


# THE STATE OF LATINA TEENS


## A VIRTUAL YOUTH TOWN HALL


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### Latina Adolescent Demographics

#### California Demographics

 **4.8 m**  
Latinx under 17 years of age  
Source: KidsData.org

 **+50%**  
of California K-12  
students are Latinx  
Source: Pew Research Center


**40%**   
of California Undergrads are Latinx  
Source: Campaign for College Opportunity

 **\$131.2b**  
Student debt owed  
by CA Residents  
Source: US Department of Education


 **11.5%**  
Latinos in CA uninsured  
Source: LA County Health Department

#### United States Demographics

 **18.3 m**  
Latinx under 18 years of age  
Source: Pew Research Center

 **1 in 4**  
Gen Z (born after '96) are Latinx  
Source: Pew Research Center

 **1 in 10**  
Eligible voters are Gen Z  
Source: Pew Research Center

 **10.5%**  
of Latinas 10-24 years old  
attempted suicide in 2017  
Source: CDC Youth Risk Surveillance Report

### Issues Among Latina Teens Identified by HOPE Youth

1. Racial inequities and race relations
2. Health care access
3. College affordability
4. Mental Health

### Recommendations Identified by Students

- Include Ethnic Studies as part of California's core curriculum.
- Expand access to healthcare coverage for all Californians' regardless of immigration status
- Increase the Cal Grant amount awarded to low-income first generation students
- Provide sufficient in school resources to address mental health issues among teens.



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### About the Project

*The HOPE Youth Leadership Program Advocacy Project is a survey project designed to explore the challenges and opportunities available to Latina high school students in California. Program participants design and disseminate the survey among their peers, analyse the data, and propose policy and administrative solutions to address a specific issue. Findings and recommendations are shared in a youth town hall and with the elected representatives.*

### Participating Schools / Organizations & Topics

Fresno | **Edison High School/ Youth Leadership Institute:** Race Relations/Ethnic Studies

Los Angeles | **Abraham Lincoln High School:** Health Care Access

San Jose | **Mt. Pleasant High School:** College Affordability

Orange County | **Girls Inc of County:** Mental Health

Riverside | **Polytechnic High School:** Mental Health

Bakersfield | **South High School:** Mental Health

Compton | **Manuel Dominguez High School:** Mental Health

### About the HOPE Youth Leadership Program

Founded in 2004, the HOPE Youth Leadership Program has Engaged over 4,000 young women in activities that promote healthy living, healthy interpersonal relationships, financial empowerment, STEM exposure and enhanced civic participation. The program has trained nearly 500 young women, of which 98% graduate from high school and 92% go on to college.

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