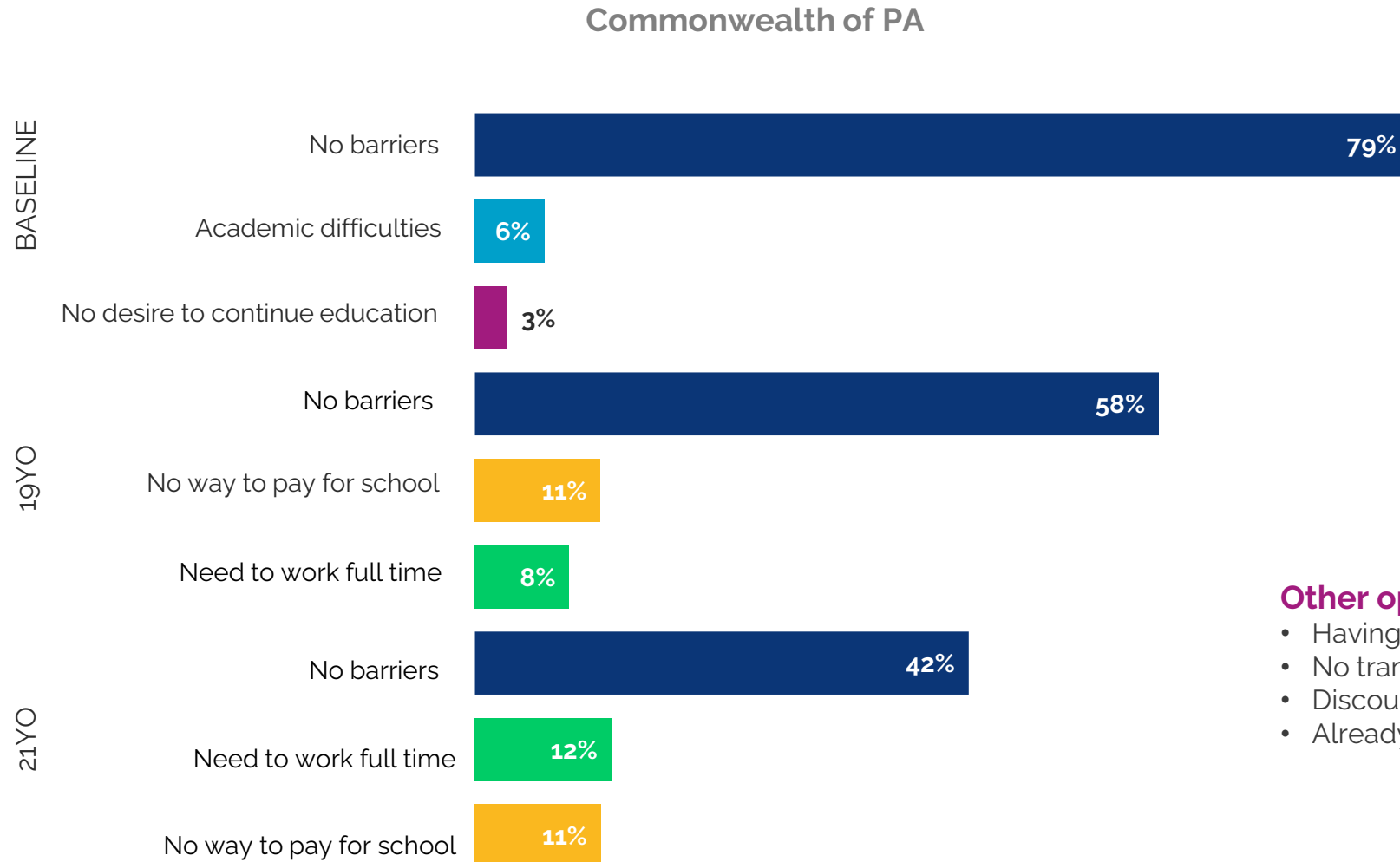


***But*, as youth get older, they are **more likely** to either be working or enrolled in school.**





As youth age, they are **more likely** to face barriers to education.



- Other options included:**
- Having childcare responsibilities
 - No transportation
 - Discouraged by significant others
 - Already completed school

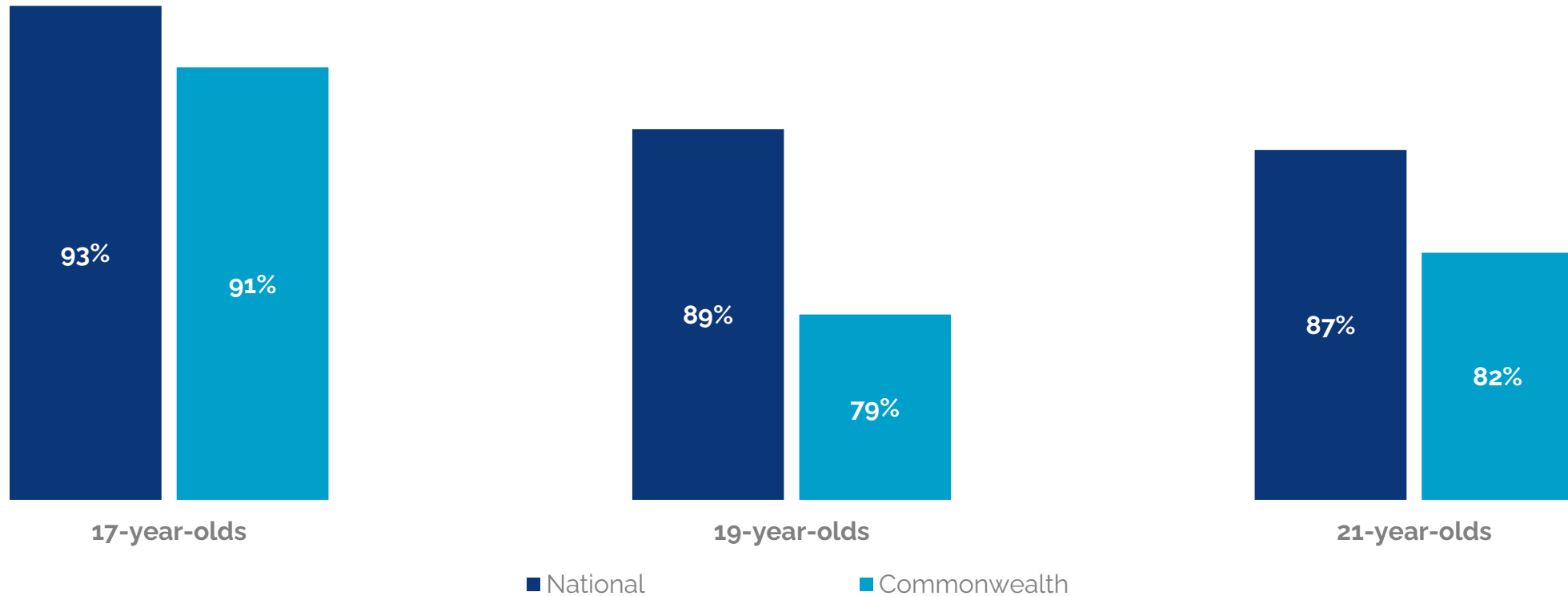


Emotional Support



Many youth report that they have an adult to turn to for **advice** or **emotional support**.

Youth with a Positive, Consistent, and Lasting Relationship with At Least One Adult

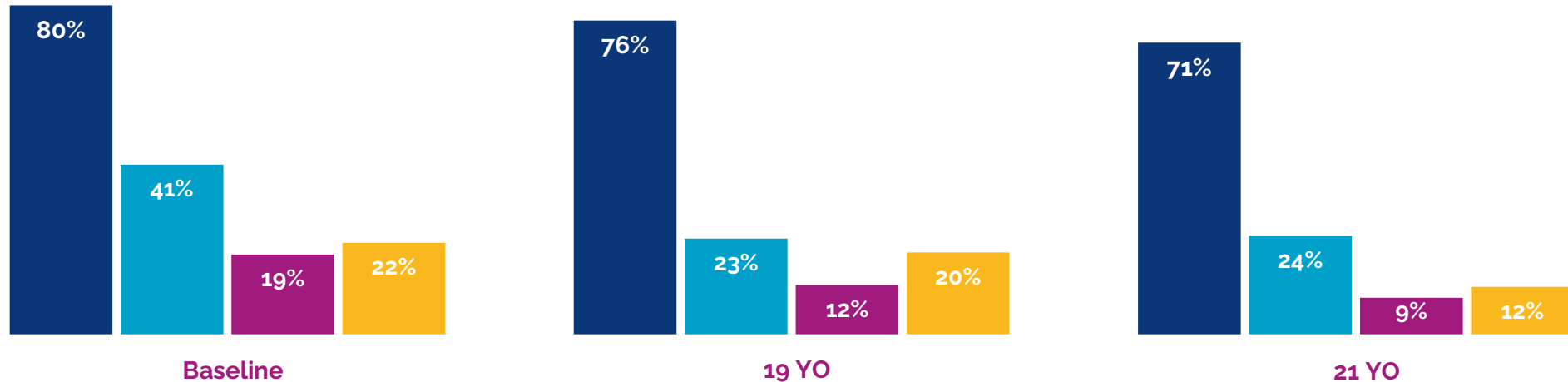




The closest trusting, supportive, and unconditional relationship for youth are usually their **relatives**.

Participants were given the option to 'select all that apply' for this question

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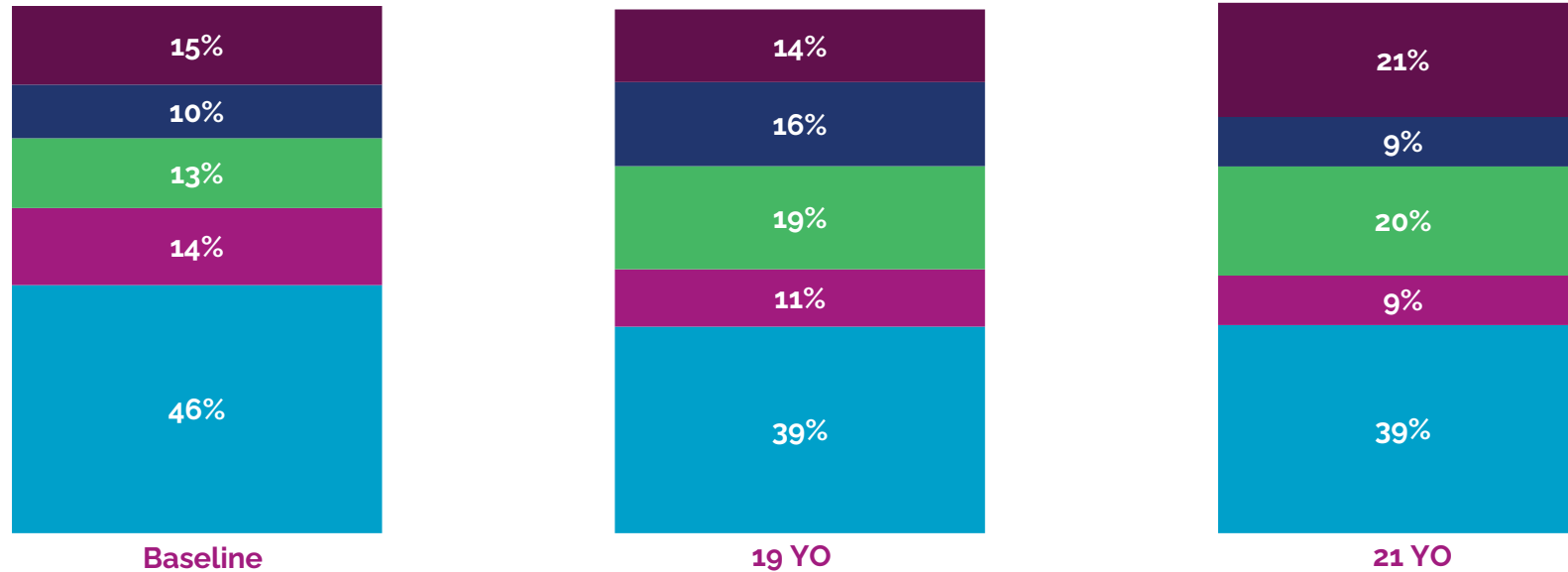
- Relatives (Birth mother, birth father, adoptive parent, spouse/partner, sibling, aunt/uncle, grandparent/greatgrandparent, and/or cousin)
- Adults involved in foster placement (Legal guardian, current/former foster parent, or current/former case worker, social worker, or independent living parent)
- Mentor (Teacher/coach, church/faith based community, or other mentor)
- Other adults





A large percentage of youth say there has been **a lot of help** to maintain or strengthen their relationships with the family members whom **they feel close to**.

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- Do not know %
- Nothing was done %
- Some but not enough %
- A lot was done to help me maintain or strengthen my relationships but my family did not cooperate. %
- A lot was done to help me maintain or strengthen my relationships with these family members. %

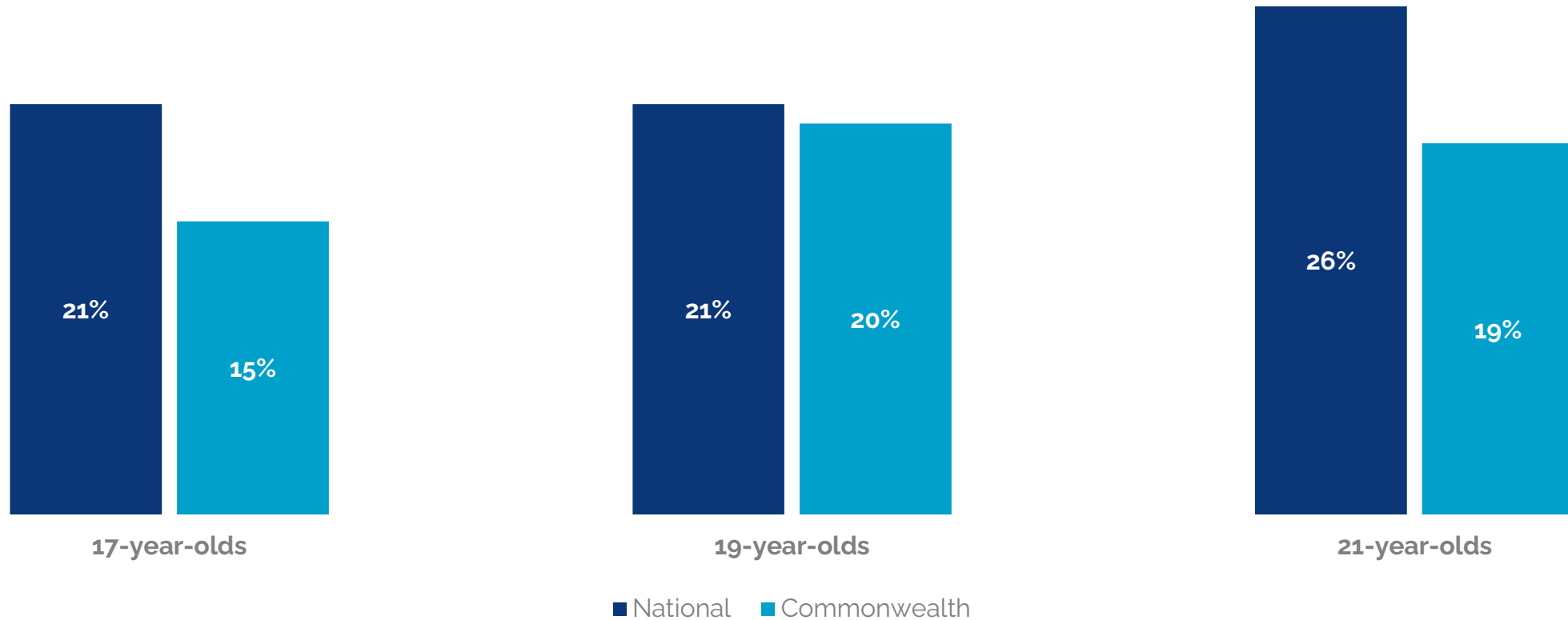


Household



Most youth have **never** been homeless.

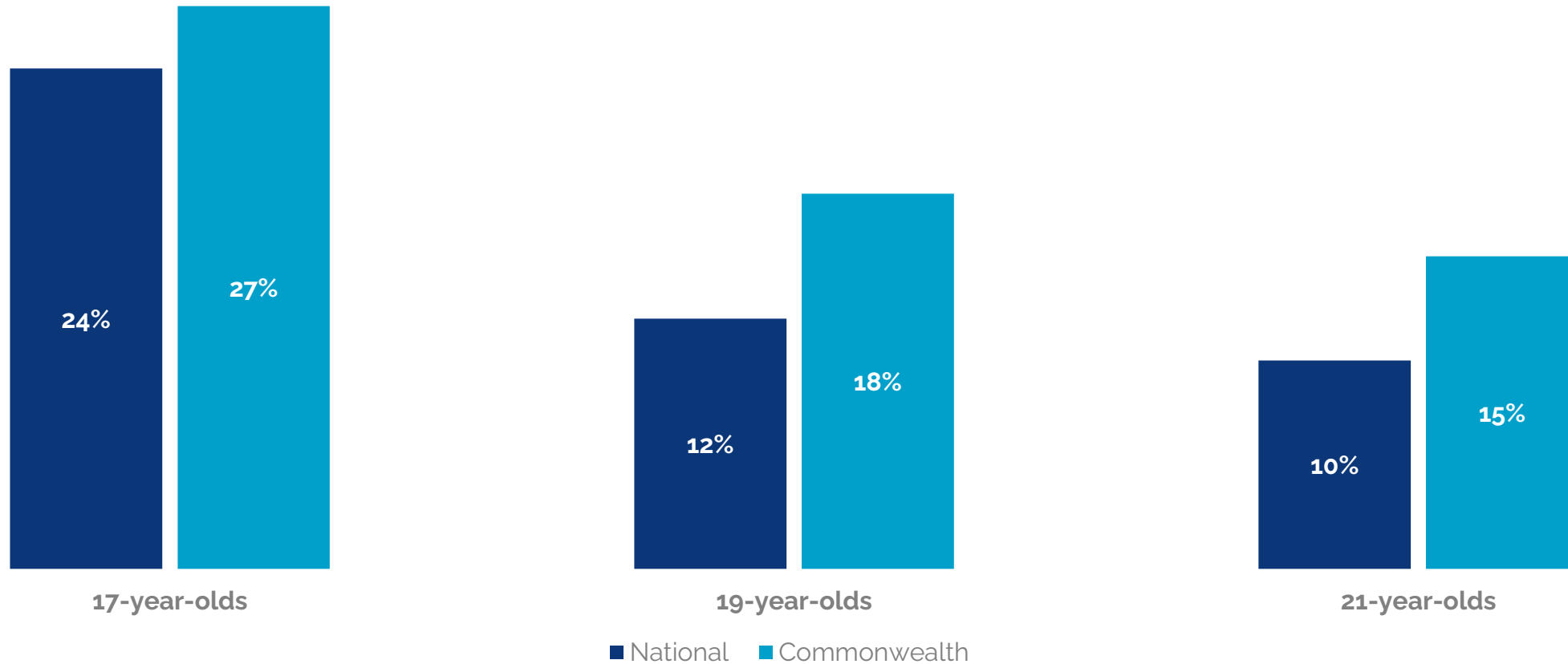
Youth Who Have Experienced Homelessness





As youth get older, they are **less likely** to have been referred to **alcohol or drug abuse** assessment or **counseling**.

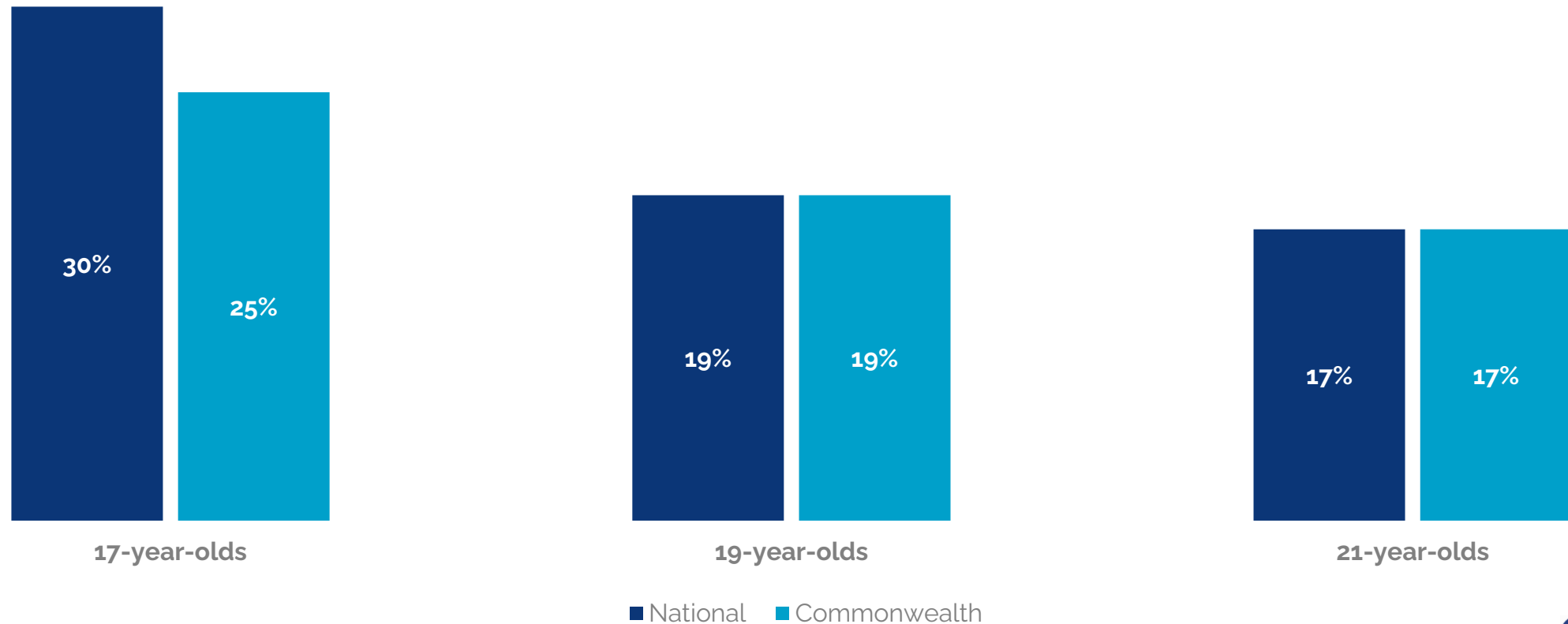
Youth Being Referred for Alcohol or Drug Use Assessment or Counseling





Overall, youth were **less likely** to be confined for allegedly committing a crime as they aged.

Youth with a History of Incarceration

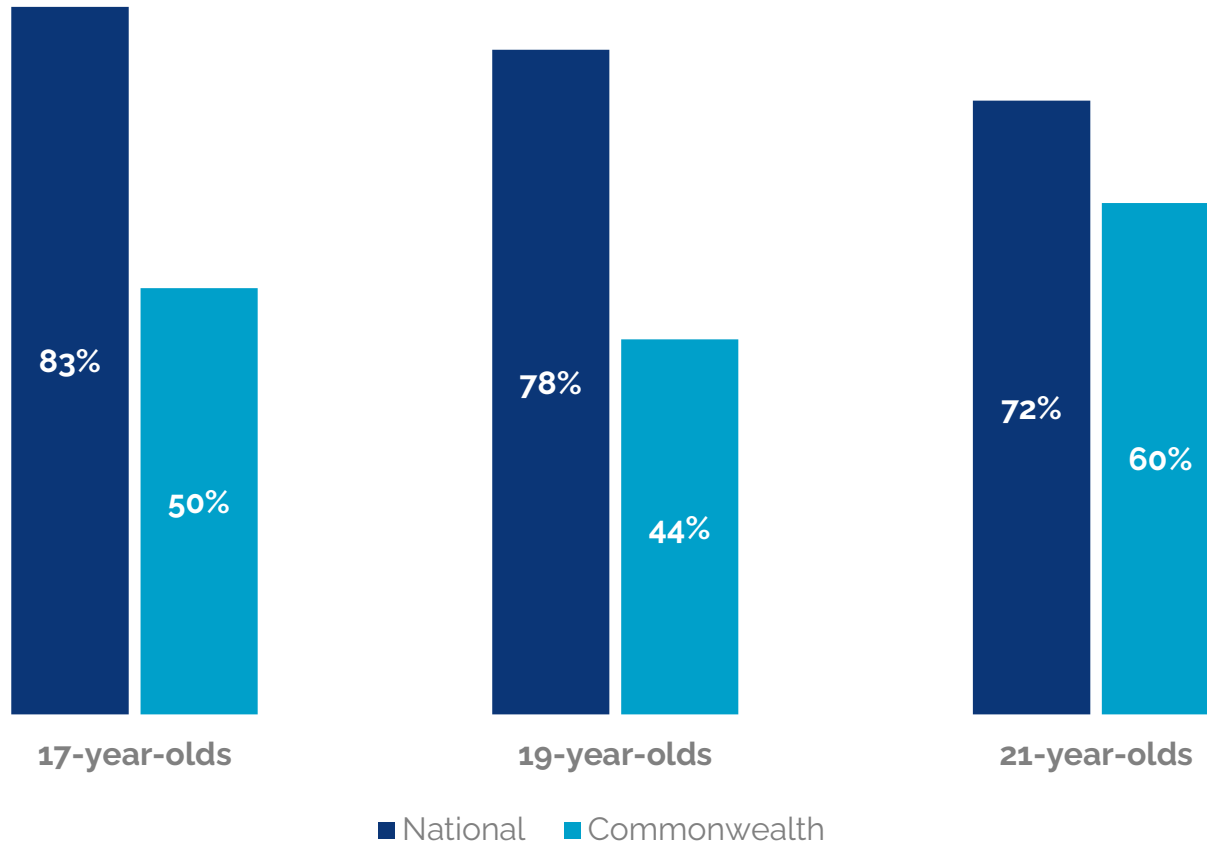


Access to Medical Care



As youth age, less are enrolled in **MA/Medicaid/ACCESS** insurance

Youth with Medicaid, etc. Insurance



Across the Commonwealth

Youth who did not know if they were enrolled in MA/Medicaid/ACCESS insurance

- Baseline: **17%**
- 19-year-olds: **10%**
- 21-year-olds: **12%**

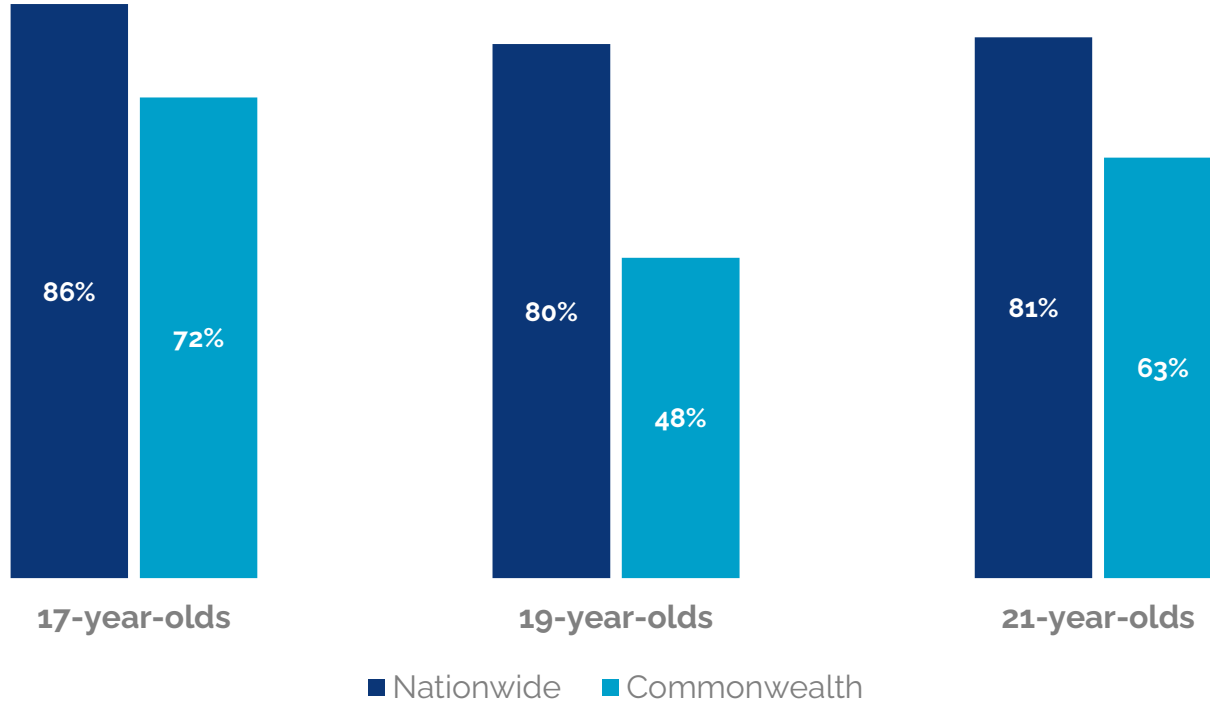
Youths who responded 'I don't know' to this question, were included to portray the lack of knowledge about medical assistance services/programs.





Most youth report that their health insurance **covers** mental health services.

Youth Who Responded That Their Health Insurance Covered Mental Health Services



Across the Commonwealth

Youth who did not know if their health insurance covered mental health services:

- Baseline: **23%**
- 19-year-olds: **19%**
- 21-year-olds: **19%**

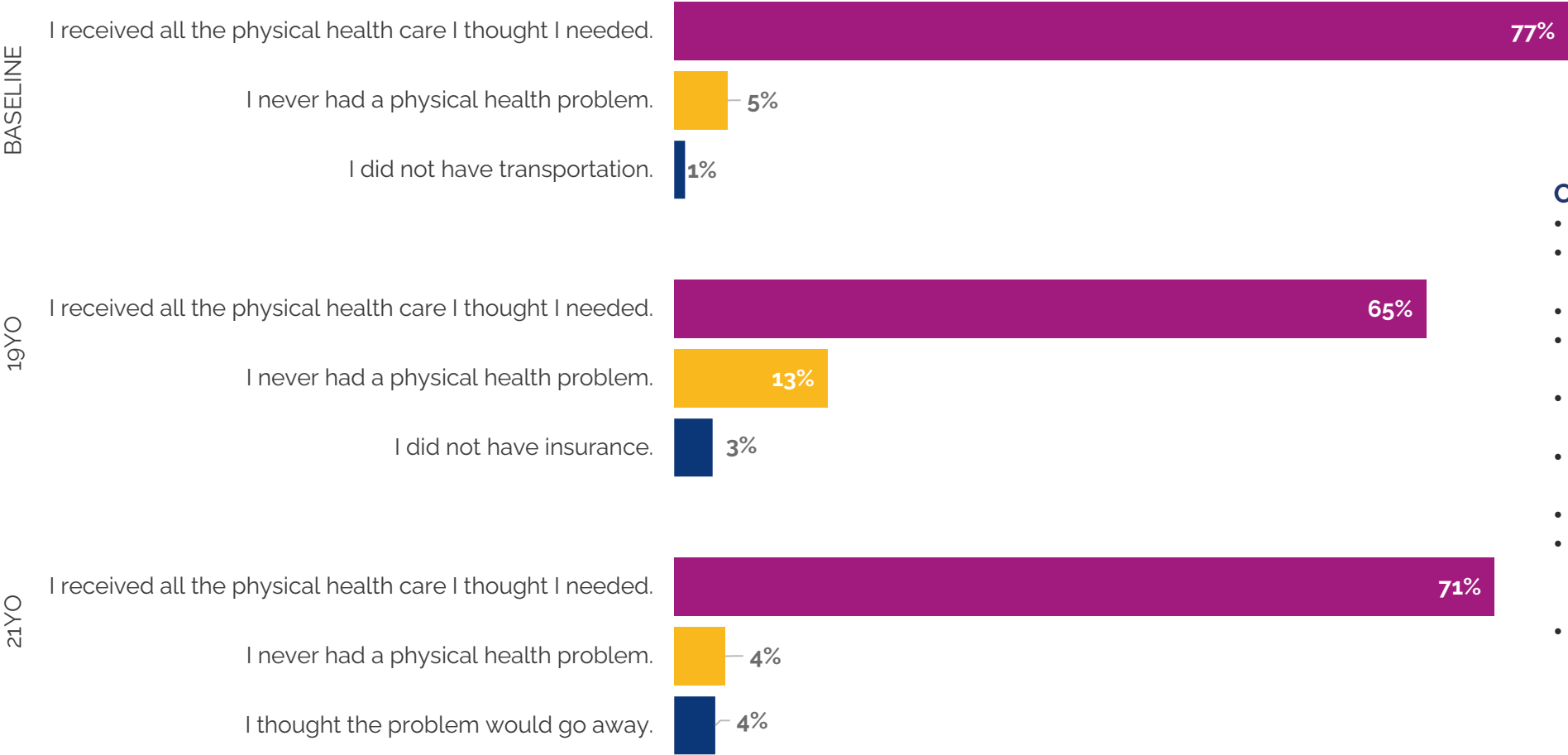
Youths who responded 'I don't know' to this question, were included to portray the lack of knowledge about health insurance services.





Many youth responded that they **received** all the physical healthcare they thought they needed.

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Other responses included:

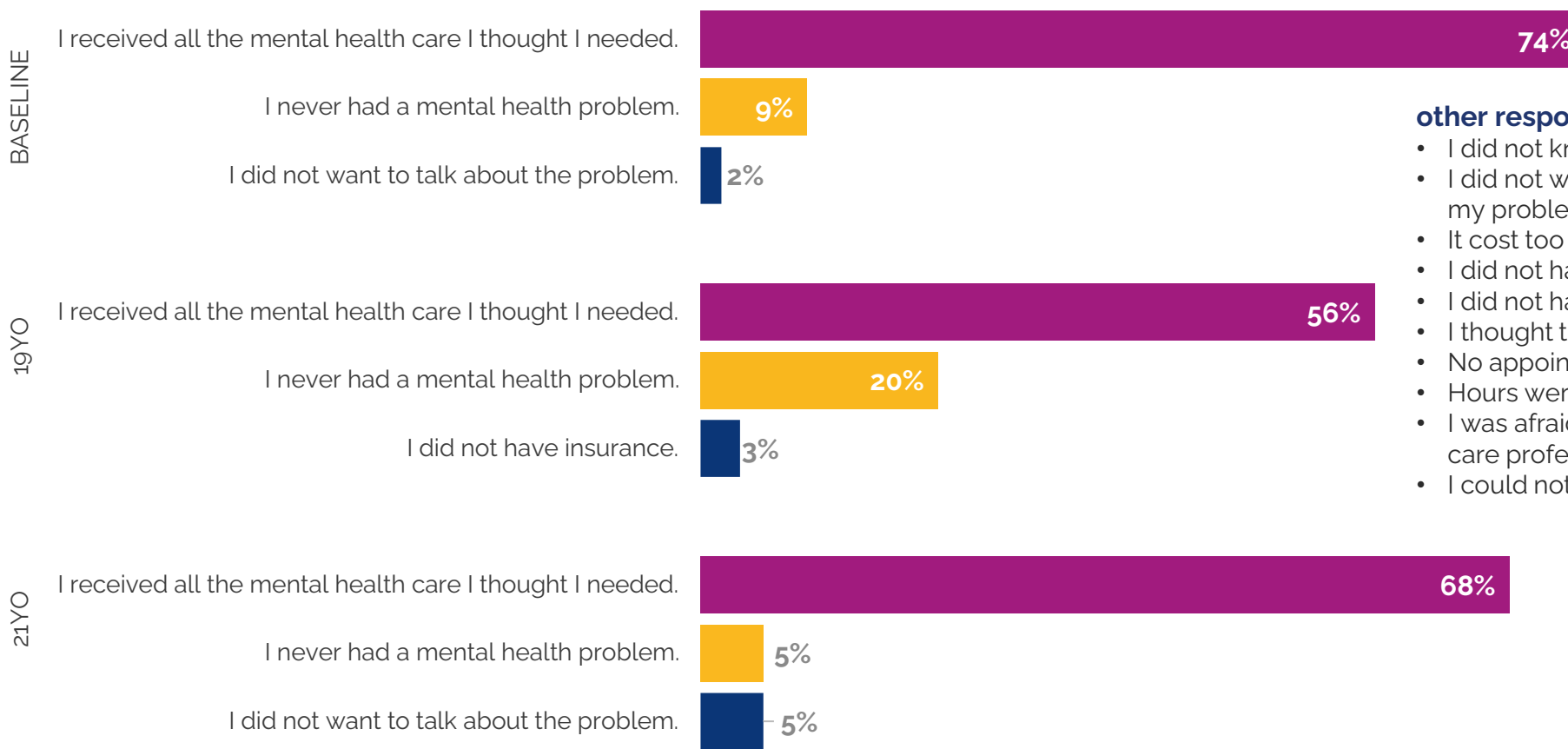
- I did not know where to go.
- It cost too much/couldn't pay.
- Hours were inconvenient.
- I did not have anybody to go with me.
- I did not want others to know about my problem.
- No appointments were available.
- I did not have insurance.
- I was afraid of what the physical health care professional would say or do
- I could not afford to miss work





Many youth responded that they received all the **mental health** care they **thought** they needed.

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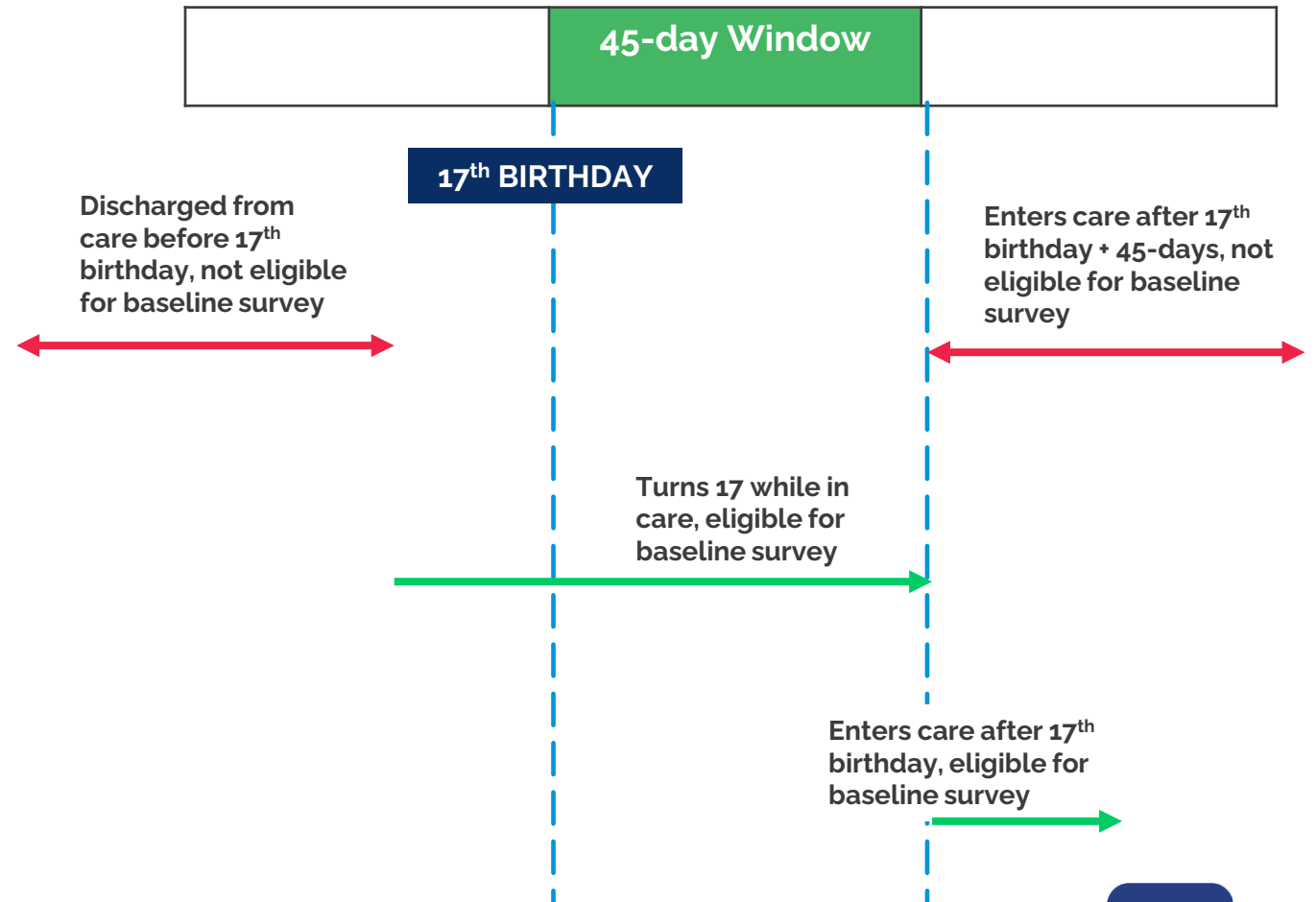
- I did not know where to go.
- I did not want others to know about my problem.
- It cost too much/couldn't pay.
- I did not have transportation.
- I did not have anyone to go with me.
- I thought the problem would go away.
- No appointments were available.
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- I was afraid of what the mental health care professional would say or do.
- I could not afford to miss work.



Preparing for NYTD

FFY 2023 Baseline Survey

- A **Baseline Survey** must be completed when
 - a youth turns 17 while in out-of-home care or enters out-of-home care within 45 days following their 17th birthday
- During the year, the group is divided into two parts based on the youth's date of birth:
- **"A" sample:** youth with 17th birthday between Oct 2022 – March 2023
 - Surveys are to be completed by April 15th, 2023
- **"B" sample:** youth with 17th birthday between April 2023 – Sept. 2023
 - Surveys are to be completed by October 15th, 2023



FFY 2023 Baseline Survey

When a youth becomes eligible for a baseline survey, register them in **GetNYTDPA.org**, including:

- Name
- MCI number
- Demographics (DOB, race, ethnicity)
- GetNYTDPA.org will provide a seven-character “passcode” that allows the youth to complete the survey
- Youth then enters that passcode at GetNYTDPA.org to complete the survey

A paper survey option is also available.

- click “English (or Spanish) survey” to download the paper copy

NYTD Baseline Population	
Register New Youth	Import New Youth
List of Registered Youth	View Overall Participation
View Rescinded Youth	Registration Cover Sheet for New Youth

NYTD Follow-up Samples	
List of Youth in Followup Sample (19)	List of Youth in Followup Sample (21)
Best Practices	Download NYTD XML File (2021A)
Download NYTD XML File (2021B)	Download NYTD XML File (2022A)
Download NYTD XML File (2022B)	

Administrative Functions	
Staff Administration	Weekly Emails
Import Allegheny	View Reports
View Admin Reports	Import NYTD XLS File

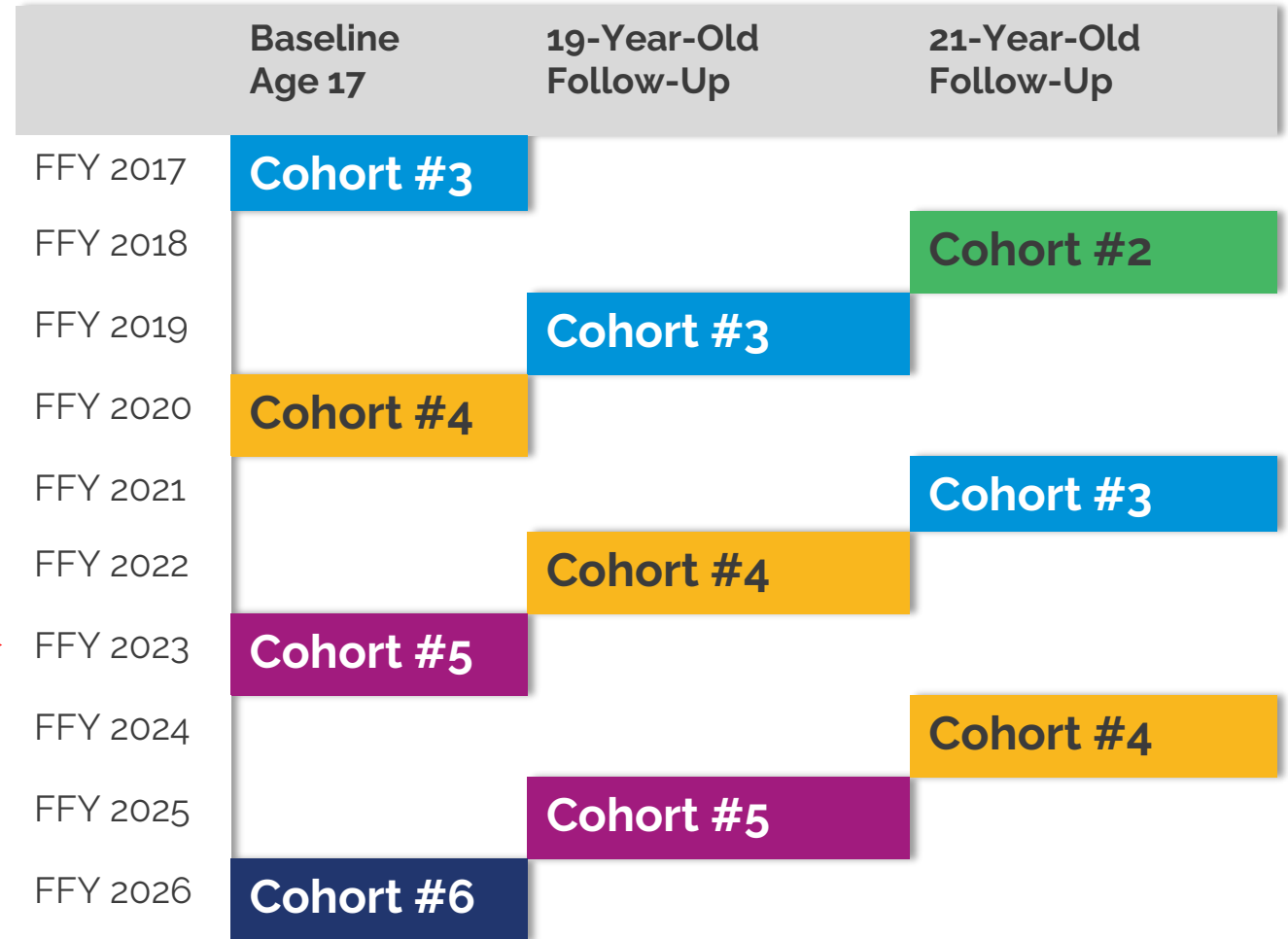
Served Youth	
Served Youth	
Upload 2021A Served File	

My Account	
Change My Password	Log Out



FFY 2023 Baseline Surveys

- A random sample of youth who complete a baseline survey in FFY 2023 will participate in the **19- and 21-year-old follow up** surveys in FFYs 2025 and 2027
- The **county is responsible** for registering eligible youth and administering the baseline survey, but PCG can and does provide support if needed



County NYTD Responsibilities

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Record on an **ongoing basis** which youth are receiving any of the fifteen independent living services that must be reported through NYTD

- Send data to PCG after period ends on September 30th
 - Send data to PCG after period ends on March 31st
 - Keep sending data to PCG at the end of each six-month period
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- Through September 30th, during a **Baseline Year**, when a youth turns 17 **while in out-of-home care**, or **enters out of home care** within 45 days following their 17th birthday:
 - Register the youth in GetNYTDPA.org and get a passcode
 - Administer the survey to the youth or give them the passcode and GetNYTDPA.org address
-
- Through September 30th, during a **Follow-Up Year** for 19-year-olds and 21-year-olds:
 - Administer the survey to the youth or give them the passcode and GetNYTDPA.org address
 - Coordinate with PCG in identifying viable contact information for youth in the follow up sample



Peer Presentation

Challenges and What's Working

Challenges

- Difficulty locating youth when they have moved out of state
- Receiving assistance in searching for youth in follow up surveys
- Youths' lack of knowledge about NYTD surveys
- Problems with adequate staffing and retention
- Large case loads
- Youths' lack of interest



What's Working

- Working with youth over the phone to complete surveys
- Utilizing multiple way to reach youth
- Remaining in constant contact with youth through IL services
- Utilizing youths' IL coordinator, their case worker and/or their former foster parent to connect
- Nominal incentives such as gift cards
- Sending youth birthday cards every year



Tracking 17 Year Olds for NYTD Baseline Survey

- Track youth age through ICAMS (CAPS)
- Spreadsheets
- Online database with automatic IT alert 30 days prior to youth turning 17
- Admin tracks youth birthdays, registers in NYTD system, and notifies IL staff
- Prep IL staff before youth should be registered
- Weekly CYS reports



Upcoming NYTD Review

System Demonstration

Main Menu

There are 1 youth due to be surveyed (baseline) within the next 15 days.

There are 0 youth with overdue baseline surveys.

NYTD Baseline Population

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Registration Cover Sheet for New Youth

NYTD Followup Sample

List of Youth in Followup Sample

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Adding Eligible Youth to Baseline Population

Add New Youth

*First Name:

*Last Name:

*MCI Record Number:

*County:

Wayne

*Date of Birth:

MM/DD/YYYY format

Youth's Email:

Local Record Number:

*Gender:

Date of Most Recent Removal:

MM/DD/YYYY format

Phone Number (including Area Code):

(###) ###-#### format

*Race (check all that apply):

☐ American Indian/Alaska Native

☐ White

☐ Asian

☐ Unknown

☐ Black/African American

☐ Declined

☐ Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

*Hispanic/Latino Ethnicity:

* Required fields

Save Youth

List of Registered Y

English Survey

Spanish Survey

Reset

Return to Menu



Completion of Baseline Registration

Add New Youth
Please enter a valid local record number.
Please enter a valid email address.
Please enter a valid phone number: (###) ###-####.
Youth saved but incomplete.

Passcode is 51D2414

*First Name:	Test	Passcode:	51D2414
*Last Name:	Youth	Local Record Number:	
*MCI Record Number:	111222444	*Gender:	Male
*County:	Dauphin	Date of Most Recent Removal:	10/15/2014
*Date of Birth:	10/15/1997		MM/DD/YYYY format
	MM/DD/YYYY format	Phone Number (including Area Code):	(###) ###-#### format
Youth's Email:		*Hispanic/Latino Ethnicity:	Yes
*Race:	White		

Edit Youth

List of Registered Youth

English Survey

Spanish Survey

New Youth

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Viewing, Editing, and Reporting Status of Registered Youth

Filter by Date

The eligible youth list is sorted into two periods for each year. The date period is defaulted to the current period. When viewing lists from previous periods, please note that the "Days Since 17th Birthday" field will be calculated using the last day of the given period.

Select date period: 04/01/2012 - 09/30/2012 ▾ [Change Date Range](#)

Color Key:

Light Gray - No action required

White - No action required; Youth answered after 45 days

Light Blue - Waiting for youth response

Light Pink - Requires a reason for why a survey was not completed

Instructions:

Click on the youth's name to edit the youth's registration information.

Click on the youth's survey status to set the outcome reporting status.

Click on the youth's email to send a reminder email.

Note: 'Days Since 17th Birthday' is calculated until the date the survey was completed, rescinded, or its outcome was reported. Unanswered/Incomplete surveys are calculated as of the current date.

Youth Name	Survey Status <small>(Unanswered Only)</small>	Days Since 17th Birthday	Phone Number	Email	Passcode	MCI Number	Local Record ID
John Doe	Completed	-1			9F0	[REDACTED] 94	
Robert Johnson	Completed	10			762	[REDACTED] 68	
Linda Smith	Youth Incapacitated	46+			02E	[REDACTED] 45	



Outcome Reporting Status

34. Outcomes reporting status:

- Youth Declined
- Parent Declined
- Youth Incapacitated
- Youth Incarcerated
- Runaway/Missing
- Unable to locate/invite
- Death

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Adding, Editing, and Viewing Records for Served Population

Served Youth Record Management

Select date period:



Copying Youth from One Period to the Next

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Return to Served Y

Edit records for this period

View records for this period

Add Youth Records

County staff may add up to 100 youth at one time using the form below. If there are any missing data, the form will reload and errors will be highlighted in red for convenience. If large batches of youth records need entered (ex. 100 or more records) please contact the HZA helpdesk for details on how to accomplish this.

Youth present in Last Period

<div>Add Child</div>	0000	A	11/9/2001	Female
<div>Add Child</div>	1545	A	11/9/2001	Female



Adding New Records

						RACE						
Row Number	Child ID (MCI Number)	Child's First Name	Child's Last Name	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) or (M/D/YY)	Gender	American Indian or Alaskan Native	Asian	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Islander	White	Unknown	Decline
1	1545151!	Kim	A	11/9/200	Female ▾	No ▾	No ▾	No ▾	No ▾	Yes ▾	No ▾	No ▾
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Finalization of Records

SERVICES									
Employment Programs or Vocational Training	Budget and Financial Management	Housing Education and Home Management Training	Health Education and Risk Prevention	Family Support and Healthy Marriage Education Mentoring	Supervised Independent Living	Room and Board Financial Assistance	Education Financial Assistance	Other Financial Assistance	Finalize Record
No ▾	No ▾	No ▾	No ▾	No ▾	No ▾	No ▾	No ▾	No ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾	Yes ▾	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



Finalizing the Period

Served Youth Record Management

Select date period: 04/01/2015 - 09/30/2015 ▾

Add Records

Edit Records

View Records

Finalize Period

All records from the previous period (10/01/2014 - 03/31/2015) are now marked with the "Finalized" status. If all data entry is complete for this period, please click the button below to submit data for your county. By clicking this button, all youth records for the previous period will be locked and no more changes will be allowed. The data records may still be viewed at any time for your convenience.

Finalize Last Period





Questions?

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Solutions that Matter