

Challenges for Generation Y Many Would Like to be in School or Working

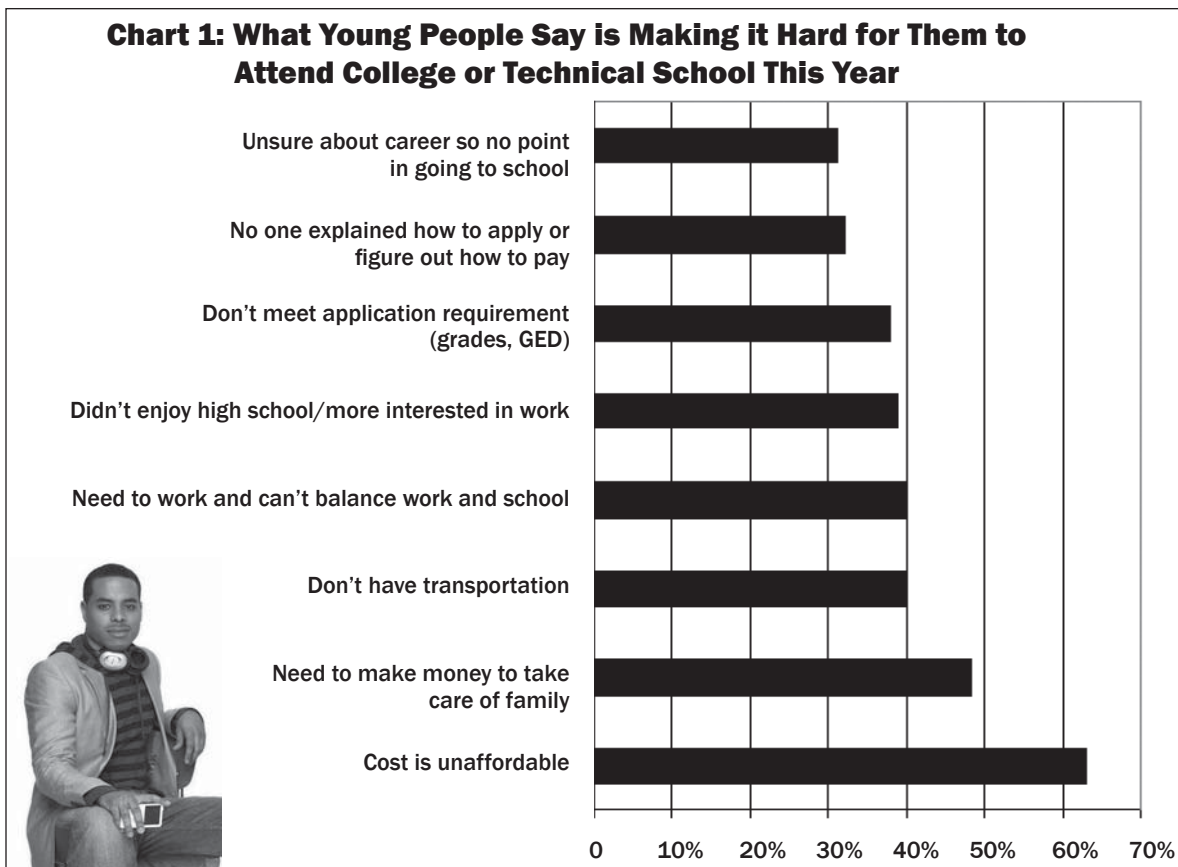


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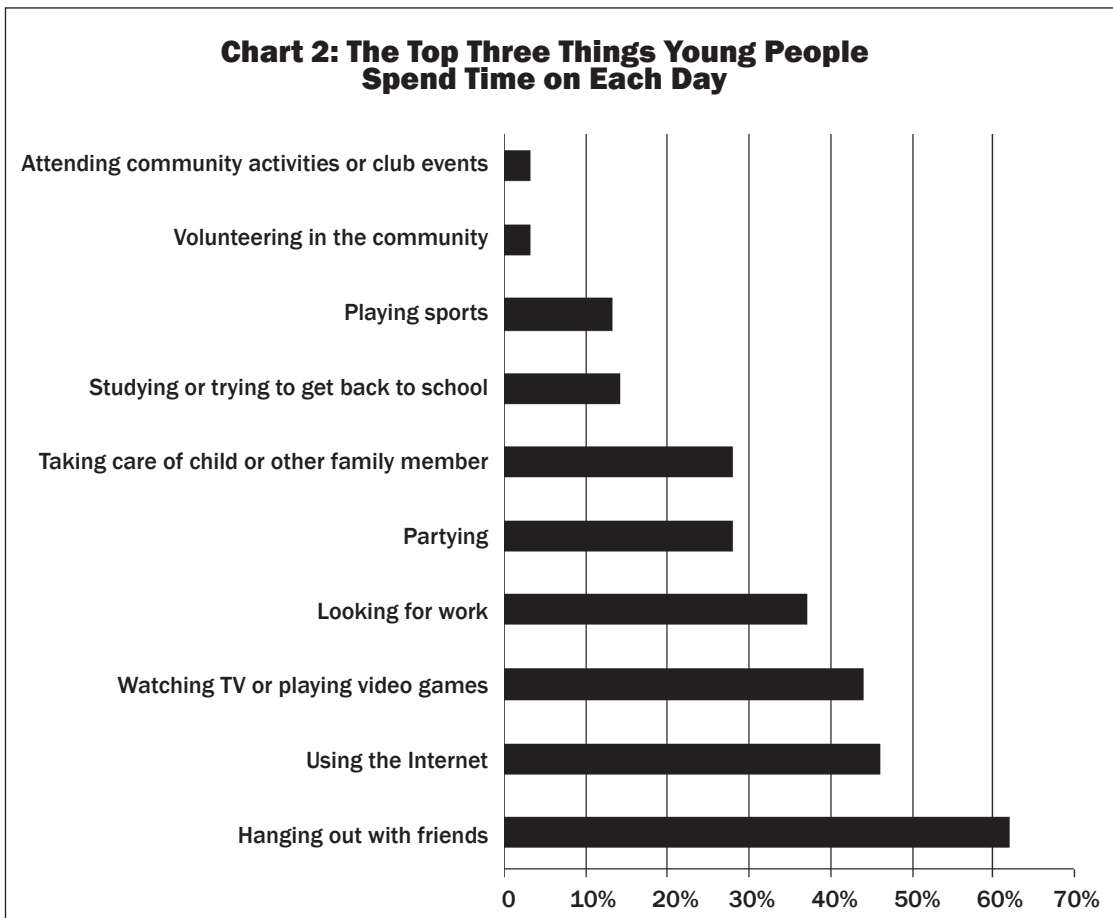
There are almost seven million young people (between the ages of 16 and 24) who are not in school and do not work. According to a recent study, the majority of these young people would like to be working full time or receiving education or training so that they can find a job. What can you learn about this population by studying the two charts on these two pages?

BEFORE READING CHART 1: Conduct a survey in your community or school about why it might be hard to go to college. See <www.nelrc.org/changeagent/extras> for a sample survey. Compare your results with those in the chart below.



AFTER READING CHART 1: What is your experience with these barriers? Discuss *both* individual and public solutions to these problems.

Source (for Charts 1 and 2): <www.americaspromise.org/News-and-Events/News-and-Features/2012-News/January/~media/Files/Resources/CE_opportunity_road_2012.ashx>.



AFTER READING CHART 2: How do the barriers identified in Chart 1 help us understand the way people are spending their time?

Multiple Choice Quiz

1. According to Chart 1, it is clear that:

- a) Young people like to hang out with their friends.
- b) More than 50% don't have transportation.
- c) Economic barriers are a primary reason why it's hard for young people to go to college.
- d) Young people have a bad attitude about school and work.

2. A reasonable conclusion to draw from Chart 2 is:

- a) Young people like to hang out with their friends.
- b) Almost 40% included "looking for work" as one of the top 3 things they do each day.
- c) Young people have a lot of screen time each day.
- d) All of the above.

Multiple choice questions like these appear on the GED test. Practice writing your own questions about these charts or other content in the magazine. Share them with your class.