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Key Facts on Youth Services

- Of the nearly 900,000 young adults ages 16 to 24 years in New York City, almost 25 percent live below the federal poverty line, compared with 19 percent of all New Yorkers, regardless of age.¹
- One in every eight New York City youth are disconnected from work and school. Disconnection greatly increases a young person's chance of experiencing homelessness, involvement in the criminal justice system, and irregular employment well into adulthood.²
- In New York State, the number of youth aged 10-24 totals 3,672,343 and the number of youth throughout New York City totals 1,517,290.³
- The New York City Out of School Time (OST) program represents the largest after school system in the nation. In 2007-08, the program was projected to serve 80,000 young people. Activities range from academic skills enhancement, cultural enrichment, recreation and community service activities.⁴
- Reviews of after-school programs indicate that they have positive impacts on important academic, social and emotional outcomes for youth.⁵

¹ The New York City Commission on Economic Opportunity Report, "Increasing Opportunity and Reducing Poverty in New York City," September 2006.

² Wald, Michael and Martinez, Tina, "Connected by 25: Improving the Life Changes of the Country's Most Vulnerable 24 Year Olds." Stanford University, November 2006 at: <http://billwilsoncenter.org/Downloads/pdfs/FinalVersionofDisconnectedYouthPaper.pdf>.

³ United States Bureau of the Census, 2005.

⁴ New York City Department of Youth and Community Development 2007 Annual Report.

⁵ Granger, Robert C., Social Policy Report, "Giving Child and Youth Development Knowledge Away," 2008.