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# South King County Opportunity Youth

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# Aims

1. Generate an updated estimate on the number of Opportunity Youth in South King County
2. Gain a deeper understanding of the two defining characteristics of Opportunity Youth: education and employment.
3. Observe trends from the 2016 "Opportunity Youth in the Road Map Project Region" report and now.

# Definitions

**Who are the  
South King County  
Opportunity Youth?**

# Defining Southern King County

## Public Use Microdata Area (PUMA):

- Geographical codes assigned per state and region.

### King county:

- PUMA codes: 11601-11616

### Southern King County

- PUMA codes: 11612-11615

# King County PUMA codes



# South King County Identified by PUMA Codes



# Defining Opportunity Youth

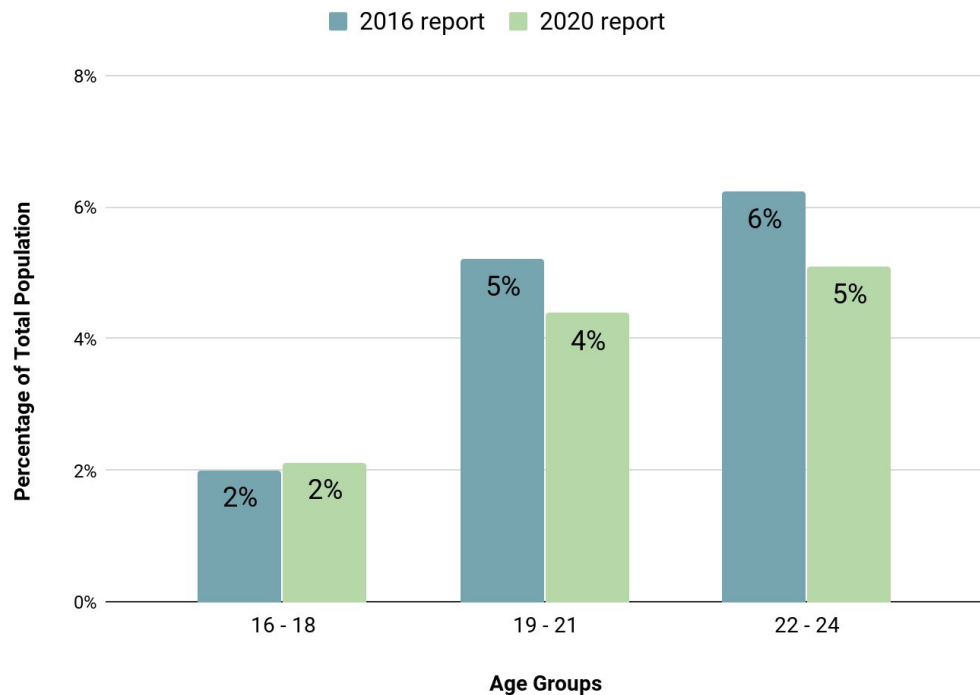
**Opportunity Youth are young people ages 16 to 24 who are not in school or meaningfully employed.**

*-“New Insights into the Back on Track Model’s Effects on Opportunity Youth Outcomes”.*

*Urban Institute, 2019.*

# Comparing 2016 and 2020 reports, grouped by age

OY as a percentage of the Total Population of Southern King County



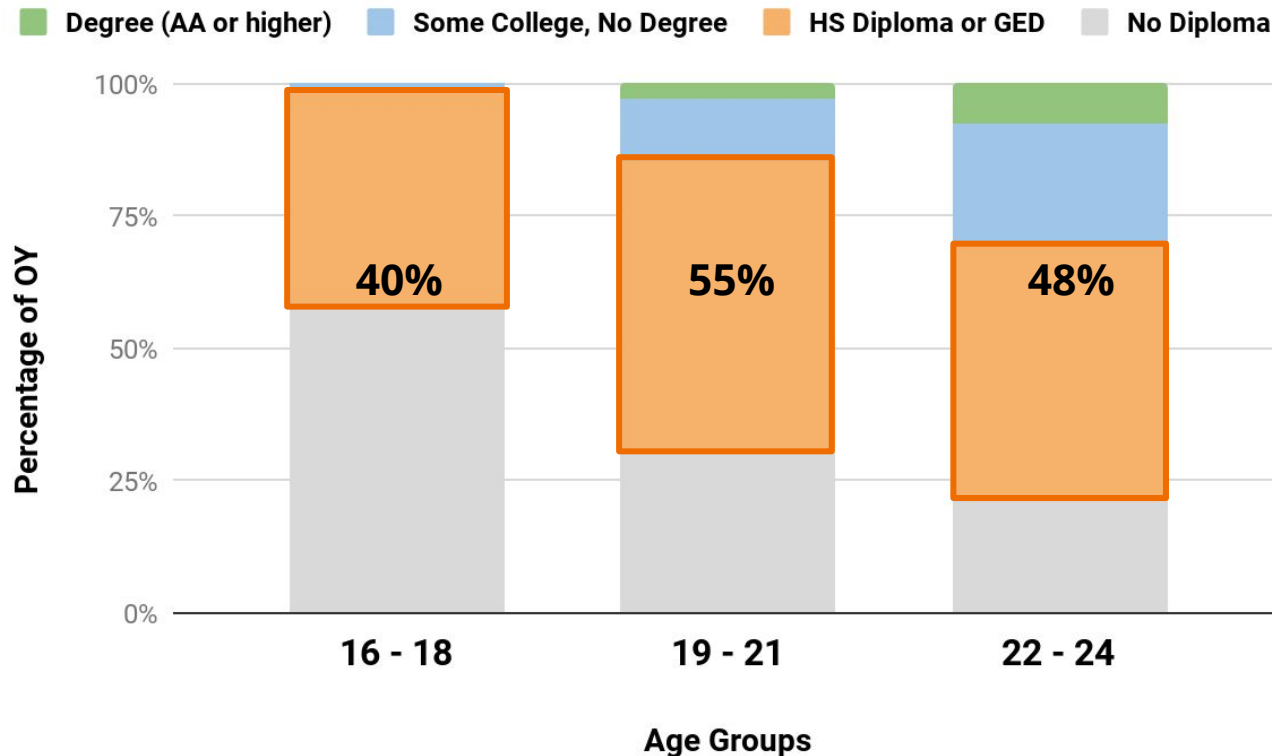
The percentage of Opportunity Youth in the total Population of South King County has remained consistent between 2016 and 2020, when these reports were completed.



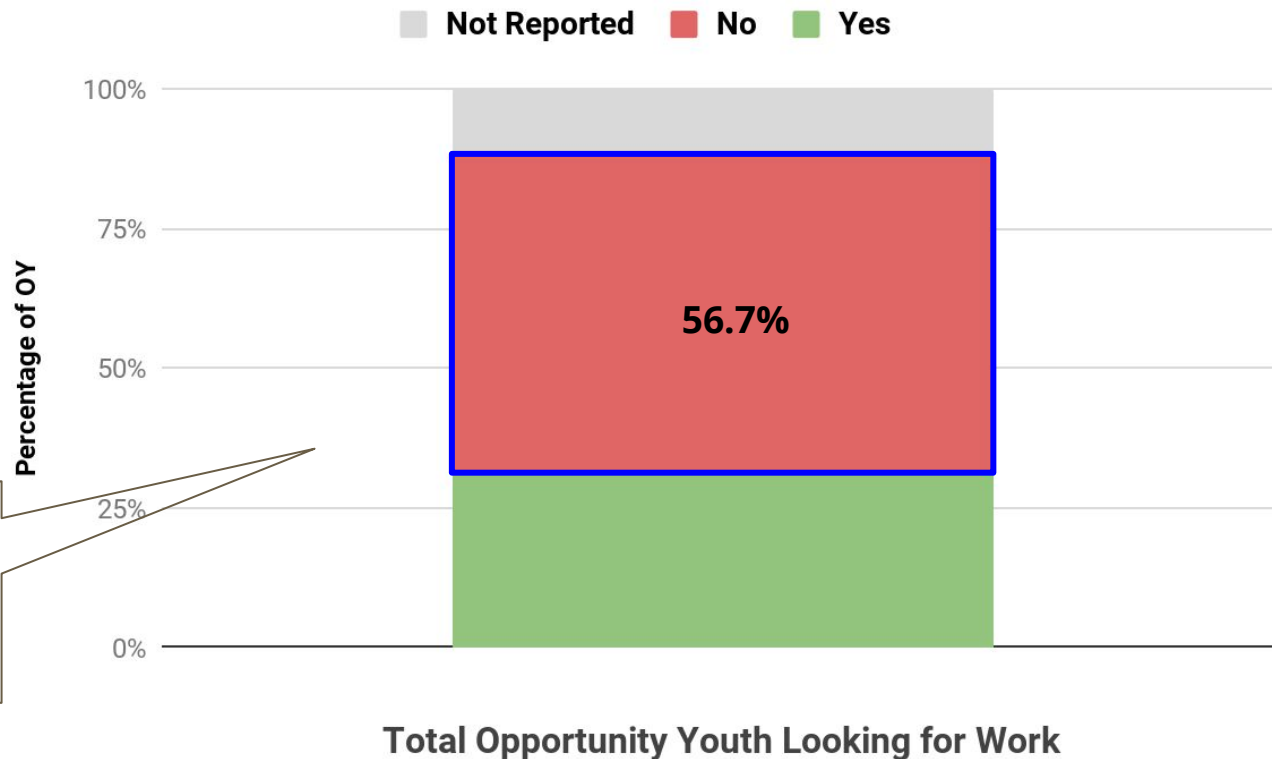
# Education Attainment Amongst Opportunity Youth

A significant portion of Opportunity Youth have achieved a high school diploma or a GED.

It is expected that the majority of 16 - 18 Age Group reported “No Diploma”.



# Opportunity Youth Looking for Work



**Investigate:**  
Why is this population  
is not actively seeking  
work?

# What Comes Next?

**This report set out to highlight areas for future investigation in order to gain a better understanding of the Opportunity Youth population.**

**By diving deeper into the reasons for the levels of education that the Opportunity Youth attain, and the factors that motivate Opportunity Youth to seek employment, a better understanding of this population can be formed to drive future efforts of support.**

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