

What is Florida NYTD?

Florida NYTD, is a survey comprised of questions from the Federal National Youth In Transition Database, the Florida IL Checklist, Florida Statutes and DCF Policy as well as questions by youth, young adults and other stakeholders in the child welfare system.

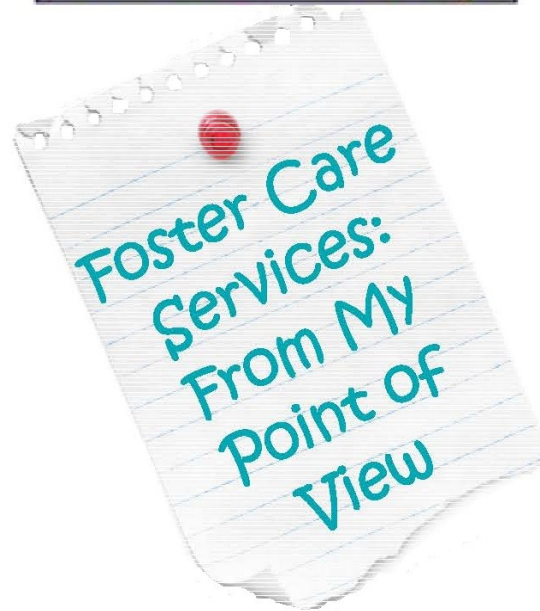
The survey can be completed on-line, on paper or by telephone.

Who takes the Florida NYTD Survey?

Young people ages 18-22, who turned 18 in licensed foster care. Many of the young people completing the survey are receiving services through Florida's Extended Foster Care program and/or Road to Independence Program.

When is the Florida NYTD Survey?

This year the Florida NYTD survey was open from April 15th—May 31st .



2016



Demographics

1206 This report contains the survey responses of 1206 young adults.

Gender

817 Females **389** Males

Age Group

173 age 18 **246** age 19

243 age 20 **229** age 21

315 age 22

Survey Data Reports

Survey answers are private. Each young adult has a unique log-in password issued by the Department.

The Statewide survey data report is published on the Department's website.

Cby25[®] Initiative provides each CBC Lead agency with an Excel report of their CBC specific survey responses.

This report is also sent to youth advocacy groups, the IL Advisory Council, and others.

Recognizing the importance of individualized planning for young people as they prepare to transition from licensed foster care, both Federal Law and Florida Statutes establish requirements and timelines for Transition Planning

How adequate was your independent living/transition plan when it came to addressing the following needs: Stable Housing							
	18	19	20	21	22	Total	%
Very	90	127	127	123	170	637	63%
Somewhat	41	59	60	43	74	277	27%
Barely	5	13	9	15	14	56	6%
Not at all	5	10	8	7	13	43	4%
Declined	15	14	18	18	19	84	---
Don't Know	17	23	21	23	25	109	---
Total	173	246	243	229	315	1206	---

How adequate was your independent living/transition plan when it came to addressing the following needs: Health Care							
	18	19	20	21	22	Total	%
Very	94	120	128	115	168	625	62%
Somewhat	35	68	57	51	74	285	28%
Barely	2	12	9	11	21	55	5%
Not at all	8	11	8	13	10	50	5%
Declined	14	15	17	14	17	77	---
Don't Know	20	20	24	25	25	114	---
Total	173	246	243	229	315	1206	---

How adequate was your independent living/transition plan when it came to addressing the following needs: Education or Training							
	18	19	20	21	22	Total	%
Very	113	140	146	131	199	729	70%
Somewhat	24	53	50	46	64	237	23%
Barely	4	8	9	10	13	44	4%
Not at all	5	8	5	8	4	30	3%
Declined	13	16	15	14	17	75	---
Don't Know	14	21	18	20	18	91	---
Total	173	246	243	229	315	1206	---

How adequate was your independent living/transition plan when it came to addressing the following needs: Employment							
	18	19	20	21	22	Total	%
Very	53	75	82	80	117	407	41%
Somewhat	25	54	56	45	65	245	25%
Barely	15	30	23	25	32	125	13%
Not at all	38	42	41	36	49	206	21%
Declined	19	20	22	18	25	104	---
Don't Know	23	25	19	25	27	119	---
Total	173	246	243	229	315	1206	---

How adequate was your independent living/transition plan when it came to addressing the following needs: Developing relationships with <i>individuals</i> who could be potential sources of support							
	18	19	20	21	22	Total	%
Very	73	96	113	97	132	511	51%
Somewhat	42	63	68	59	84	316	31%
Barely	12	21	15	15	25	88	9%
Not at all	13	21	15	16	25	90	9%
Declined	16	19	14	15	24	88	---
Don't Know	17	26	18	27	25	113	---
Total	173	246	243	229	315	1206	---

How adequate was your independent living/transition plan when it came to addressing the following needs: Developing relationships with <i>organizations</i> that could be potential sources of support							
	18	19	20	21	22	Total	%
Very	60	92	106	98	140	496	50%
Somewhat	47	67	63	53	78	308	31%
Barely	14	18	24	22	24	102	10%
Not at all	15	25	15	18	22	95	9%
Declined	16	18	14	15	21	84	---
Don't Know	21	26	21	23	30	121	---
Total	173	246	243	229	315	1206	---

Currently are you enrolled in and attending high school, GED classes, post-high school vocational training, or college?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	130	175	186	178	251	920
No	36	65	47	44	55	247
Declined	7	6	10	7	9	39
Total	173	246	243	229	315	1,206
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined")	78%	73%	80%	80%	82%	79%

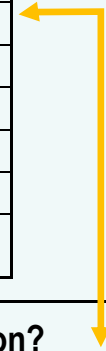
Do you have a high school diploma or GED?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	46	132	182	187	283	830
No	121	105	52	39	23	340
Declined	5	5	8	2	6	26
Do not know	1	4	1	1	3	10
Total	173	246	243	229	315	1,206
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do Not Know")	28%	56%	78%	83%	92%	71%

If "yes" - asked the following:

Which of the following best describes your high school diploma?							
	18	19	20	21	22	Total	** %
I have a regular high school diploma	22	87	127	124	179	539	65%
I have a GED or high school equivalency diploma	22	41	47	56	97	263	32%
I have a certificate of completion	2	4	4	4	7	21	3%
Declined	0	0	1	2	0	3	---
Do not know	0	0	3	1	0	4	---
Total	46	132	182	187	283	830	---

** % of each type of diploma held by high school graduates (Does not include "Declined/Do not know" responses)

Are there any barriers that are preventing you from continuing your education?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	22	31	27	32	50	162
No	137	198	199	185	245	964
Declined	6	11	12	7	8	44
Do not know	8	6	5	5	12	36
Total	173	246	243	229	315	1,206
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do Not Know")	14%	14%	12%	15%	17%	14%



What is the biggest barrier preventing you from continuing your education?							
	18	19	20	21	22	Total	**%
I have no way to pay for school	2	0	2	1	5	10	7%
I need to work full time	2	3	4	6	11	26	17%
I have child care responsibilities	1	3	2	4	6	16	11%
I don't have transportation	5	7	4	4	3	23	15%
I have been discouraged by significant others	0	1	0	0	0	1	
I have academic difficulties	3	8	6	7	7	31	21%
Other: Please Specify	7	8	5	8	15	43	29%

Some of the "Other: Please Specify" Comments

** % of youth experiencing barriers to completing their education who cited each of the given reasons
(Does not include "Declined/Do not know" responses)

<p>Financial instability ..I have to attend a public college but I cant pursue a private college where I can a technical degree for something I want instead of focusing on an education that's going to make me a miserable statistic.</p> <p>After I turn 23, I have to get a job in order to pay for my housing which makes it difficult to have a full time job.</p> <p>Bills and stable housing security (worrying)</p> <p>Books are too expensive</p> <p>Homelessness</p> <p>Housing</p>	<p>I am having problems with financial aid</p> <p>Money for books</p> <p>Most colleges won't take me because of criminal record</p> <p>My stipend from independent living program does not cover the tuition cost of private Universities, and I go to a private college</p> <p>no money for food clothing or others essentials</p> <p>no money to pay bills</p> <p>not financially stable</p>	<p>No transportation AND the distance itself is 54 miles away and I am homeless and staying at a friends and relying on the subsidy that I get which i will loose if i transfer schools</p> <p>Too many issues</p> <p>Transportation, Tutoring</p> <p>Very slim monthly stipends that cant keep me afloat</p> <p>College was way too difficult and they said it was college or nothing</p>
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Currently are you employed full-time?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	13	20	35	30	52	150
No	155	219	199	193	255	1,021
Declined	5	7	9	6	8	35
Total	173	246	243	229	315	1,206
Percentage Yes (Not including "Declined")	8%	8%	15%	13%	17%	13%

Currently are you employed part-time?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	31	54	69	67	96	317
No	136	181	160	155	210	842
Declined	6	11	14	7	9	47
Total	173	246	243	229	315	1,206
Percentage Yes (Not including "Declined")	19%	23%	30%	30%	31%	27%

Have you had a job for which you were paid at any time during the past year?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	35	75	47	56	66	279
No	91	92	91	73	107	454
Declined	3	5	9	6	6	29
Do not know	3	2	3	4	3	15
Total	132	174	150	139	182	777
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do Not Know")	28%	45%	34%	43%	38%	38%



In the past year, did you complete an apprenticeship, internship, or other on-the-job training, either paid or unpaid?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	36	42	47	52	67	244
No	123	192	177	165	231	888
Declined	14	12	19	12	17	74
Total	173	246	243	229	315	1,206
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined")	23%	18%	21%	24%	22%	22%

Have you been doing anything to find a job during the past month?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	84	99	74	81	114	452
No	42	67	58	47	54	268
Declined	4	8	15	9	10	46
Do not know	2	0	3	2	4	11
Total	132	174	150	139	182	777
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do Not Know")	67%	60%	56%	63%	68%	63%

Which of the following have you done to find a job during the past month? Select all that apply:							
**452 distinct respondents	18	19	20	21	22	Total	** %
Contacted employers	33	47	37	44	57	218	21%
Contacted employment agency	15	20	17	19	23	94	9%
Contacted friends or relatives	22	23	27	22	38	132	13%
Contacted school/university employment center	11	8	12	13	24	68	7%
Sent out resumes	19	31	30	30	55	165	16%
Filled out job applications	59	77	52	62	88	338	33%
Searched/responded to help wanted ads	17	27	25	26	36	131	13%
Had a job interview	24	27	23	27	38	139	14%
Attended job training programs	6	7	12	9	13	47	5%
Asked my Caseworker and/or Independent Living Worker for help	10	11	9	11	9	50	5%
Declined	4	1	1	1	1	8	---
Do not know	4	2	1	4	2	13	---
Total	224	281	246	268	384	1,403	---

Which best describes your current living situation? Select only one.

	18	19	20	21	22	Total	** %
I am living in my own apartment, house, or trailer	44	83	106	111	156	500	44%
I am living with birth or adoptive parents	4	11	14	14	19	62	5%
I am living with a spouse/partner	2	3	14	13	23	55	5%
I am living with other family members	19	22	12	13	21	87	8%
I am living with former foster parents	11	17	11	9	10	58	5%
I am living with friends or a roommate	24	22	27	24	46	143	13%
I am living in a foster home	20	16	14	2	0	52	5%
I am living in a group care setting (including a group home or residential care facility)	25	25	11	2	4	67	6%
I am living in a college dormitory or residence hall	0	8	6	4	6	24	2%
I am living in military barracks	0	1	0	0	0	1	0%
I am in detention, jail, prison or another correctional facility	2	3	0	0	0	5	0%
I am couch surfing or moving from house to house	1	4	2	7	5	19	2%
I am homeless (and living in a shelter, in a hotel/motel room, on the street, in a car or other vehicle, in an abandoned building, or at a camping ground)	3	5	0	11	5	24	2%
Other (please specify)	7	7	6	8	3	31	3%
Declined	3	11	12	10	13	49	---
Do not know	8	8	8	1	4	29	---
Total	173	246	243	229	315	1,206	---

** % of youth in each of the given living situations (Does not include "Declined/Do not know" responses)

Some of the "Other: Please Specify" Comments

- Approved Extended Foster Care Placement
- Boyfriend's House
- Extended foster care apartments
- Grandmother
- I am living with a job coach from school
- Independent living housing
- I was renting a room and now I have to live with a sibling for a while.
- Living at place of employment
- Living with a friend
- Living with my caregiver family
- living with my kids grandmother
- Mentor
- My boyfriend's mom
- My sisters foster parents
- Rent a room in a house
- Teacher
- Transitional home

Do you feel safe inside your home?

	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	144	217	218	204	282	1,065
No	10	7	7	8	13	45
Declined	11	10	13	9	11	54
Do not know	8	12	5	8	9	42
Total	173	246	243	229	315	1,206
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do Not Know")	94%	97%	97%	96%	96%	96%

After paying for your housing, do you still have enough for your other living expenses such as food, transportation, or utilities?

	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	43	75	121	106	202	547
No	7	23	37	48	51	166
Declined	1	4	4	4	5	18
Do not know	4	3	6	6	10	29
Total	55	105	168	164	268	760
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do Not Know")	86%	77%	77%	69%	80%	77%

In the past year have you accessed funding from Transition or Aftercare to prevent you from becoming homeless?

	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	52	66	57	52	63	290
No	78	132	156	148	210	724
Declined	17	20	16	13	18	84
Do not know	26	28	14	16	24	108
Total	173	246	243	229	315	1,206
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do Not Know")	40%	33%	27%	26%	23%	29%

Have you ever couch surfed or moved from house to house because you didn't have a permanent place to stay?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	38	42	51	84	78	293
No	114	175	175	134	215	813
Declined	10	20	13	10	16	69
Do not know	11	9	4	1	6	31
Total	173	246	243	229	315	1,206
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do Not Know")	25%	19%	23%	39%	27%	26%

In the past two years, were you homeless at any time?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	25	35	44	67	77	248
No	135	194	183	151	224	887
Declined	13	17	16	11	14	71
Total	173	246	243	229	315	1,206
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined")	16%	15%	19%	31%	26%	22%

How many times were you homeless in the past year?							
	18	19	20	21	22	Total	** %
1	11	14	21	22	40	108	50%
2	4	12	12	16	14	58	27%
3	2	2	6	7	10	27	13%
4	1	1	0	4	1	7	3%
5 or more	2	2	3	3	5	15	7%
Declined	4	3	2	13	7	29	---
Do not know	1	1	0	2	0	4	---
Total	25	35	44	67	77	248	---

Of the young adults who stated "yes" they were homeless within the last 2 years:

25% report they were homeless at least 1 month but less than 3 months

17% report they were homeless at least 3 months but less than 6 months

% (Does not include "Declined/Do not know" responses)

Currently are you receiving public food assistance?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	92	121	94	111	160	578
No	80	118	136	112	141	587
Declined	1	7	13	6	14	41
Total	173	246	243	229	315	1,206
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined")	53%	51%	41%	50%	53%	50%

Do you currently have an open bank account, such as a checking or savings account?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	118	169	180	159	248	874
No	46	65	51	60	49	271
Declined	4	6	7	8	15	40
Do not know	5	6	5	2	3	21
Total	173	246	243	229	315	1,206
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do Not Know")	72%	72%	78%	73%	84%	76%

Do you have a reliable means of transportation to school and/or work?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	125	166	189	183	251	914
No	30	53	32	34	50	199
Declined	9	15	11	10	9	54
Do not know	9	12	11	2	5	39
Total	173	246	243	229	315	1,206
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do Not Know")	81%	76%	86%	84%	83%	82%

In the past two years, did you give birth to or father any children that were born?																	
	18			19			20			21			22			TOTAL	** %
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total		
Yes	14	1	15	18	5	23	32	3	35	39	4	43	63	9	72	188	17%
No	77	60	137	100	96	196	136	47	183	130	36	166	133	86	219	901	83%
Declined	9	9	18	10	16	26	19	4	23	18	2	20	12	9	21	108	---
Total	100	70	170	128	117	245	187	54	241	187	42	229	208	104	312	1197	---
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined")	15%	2%	10%	15%	5%	11%	19%	6%	16%	23%	10%	21%	32%	9%	25%	17%	---

Have you received family planning counseling or services during the past year?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	20	12	10	8	22	72
No	129	208	210	200	274	1,021
Declined	15	15	16	16	13	75
Do not know	9	11	7	5	6	38
Total	173	246	243	229	315	1,206
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do Not Know")	13%	5%	5%	4%	7%	7%

Currently are you on Medicaid?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	133	183	182	166	229	893
No	23	36	38	47	60	204
Declined	5	11	9	6	8	39
Do not know	12	16	14	10	18	70
Total	173	246	243	229	315	1,206
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do not know")	85%	84%	83%	78%	79%	81%

Currently are you receiving social security payments (Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), or dependents' payments)?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	26	19	20	12	15	92
No	138	221	210	208	291	1,068
Declined	9	6	13	9	9	46
Total	173	246	243	229	315	1,206
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined")	16%	8%	9%	5%	5%	8%

Has there ever been a time during the past two years when you did not get medical care for a PHYSICAL HEALTH problem that you thought you needed?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	15	27	37	29	31	139
No	130	185	190	180	255	940
Declined	12	18	9	11	14	64
Do not know	16	16	7	9	15	63
Total	173	246	243	229	315	1,206
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do Not Know")	10%	13%	16%	14%	11%	13%

Has there ever been a time during the past two years when you did not get treatment for a MENTAL HEALTH problem that you thought you needed?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	11	8	20	17	21	77
No	138	197	201	192	266	994
Declined	15	21	13	13	17	79
Do not know	9	20	9	7	11	56
Total	173	246	243	229	315	1,206
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do Not Know")	7%	4%	9%	8%	7%	7%

Are you currently receiving counseling for a psychological or emotional problem?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	28	25	23	19	32	127
No	125	194	199	188	265	971
Declined	11	18	15	16	13	73
Do not know	9	9	6	6	5	35
Total	173	246	243	229	315	1,206
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do Not Know")	18%	11%	10%	9%	11%	12%

Has there ever been a time during the past two years when you did not get DENTAL CARE that you thought you needed?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	23	21	37	48	59	188
No	128	192	182	163	233	898
Declined	10	22	15	13	15	75
Do not know	12	11	9	5	8	45
Total	173	246	243	229	315	1,206
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do Not Know")	15%	10%	17%	23%	20%	17%

Have you been arrested during the past year?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	59	82	60	66	67	334
No	99	146	166	146	227	784
Declined	10	12	13	17	18	70
Do not know	5	6	4	0	3	18
Total	173	246	243	229	315	1,206
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do Not Know")	37%	36%	27%	31%	23%	30%

In the past two years, were you confined in a jail, prison, correctional facility, or juvenile or community detention facility, in connection with allegedly committing a crime?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	32	31	19	30	17	129
No	128	191	209	187	284	999
Total	160	222	228	217	301	1,128
Percentage Yes	20%	14%	8%	14%	6%	11%

Currently is there at least one adult in your life, other than your caseworker, to whom you can go to for advice or emotional support?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	146	203	191	181	259	980
No	21	33	37	36	44	171
Total	167	236	228	217	303	1,151
Percentage Yes	87%	86%	84%	83%	85%	85%

Do you currently have a close relationship with any members of your biological family?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	119	159	163	145	200	786
No	45	77	58	70	96	346
Declined	4	5	17	11	13	50
Do not know	5	5	5	3	6	24
Total	173	246	243	229	315	1,206
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do Not Know")	73%	67%	74%	67%	68%	69%

