

# Young People Like Me

WHAT TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS IN  
NEWPORT THINK, WANT AND HOPE



New England Network for  
Child, Youth & Family Services

# Life in the Northeast Kingdom



Almost the whole town can be captured in one picture.  
Welcome to Lyndonville.

Credit: Emily Menten



Even though we're in the middle of nowhere,  
there's still beauty to be found.

Credit: Alan Wesolow



Living in Vermont always brings such cold weather.

Credit: Jeremy Therrien





This is a beautiful elm that always stuns me. It was lucky to have survived the epidemic.

Credit: Avery Parsons-Grayson



Life can be just like a river, flowing easy or stuck solid.

Credit: Sierra Perkins/David Willson





An owl in the woods behind our house.

Credit: Avery Parsons-Grayson





Even though we live in a rural place,  
we get to see nice views like this.

Credit: Jeremy Therrien

Things That Encourage and Support Us



These are my daughters. The Parent-Child Center is very supportive. I find that to be rare in this community as a young mother.

Credit: Cortney Larocque





I've played this game, King's Corners, with some of the elderly men at The Pines during my internship. One day I hope to be a nurse.

Credit: Felicia Daignault



The ski team: the coaches versus the coached.  
Credit: Stephanie Watson



These textbooks at school could be the start of a career. I find psychology class to be very captivating.

Credit: Matthew Wynn





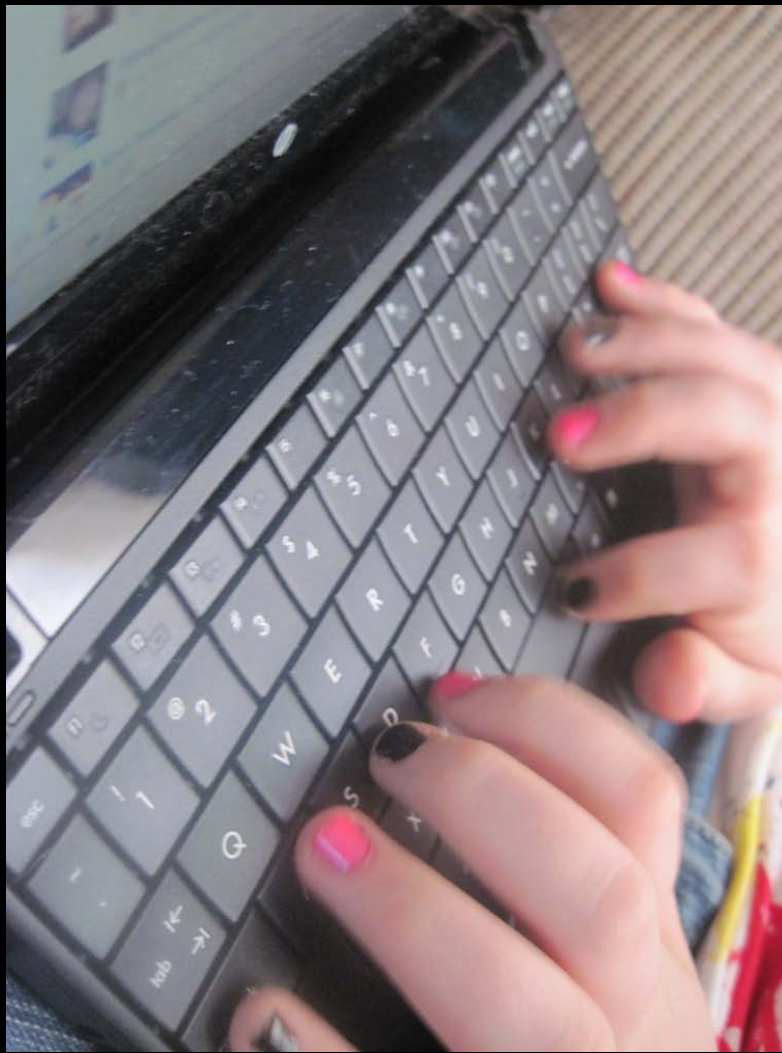
It's important to teach my daughters to read at a young age so they do good in school. Education is very important.

Credit: Cortney Larocque



Bud the dog. To me he means faith, love, and companionship.

Credit: Kristin Durrant



I'm on Facebook a lot, talking to friends.

Credit: Jessica Smith





This is my band teacher, Mr. Storrings. He always gives me the answer I want, in a way I can understand.

Credit: Kailyn McGregor



My faith, growing stronger every day.

Credit: Heather Davis



These are the tools in my dad's shop that I use to make artwork.

Credit: Alan Wesolow





This is the most relied-on transportation.

Credit: Timothy Blanchard



The plaque acknowledges the people who make our favorite hangouts possible.

Credit: Adreena Lints



Prom is something every girl dreams about, and sometimes in a community where it's hard to afford things, it can be hard to make your dreams come true. Next year, if it's still there, I'm going to get it for senior prom, no matter what it costs.

Credit: Kristin Guillette





This is 'Madame France' and her therapy dog, Forrest. We can talk about anything, and Forrest calms us down. When I'm petting Forrest and I'm in French, I can actually listen better.

Credit: Kailyn McGregor





This picture represents friendship and happiness in my life.

Credit: Adreena Lints



The group of us, diverse as we are, we succeeded in helping the Haitians at the Hilltopper, where I work.

Credit: Timothy Blanchard



My 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, at the bank, opening a checking account. Now I can buy things online that are nonexistent in this town.

Credit: Matthew Wynn





I babysit my cousins every Friday. They're pretty fun to be around.

Credit: Jessica Smith





This is my necklace. I wear it every day.

Credit: Jessica Smith



These are the only things that keep me going around here. I position them to be the first thing I see in the morning when I wake up.

Credit: Kevin O'Donnell



This is a pretty fun place to hang out with friends.

Credit: Jeremy Therrien



Things that give me a break from the boredom.

Credit: Alan Wesolow





This shows my passion for bald eagles and the United States. It represents pride, honor and dignity. I plan to go into the National Guard.

Credit: Kevin O'Donnell



It's fun to hang out with friends. It's a good stress-reliever.

Credit: Jeremy Therrien

Things That Are Hard for Us



Someone broke into my house and emptied my safe.

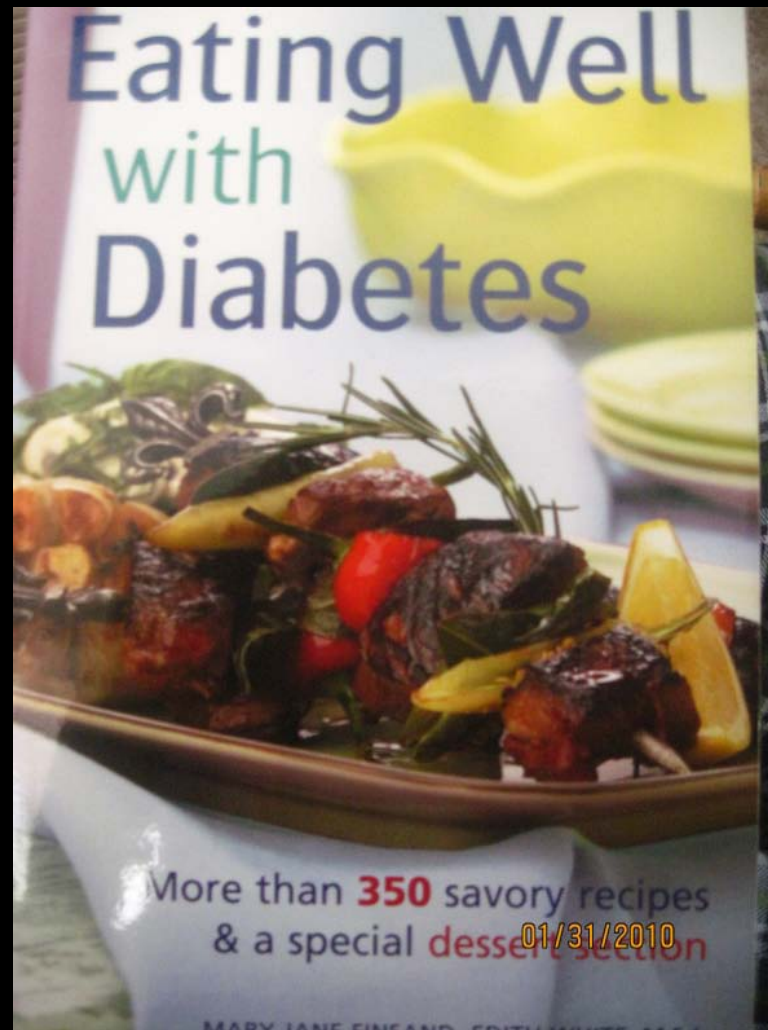
Credit: Cortney Larocque





I had to get a gun for my protection.

Credit: Cortney Larocque



My doctors think I've had diabetes since I was 9 and a half. I can take care of myself properly. I take insulin and check my blood sugar when I have to.

Credit: Kailyn McGregor



Smoking is horrible in so many ways. I spend way too much money.  
Smoking buries a lot of money.

Credit: Cortney Larocque





So many spaces, so few cars ....

Credit: Emily Mentes





I found these beer bottles in the woods when I went exploring with a friend. We left them the way we found them.

Credit: Stephanie Watson





The rec center got closed down even though so many went there after school, on the weekend and on vacations.

Credit: Savannah Fellows





Why are you so empty?

Credit: Stephanie Watson





Not many use this skatepark, for two reasons. One, it is so small, and two, the skate shop closed.

Credit: Savannah Fellows



There isn't very much to do except watch movies.

Credit: Cortney Larocque



Power outages are frequent where I live.

Credit: Avery Parsons-Grayson





Almost everyone I go to school with has been to the Convenient One, or CI, as it's known. But now we have to walk a ways to get that drink or snack before or after school!

Credit: Savannah Fellows





In a world of opportunities, one word dominates.

Credit: Kristin Guillet



This is my brother's car. Some people are careless drivers.  
It makes it dangerous to drive around.

Credit: Sierra Perkins/David Willson

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Teens have a lot to worry about,  
like trying to figure out things like this.

Credit: Jeremy Therrien



This is our 'sophisticated' water system in which overflow flows to the next house and mosquitoes breed.

Credit: Avery Parsons-Grayson





The only job around for miles and miles.

Credit: Alan Wesolow



A person's feet is their most used piece of transportation in our rural area of St. Johnsbury.

Credit: Timothy Blanchard



The condition of the roads is despicable around here and doesn't help with the transportation problems.

Credit: Timothy Blanchard



Kiko has to be put down soon. Old and new memories are always going to be in my head. It's hard to say goodbye.

Credit: Sierra Perkins/David Willson





Too bad some people feel like ruining the scenery.  
Credit: Jeremy Therrien



Longing for the outside world.

Credit: Heather Davis

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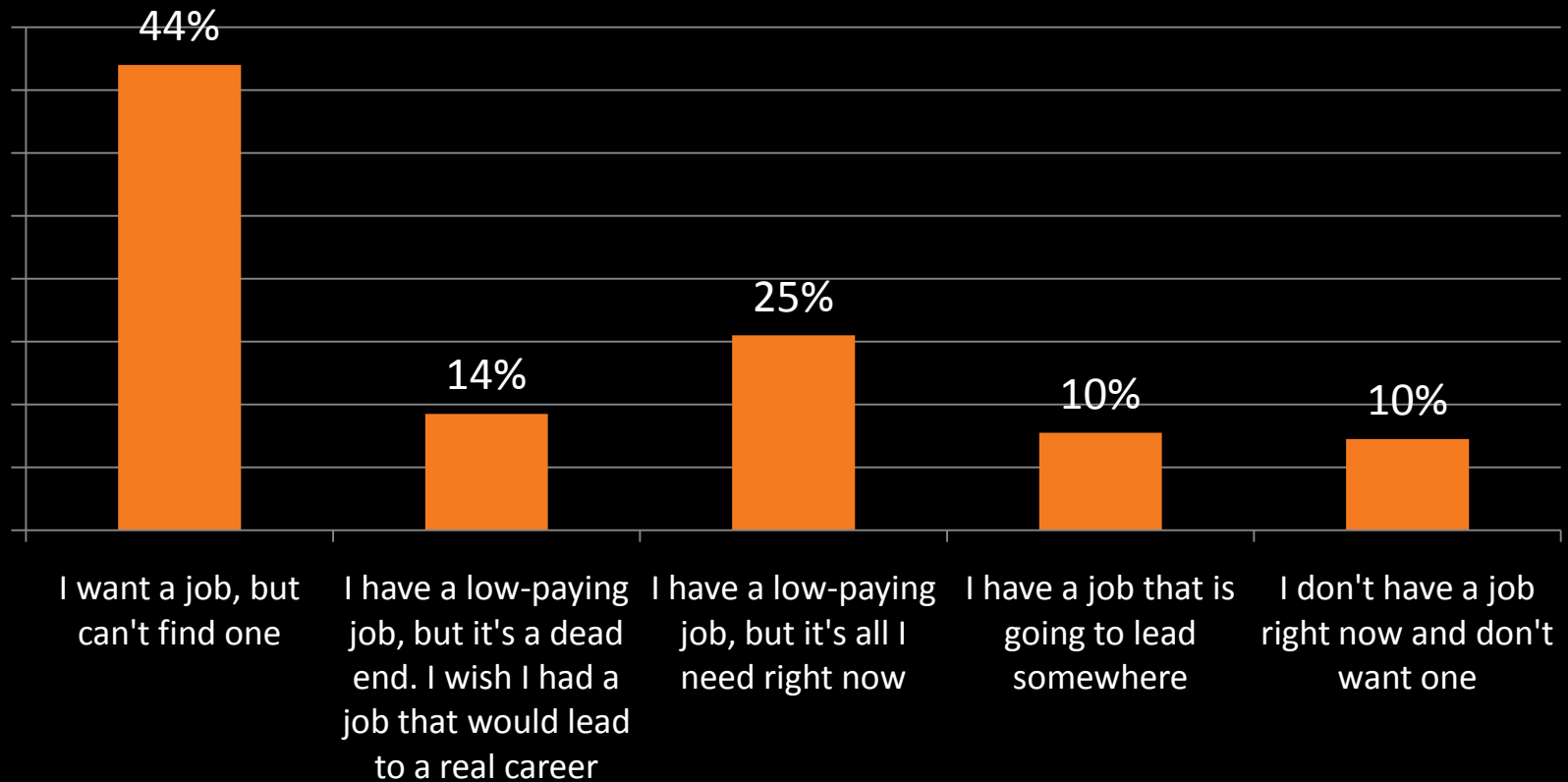


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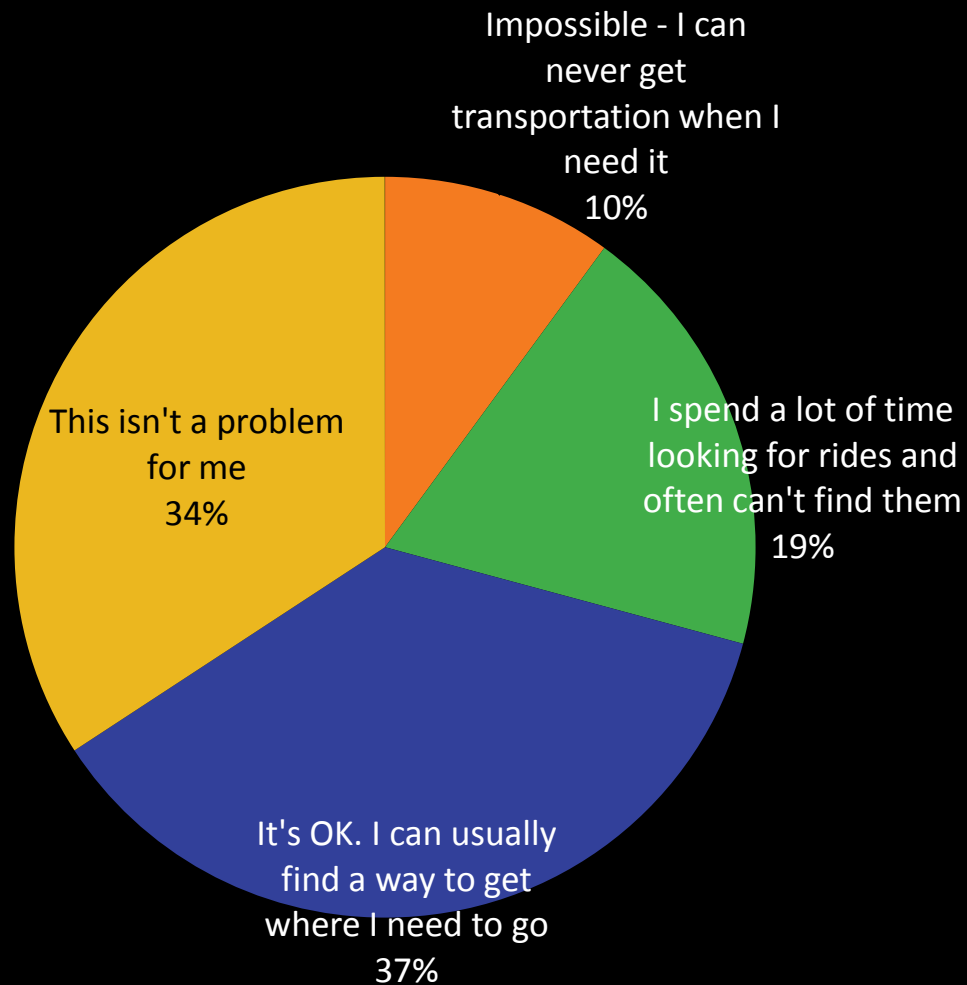




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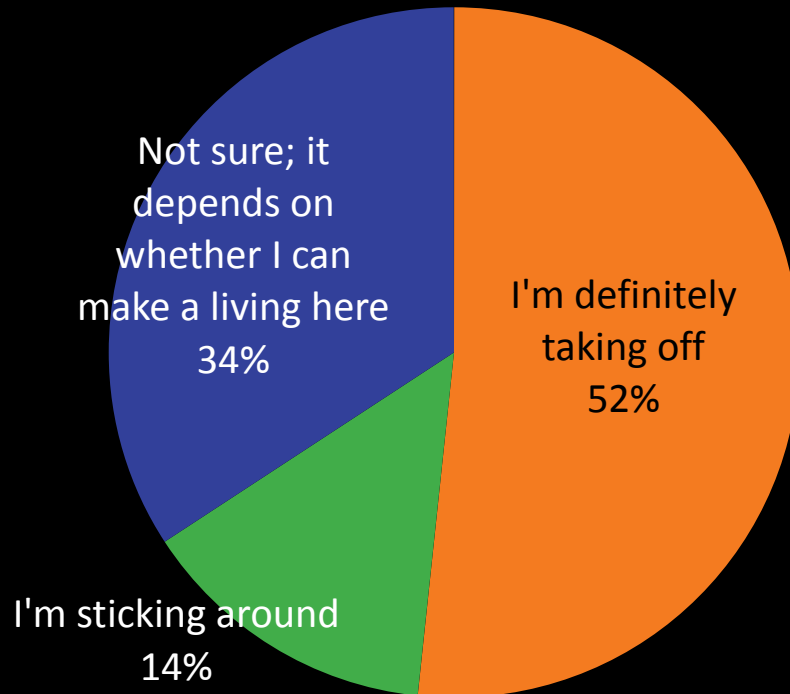


**What's It Like Getting Around Your Town to Do Things for Fun, Work or School?**  
**Youth 16-21**  
**(Combined Areas, n=298)**



In the future, I plan on leaving this area either for college or for better job opportunities.

(Youth 16-21, Combined Areas n=298)





Do you know anyone your age who doesn't have a regular place to live -- who left home or got kicked out, and now is living someplace else temporarily?  
( Combined Areas, n=386)

