



WHAT MATTERS TO CANADIAN YOUTH?

At the **2019 Canada Youth Summit in Ottawa**, we asked youth participants **“What do you want to know about your generation?”**
We compiled data on the topics of most interest.

YOUTH ARE HIGHLY DIVERSE

In 2016, **27%** of youth identified as members of a visible minority group.

Percentage of persons who belong to a visible minority group

	1996	2016
Age 15 to 30	13	27
Age 65 or older	6	13

From 2006 to 2016, the number of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit youth increased by **↑39%**
40% of Canadian youth are 1st or 2nd generation immigrants.

YOUTH ARE TECHNOLOGY USERS

Nearly **100%** of youth use the Internet on a daily basis or own their own smartphone; of these, **93%** use social networking sites.

Technology use also brings new challenges. **17%** of youth said they were cyberbullied or cyberstalked in the past 5 years.



YOUTH ARE SOCIALLY ENGAGED

67% are members of a group, organization, or association.

48% of youth volunteer, and **71%** said that they gave to a charitable or non-profit organization.



YOUTH ARE EDUCATED

In 2017, **52.1%** of young men and **70.2%** of young women had a college certificate or diploma or a Bachelor's degree.



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Note: Unless otherwise specified, youth includes individuals who are between 15 and 30 years old.

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