

Comparison of Young Adult Outcomes Youth from Foster Care vs. General Population

A Lack of Permanency is HIGHLY LIKELY to Lead to Severe Consequences for Young People

	Former Foster Youth	General Population
Currently employed	48%	76%
Median earnings	\$8,000	\$18,300
Have a bank account	< 50%	85%
Have health insurance	57% <i>(66% of those insured had either S-CHIP or Medicaid)</i>	78% <i>(73% of those insured were covered by employer/parents' insurance)</i>
Been pregnant <i>(Female)</i>	>75%	40%
Impregnated a partner <i>(Male)</i>	61%	28%
High school diploma or GED	→	3 x more likely than former foster youth
Have been homeless or "couch-surfed"	37%	1%

Sources:

National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (Add Health Study) of 2008
<http://www.cpc.unc.edu/projects/addhealth>

National Coalition for the Homeless http://www.nationalhomeless.org/factsheets/How_Many.html