

# 2011 Snapshot

## Georgia's Children: Ages 12 – 17

*There are 823,528 youth ages 12 – 17 in Georgia.<sup>1</sup>*

### Health

- **78%** of youth have both medical and dental preventive care visits <sup>2</sup>
- **45%** of youth do not have a medical home <sup>3</sup>
- **11%** of youth do not have health insurance <sup>4</sup>
- **18%** of youth have special health needs <sup>5</sup>
- **24%** of youth live in a household where someone uses tobacco <sup>6</sup>
- **16%** of youth ages 14 – 17 are considered obese <sup>7</sup>
- **4,816** births were to girls ages 15 – 17 <sup>8</sup>

### Education

- **39%** of youth watch TV or videos, or play video games for two to three hours on an average weekday <sup>9</sup>
- **3%** of 8th-grade students do not meet standards on the reading CRCT, **17%** do not meet math standards, **35%** do not meet science standards <sup>10</sup>
- **19%** of high-school students do not graduate on time <sup>11</sup>

### Safety

- **4,267** youth are abused or neglected <sup>12</sup>
- **291** youth died <sup>13</sup>

### Family and Economic Security

- **18%** of youth live in households with incomes below the federal poverty level <sup>14</sup>
- **252,251** youth live in single-parent households <sup>15</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, ACS, 2005-2009, Table B09001

<sup>2,3,4,5,6,7</sup> National Survey of Children's Health, 2007

<sup>8</sup> Georgia Department of Public Health, OASIS, 2009

<sup>9</sup> National Survey of Children's Health, 2007

<sup>10,11</sup> Georgia Department of Education and Office of Student Achievement, 2009-2010

<sup>12</sup> Georgia Department of Human Services, DFCS data, 2010

<sup>13</sup> Georgia Department of Public Health, OHIP data, 2008

<sup>14</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 2005-2009, Table B17001

<sup>15</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 2005-2009, Table B09002