Youth Employment in Washington State

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Youth are particularly susceptible to recessions

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Geographic Profiles of Unemployment
Youngest workers show low and declining labor force participation

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Geographic Profiles of Unemployment
Unemployment by race/ethnicity

Young Adult Unemployment by Race and Gender in Washington

Source: American Community Survey, U.S. Census
As with all groups, education plays a role in employment outcomes.

Source: American Community Survey, U.S. Census
Young people facing barriers to employment still behind

Source: American Community Survey, U.S. Census, 2015, Washington
Where are Youth finding work

Source: Local Employment Dynamics, U.S. Census
How well are Youth getting paid?

Source: Local Employment Dynamics, U.S. Census
Projected Likelihood of Disengagement
For youth Age 15 in AY 2006 to AY 2011

- Child Welfare History and no Criminal Justice: 41%
- Criminal Justice History and no Child Welfare: 40%
- Both Child Welfare and Criminal Justice: 60%
- No Child Welfare or Criminal Justice: 23%

Source: DSHS, Opportunity Youth: Factors that Predict Disengagement from School and Work Among Youth in Washington State
Special education student outcomes
12th graders in AY 2005/06 and served by DSHS between 2006 and 2008, 6 years later

Source: DSHS\ERDC, Connections to Employment and Education
The End/Questions?

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