

# Youth in BC BC Adolescent Health Survey

## Diversity

85% of males and 77% of females identified as completely straight.

Youth were less likely to identify as completely straight in 2013 compared to previous years.

1% of youth identified as transgender.

94% of youth lived with at least one parent, while 1% lived in government care, and 1% lived alone.

20% of students took care of a relative on an average school day.

Young caretakers were more likely to face challenges such as missing extracurricular activities or not having enough money for food at home.



Youth in BC come from diverse backgrounds:

53% of youth have European heritage.

18% of youth have East Asian heritage.

10% have Aboriginal heritage.

19% of youth were born outside of Canada.

22% of youth born outside of Canada had moved here in the past two years.

21% of students spoke a language other than English at home most of the time.

Statistics are from McCreary Centre Society's BC Adolescent Health Survey. In 2013, nearly 30 000 students in grades 7-12 filled out the survey across the province. The survey has been completed every five years since 1992.


The Youth in BC poster series was created by McCreary's summer student and the Youth Advisory & Action Council. Visit [www.mcs.bc.ca](http://www.mcs.bc.ca) to view the rest of the series.

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