

When you **know better**... you **do better!**

- You ask better questions
- You have better conversations
- You make better decisions

When educational leaders do better,
students benefit!

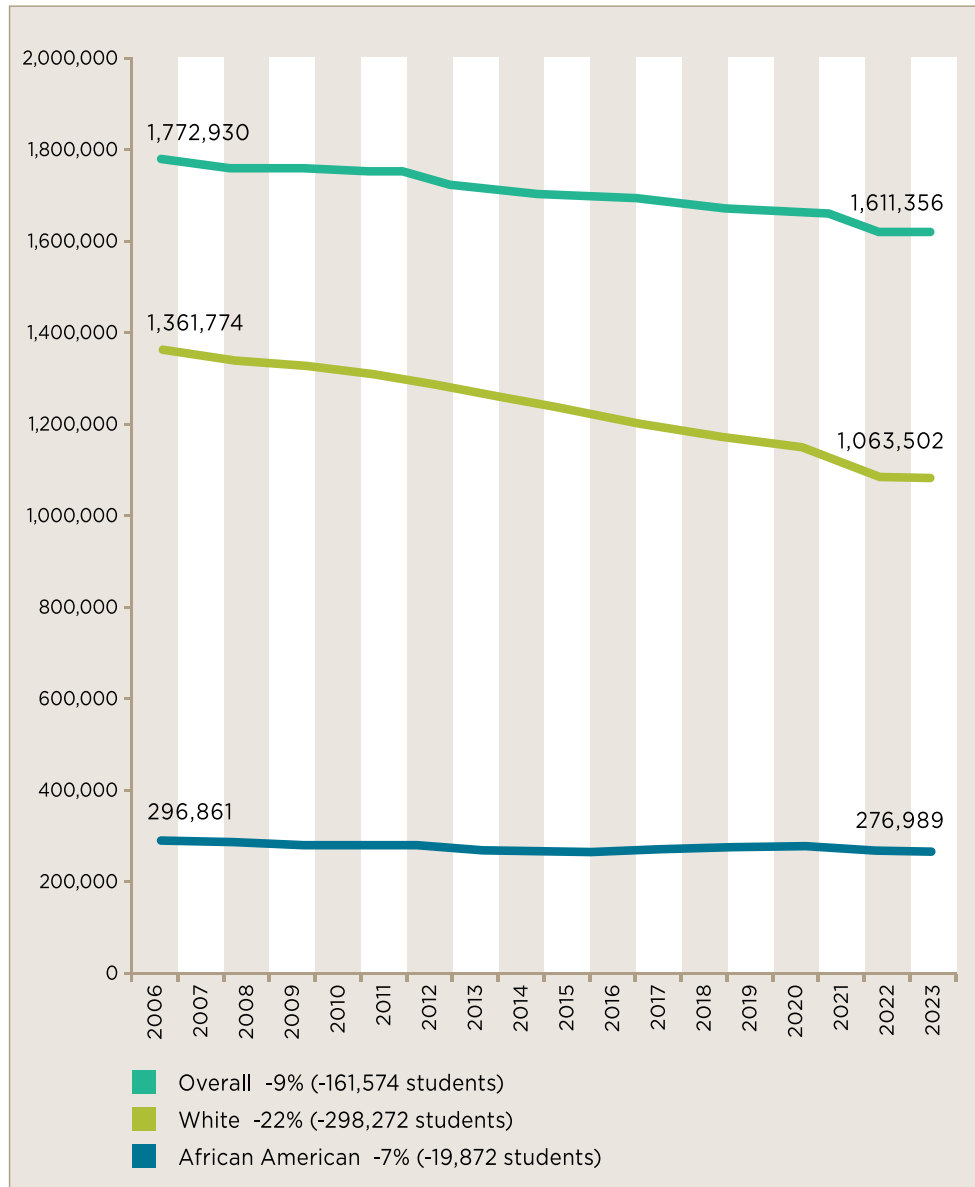


OHIO PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

Ohio has **1.6 million** public school students of varying background and characteristics.

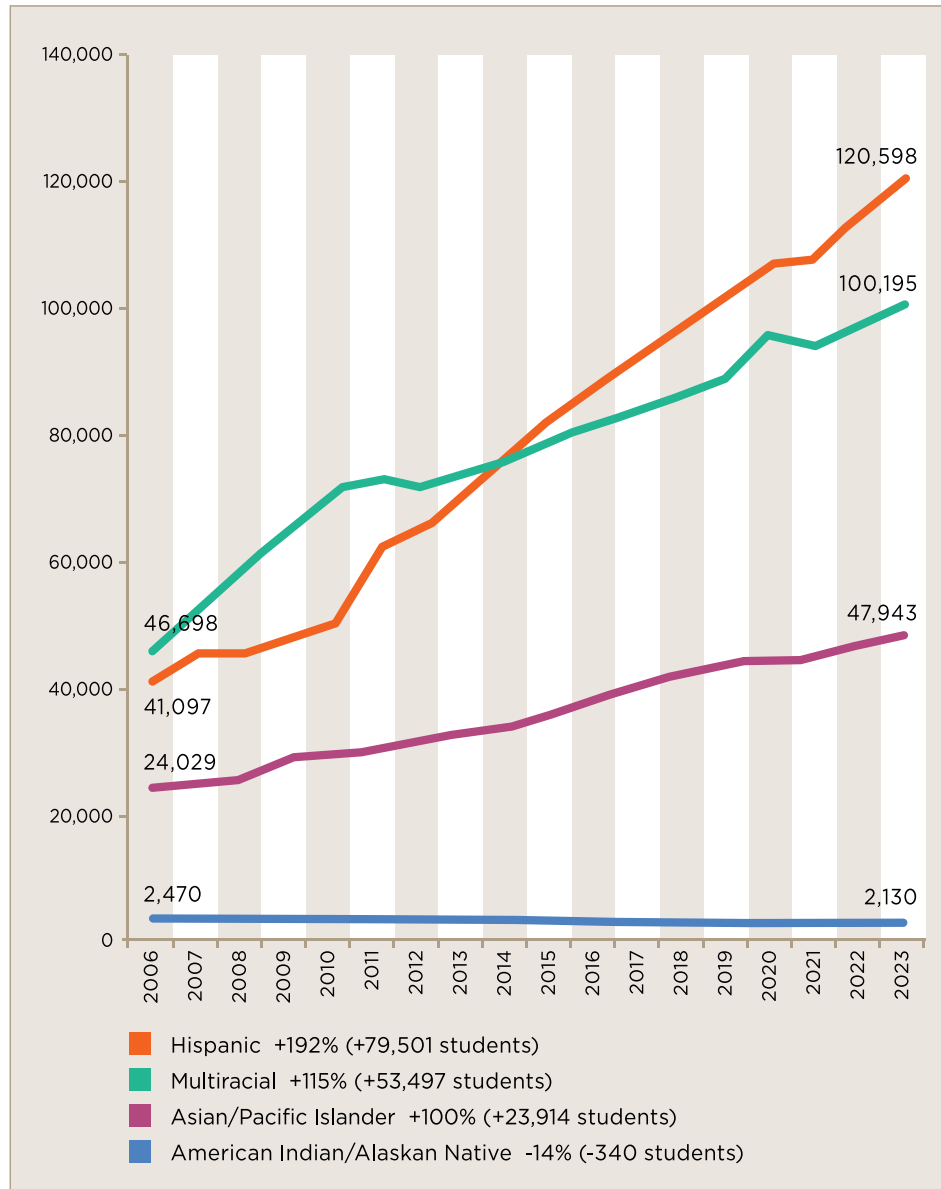
	STATEWIDE	
	NUMBER OF STUDENTS	PERCENT OF STUDENTS
TOTAL STUDENTS	1,611,356	100
RACE OR ETHNICITY		
White	1,063,502	66.0
African American	276,989	17.2
Hispanic	120,598	7.5
Multiracial	100,195	6.2
Asian or Pacific Islander	47,943	3.0
American Indian or Alaskan Native	2,130	<1.0
GENDER		
Female	784,683	48.7
Male	826,673	51.3
OTHER CHARACTERISTICS		
Economically Disadvantaged	811,517	50.4
Students with Disabilities	263,986	16.4
English Learner	68,886	4.3
Identified as Gifted	226,364	14.0

PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT TRENDS



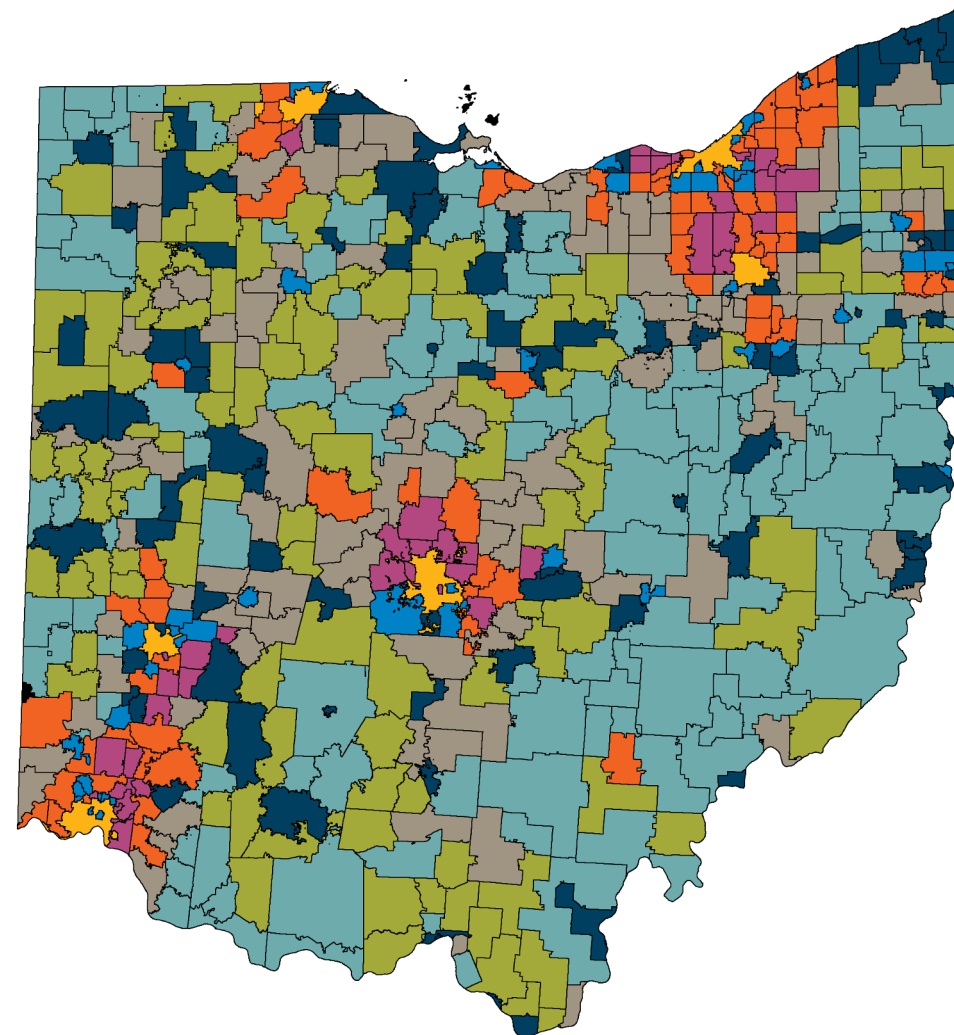
Over the last two decades, overall public school enrollment has declined by **nearly 10%**.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT TRENDS



Over the last two decades, there has been a **significant increase** in enrollments among Hispanic, multiracial and Asian/Pacific Islander students.

OHIO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND TYPOLOGIES



LEGEND

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|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Urban: Very High Student Poverty | Rural: High Student Poverty |
| Urban: High Student Poverty | Rural: Average Student Poverty |
| Small Town: High Student Poverty | Suburban: Low Student Poverty |
| Small Town: Low Student Poverty | Suburban: Very Low Student Poverty |

ENROLLMENT BY EDUCATIONAL MODEL

- Approximately **80%** of Ohio students attend traditional public school districts
- Approximately **110,000** attend charter schools
- Approximately **200,000** attend nonpublic schools or homeschool

SCHOOL OPTION	NUMBER OF SCHOOLS	ENROLLMENT	BRIEF DESCRIPTION
Traditional Public School District	3,031	1,495,209	Public schools that are operated by a school district.
Joint Vocational School District	49	47,235	Public schools that focus on career and technical education.
Charter Public School	334	112,563	Public schools that operate independently of the district and are authorized by a state-approved sponsor.
STEM Public School	7	3,724	Public schools that operate independently of the district and focus on STEM education.
Chartered Non-Public School	715	169,807	Private schools that are chartered by the state. These schools may participate in state-funded scholarship programs.
Non-Chartered, Non-Tax-Supported School	618	No Data Available	Private schools that, due to truly held religious beliefs, choose not to be chartered by the state.
Home School	Not Applicable	47,468	Parents choose to educate their child at home.

CHARACTERISTICS OF CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS

Approximately **80%** of charter school students are:

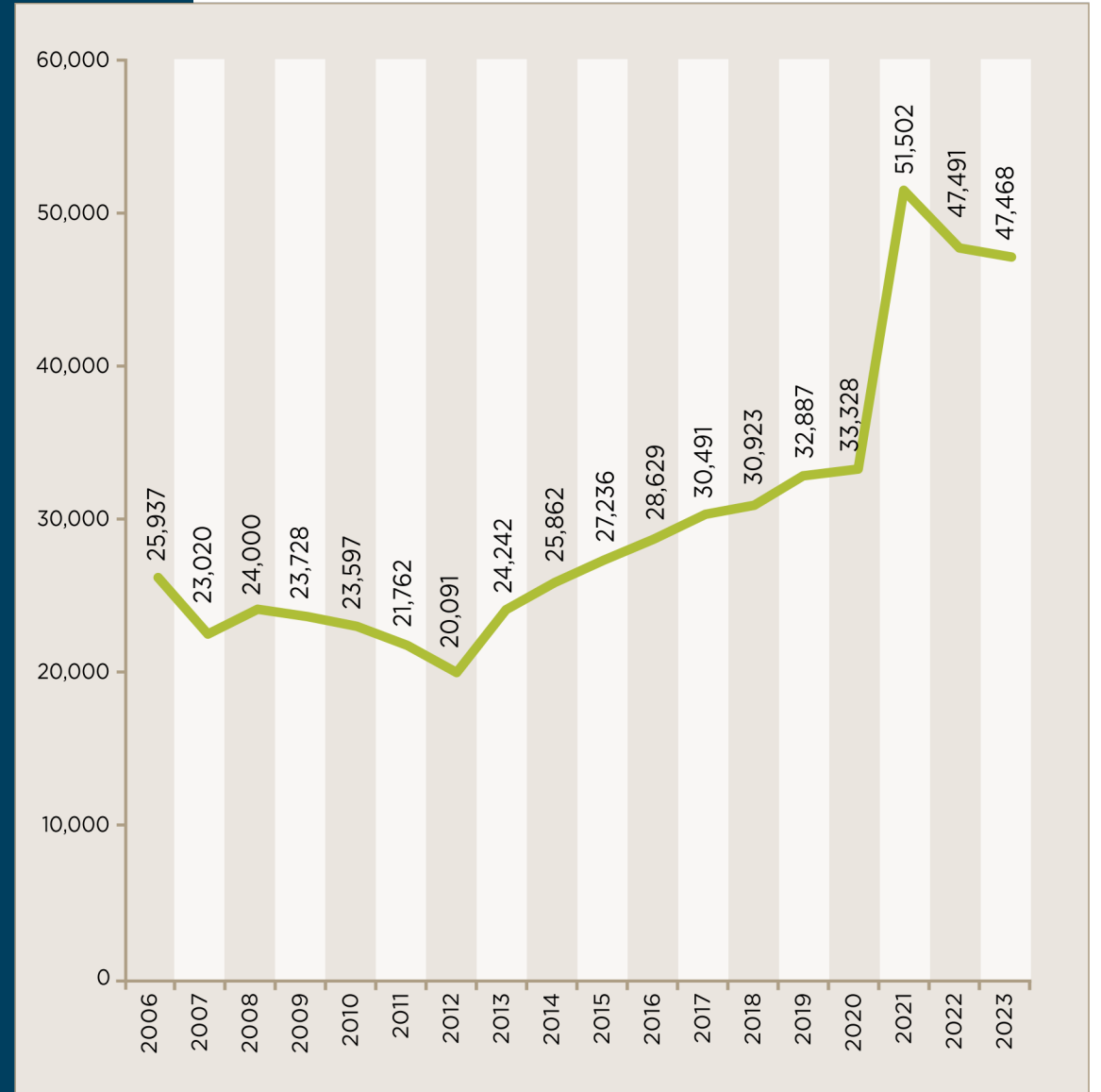
- Black
- Hispanic

Nearly **70%** of charter school students attend brick-and-mortar charters located in urban communities

	PUBLIC CHARTER	
	NUMBER OF STUDENTS	PERCENT OF STUDENTS
RACE OR ETHNICITY		
White	37,661	33.5
Black	53,901	47.9
Hispanic	11,121	9.9
Multiracial	8,256	7.3
Asian or Pacific Islander	1,343	1.2
American Indian or Alaskan Native	275	<1.0
GENDER		
Female	57,165	50.8
Male	55,393	49.2
OTHER CHARACTERISTICS		
Economically Disadvantaged	90,912	80.8
Students with Disabilities	20,094	17.9
English Learner	6,747	6.0
Identified as Gifted	1,574	1.4
TYOLOGY		
Urban: Brick-and-Mortar	77,233	68.6
Suburban: Brick-and-Mortar	1,194	1.1
Small Town: Brick-and-Mortar	1,633	1.5
Rural: Brick-and-Mortar	931	0.8
Online Charter School	31,572	28.0

HOME SCHOOLING

- Nearly **50,000** students participate in homeschooling
- Significant **increase** in 2020-2021
- Slight **decrease** in 2022-2023

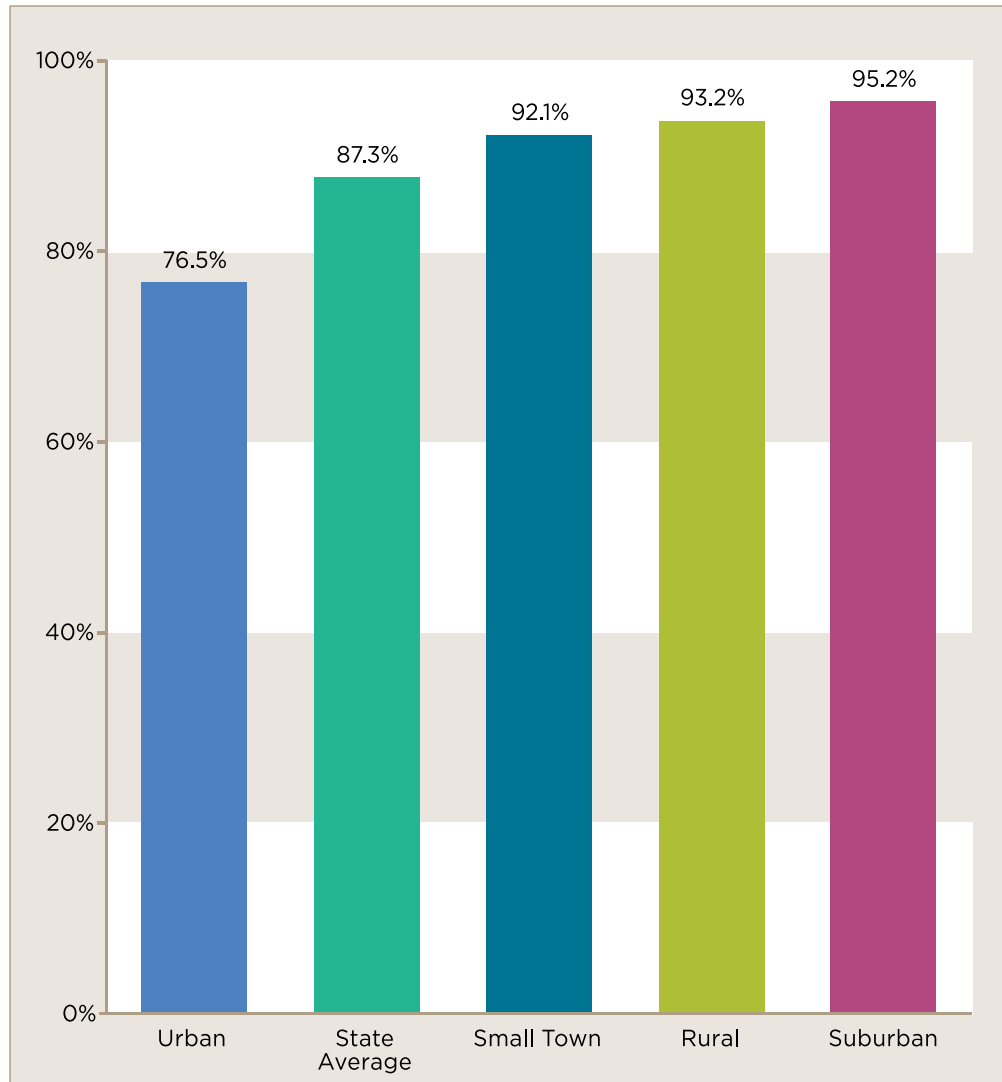


High School Diploma

- Enhanced career opportunities
- Higher earning potential
- Increased job stability
- Access to higher education and training
- Improved quality of life
- Enrolled, employed, enlisted and entrepreneurship



FOUR-YEAR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES



- **87 percent** of students graduate high school in 4 years
- Where are the **13 percent (208,000)** that do not?

Skills, knowledge, characteristics

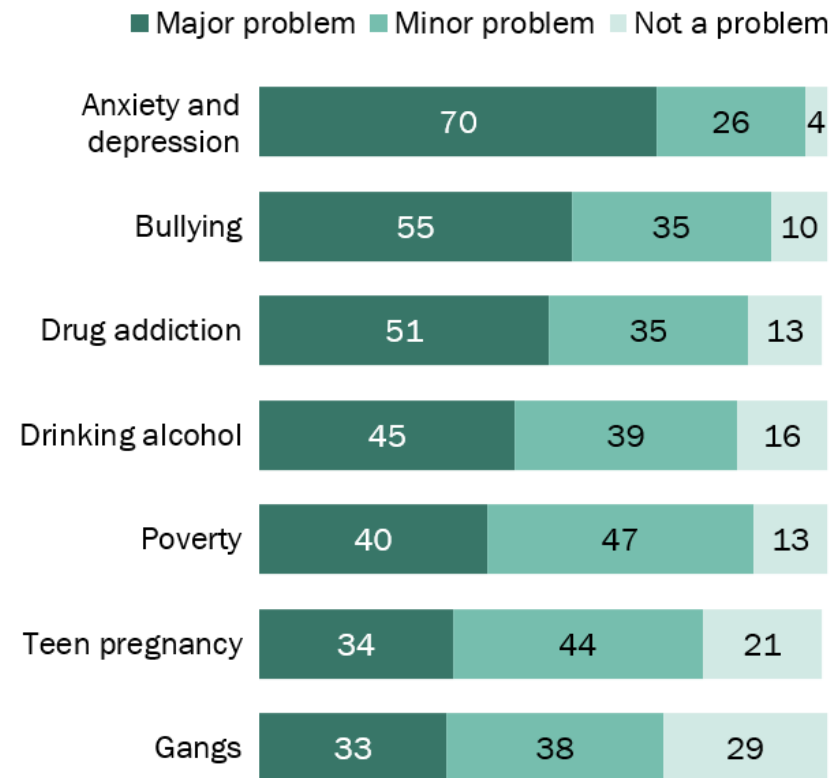
“Durable Skills”

- Communication
- Creativity
- Teamwork
- Leadership
- Problem Solving
- Adaptability
- Emotional Intelligence
- Critical Thinking



ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION TOP LIST OF PROBLEMS TEENS SEE AMONG THEIR PEERS

% of teens saying each of the following is a ___ among people their age in the community where they live



Note: Share of respondents who didn't offer an answer not shown.
Source: Survey of U.S. teens ages 13 to 17 conducted Sept. 17-Nov. 25, 2018.

"Most U.S. Teens See Anxiety and Depression as a Major Problem Among Their Peers"

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

Major concerns

- Teacher recruitment and retention
- Principalship
- Absenteeism (27% chronic absenteeism)
- Alignment of traditional school experience and the workforce
- Mental health of students & staff
- Equity and Access



To-do list

- Keep asking questions
- Do your research
- Challenge



Resources

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