



SPARKPOINT SUMMIT 2025

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Empowering
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Supporting
Re-Entry Individuals,
Transitional Youth,
and Seniors





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Improves the quality of life for youth in California who have been in foster care or homeless by advocating for better laws, training communities to strengthen local practices and conducting research to inform policy solutions.

SNAPSHOT OF FOSTER CARE IN CALIFORNIA



17,000

Enter foster care per year due to
abuse & neglect

42,000

children & youth
in foster care in
California



7,400

are young adults,
aged 18 to 21





Impact on Foster Youth

- Lower rates of **educational attainment**
- Higher rates of **behavioral health challenges**
- Higher risk of **homelessness**
- High levels of **resiliency**



LAST DECADE HAS BEEN A PERIOD OF REFORM FOR TRANSITION-AGE FOSTER YOUTH



Expansion of
**housing
resources** to
ensure a safe
transition



Expansion of
financial aid and
**campus support
programs** to
make higher
education within
reach for foster
youth

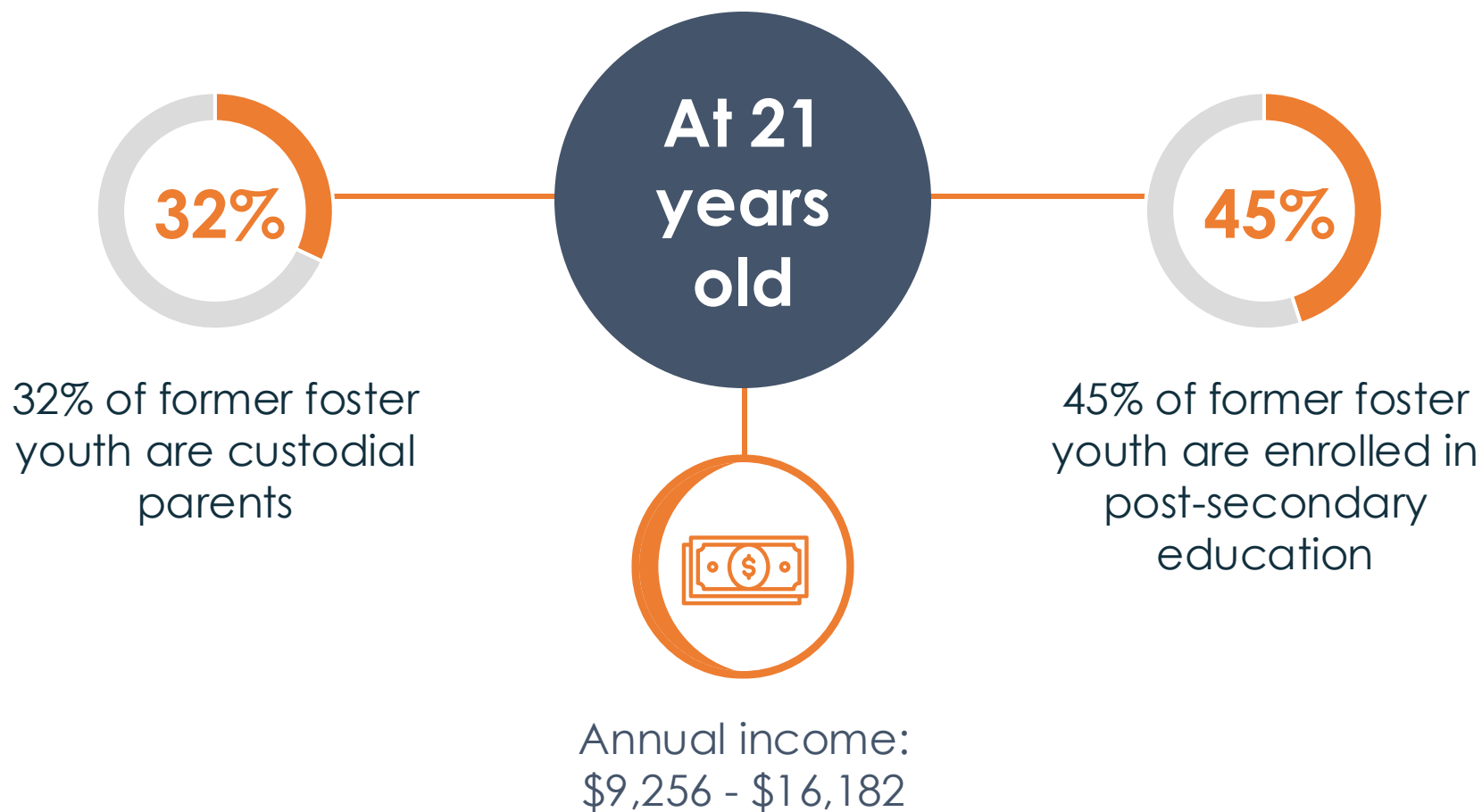


Creation of
California Foster
Youth
Tax Credit to
increase income





Foster youth face young adulthood without the financial or emotional support of an extended family.





Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus)

What's provided:

- 36 months of free or deeply subsidized housing
- Provider usually subleases unit to youth, often with roommate
- Supportive services and monthly stipend provided

Eligibility:

- Age 18-24 (not yet 25)
- Exited foster care or out-of-home probation on or after age 18
- Working toward goals in Transitional Independent Living Plan

Program capacity:

- More than 1,600 youth served at a moment in time
- 47 of California's 58 counties have programs

Find a program: <https://jbay.org/resources/thp-plus-provider-roster/>



Housing Vouchers

What's provided:

- 3-5 years of subsidized housing
- Youth is directly on the lease, no roommate
- Supportive services provided

Eligibility:

- Age 18-24 (not yet 25)
- Exited foster care or out-of-home probation or will exit within 90 days
- To extend voucher 2 years, must be working or in school

Program capacity:

- More than 2,000 youth served at a moment in time
- 33 of California's 58 counties have programs in partnership with local Public Housing Authorities

Find a program: <https://jbay.org/resources/fyi-roster/>



Postsecondary planning resources for foster youth

- <https://jbay.org/resources/foster-youth-postsecondary-education-planning-resources/>

Training on completing financial aid applications (FAFSA or CADAA)

- <https://jbay.org/resources/fafsa-cadaa-webinar-adult-supporters-2024/>



Find a foster youth campus support program

- <https://cacollegepathways.org/search-foster-youth-programs/>



The Foster Youth Tax Credit (FYTC)

provides a refundable tax credit to current and former foster youth who file their state taxes.

In 2025, the credit is \$1,154.

Eligibility

- Between age 18-25 on last day of tax year
- Was in foster care on or after 13th bday
- Eligible for CA Earned Income Tax Credit (earned \$1-31,950 in tax year, lived in CA more than half of tax year, has SSN or ITIN)

More info & free assistance

- Youth supporters: <https://jbay.org/resources/tax-filing-tax-credits-informational-resources/>
- Youth: <https://jbay.org/resources/fytc/>



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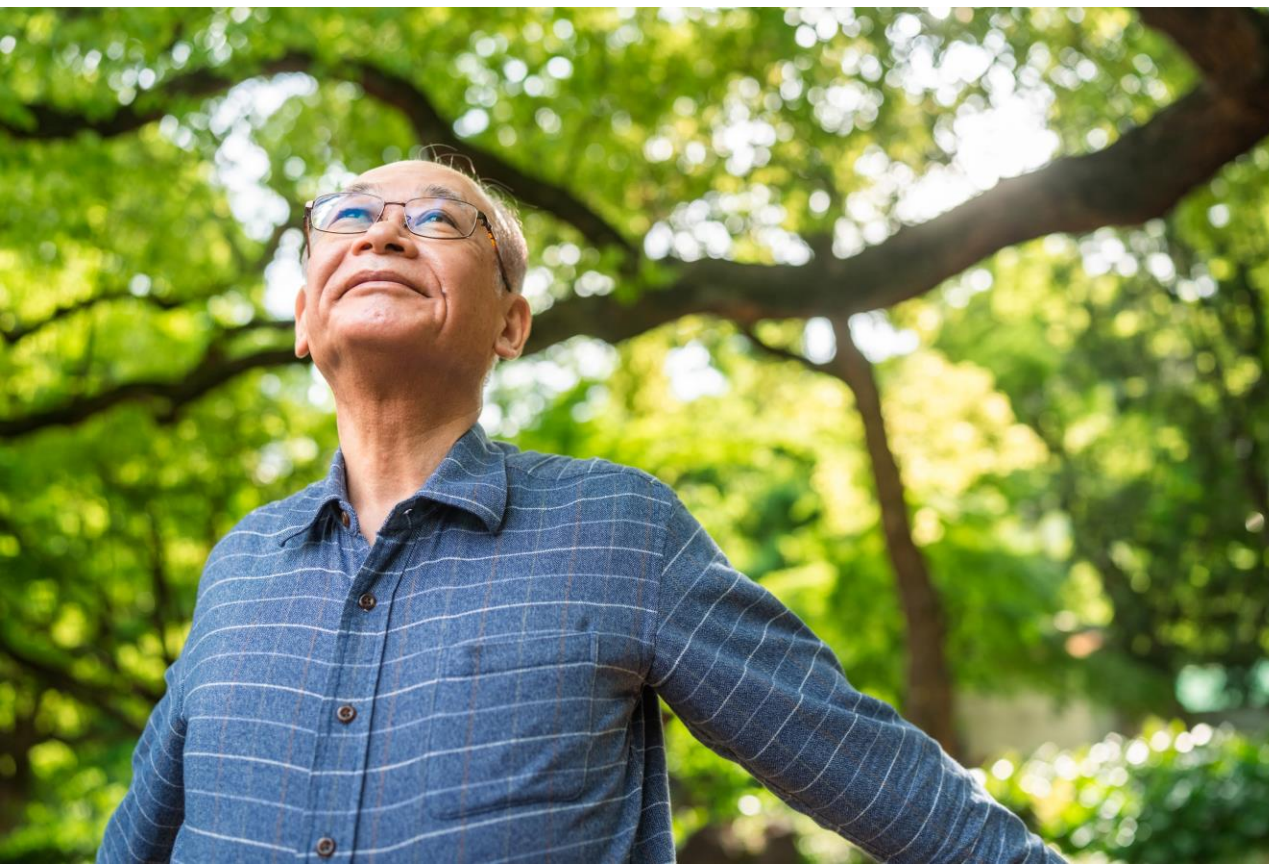
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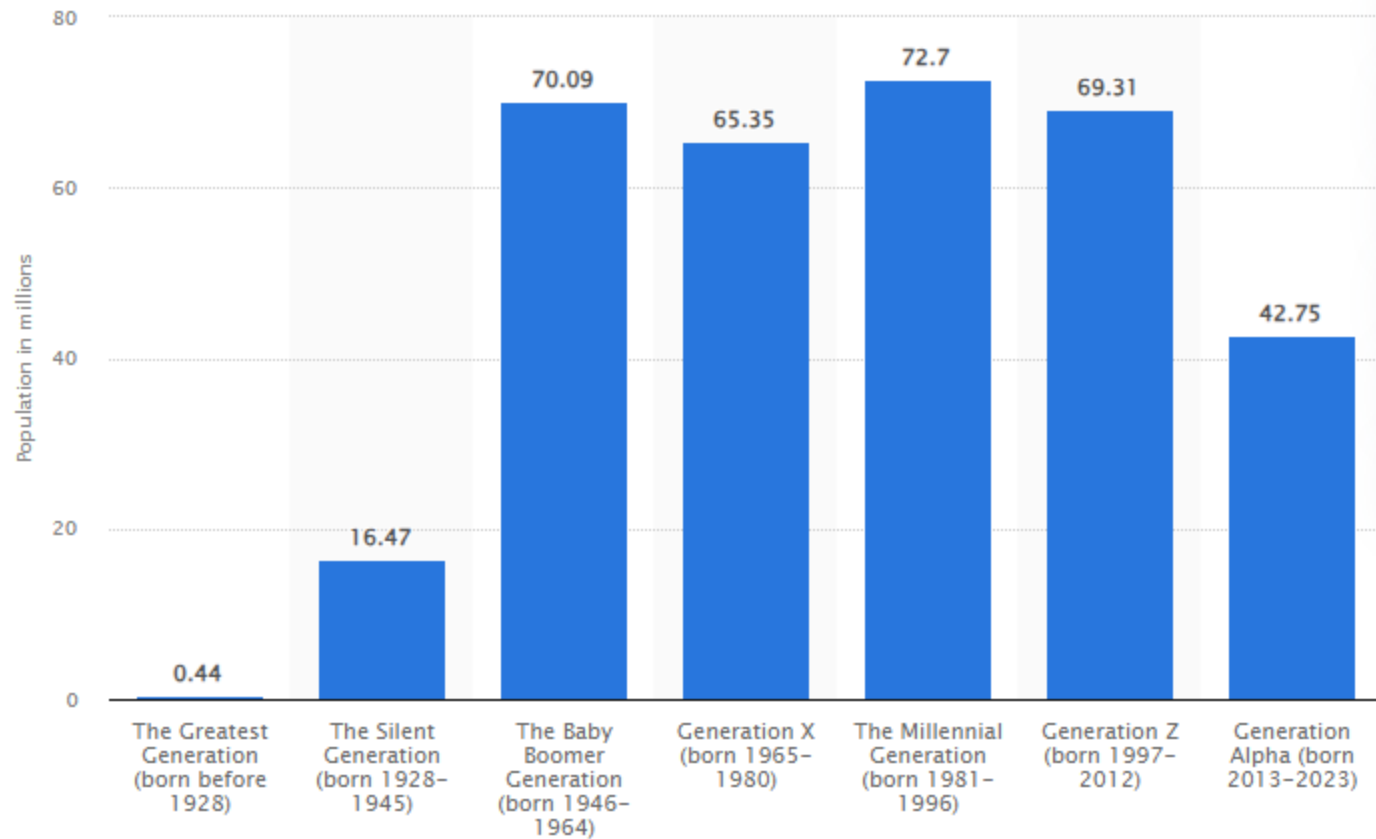


Empowering Communities: Seniors



Resident population in the US in 2023

by generation
(in millions)



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Age Friendly Action Plan Highlights

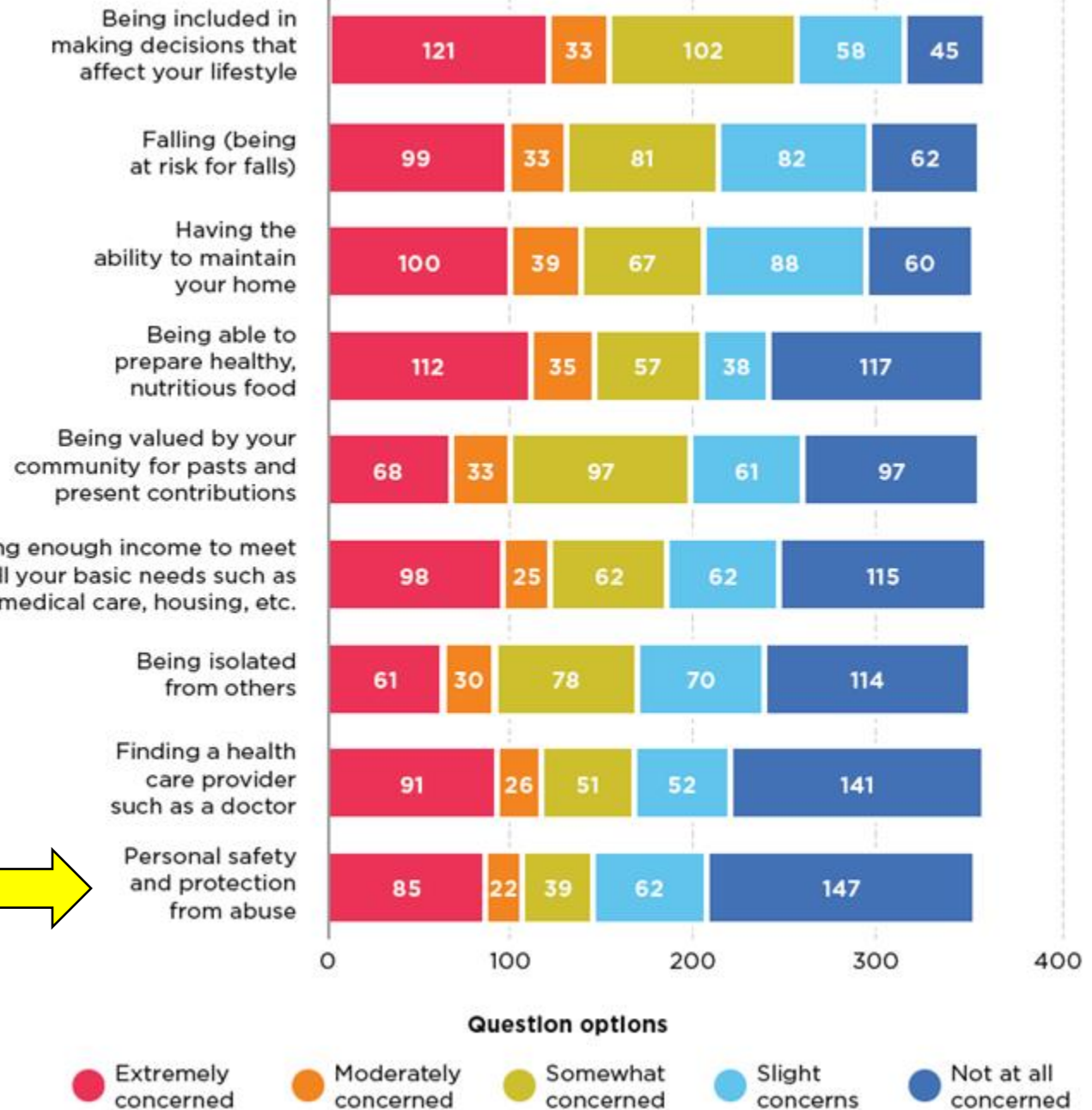
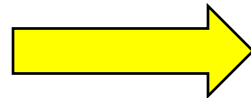
2025–2030

In 2024 year, City staff revisited the domain areas once again to hear through focus groups and survey data about what has changed and what strategic actions residents recommend for continued investment in being an age-friendly city.



Age Friendly Action Plan Highlights

How concerned do you currently feel about each of the statements below?



Understanding the Challenges

Challenges

- Financial Insecurity & Exploitation
- Housing & Aging in Place
- Healthcare Access & Mental Health Needs
- Technology & the Digital Divide

Best Practices

- Prevention & Promoting Economic Security
- Expanding Affordable Senior Housing & Aging in Place Support
- Strengthening Healthcare & Mental Health Services
- Bridging the Digital Divide





Human Services Department

Aging and Family Services

Promote an age-friendly community by providing a continuum of services to help older adults remain independent, safe, and in their own homes.

- Tri-City Senior InfoLine 510-574-2041
- Health Promotion and Age Well Centers
- In-Home Emotional Support & Counseling
- In-Home Social Worker Assistance
- Family Caregiver Program
- Community Ambassadors Program



Transportation & Mobility Services

Connecting seniors and people with disabilities in the Tri-City area with safe, affordable and reliable transportation for health care, shopping, and other day-to-day needs.

- Transportation Services
 - Wheelchair Accessible Vans
 - Lyft and GoGo Grandparent
- Ride-On Helpline
- Travel Training





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