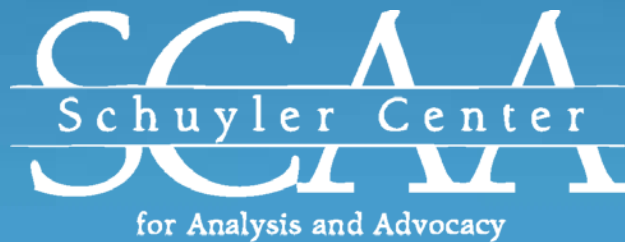


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A Presentation on Disconnected
Youth in New York State



July 24, 2009

Facts About Disconnected Youth

A disconnected youth is:

- **Not in school:** Not obtaining the education needed to master marketable skills
- **Not working:** Not employed for a substantial amount of time, and therefore not gaining vital work experience
- **Lacking support from caring adults**

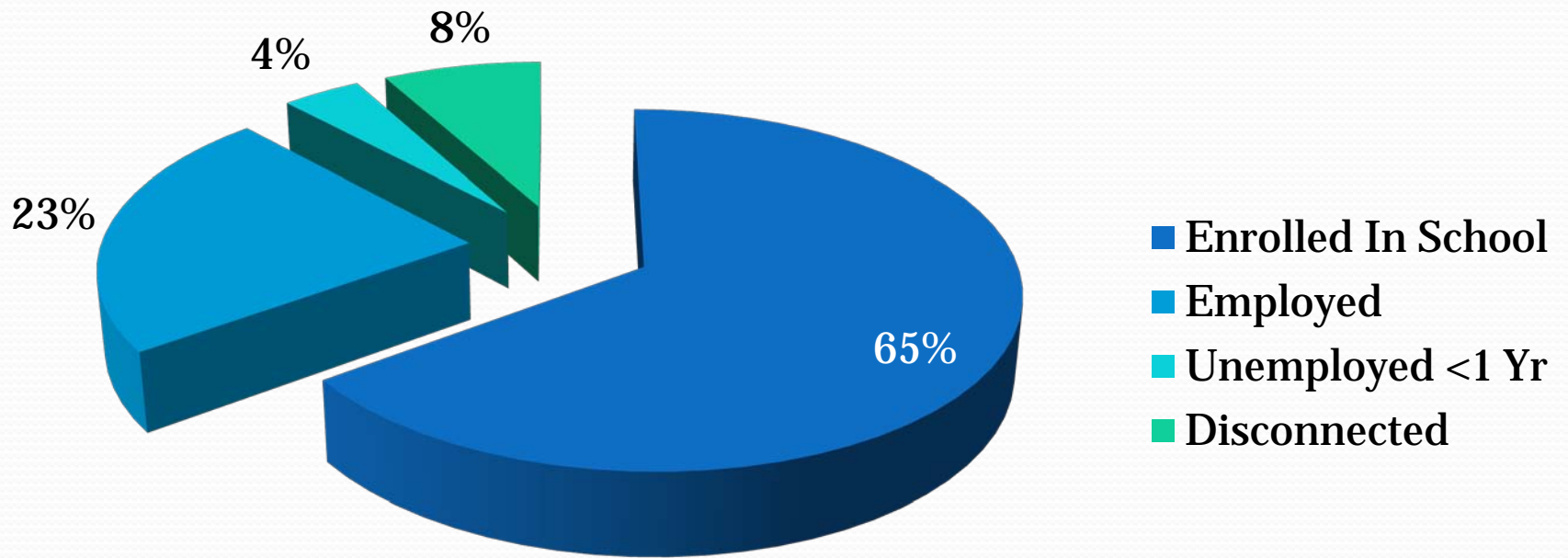
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Risk groups for disconnection:

- **School dropouts**
- **Teen mothers**
- **Foster youth**
- **Youth in contact with correctional system**
- **Other risk groups**

Findings

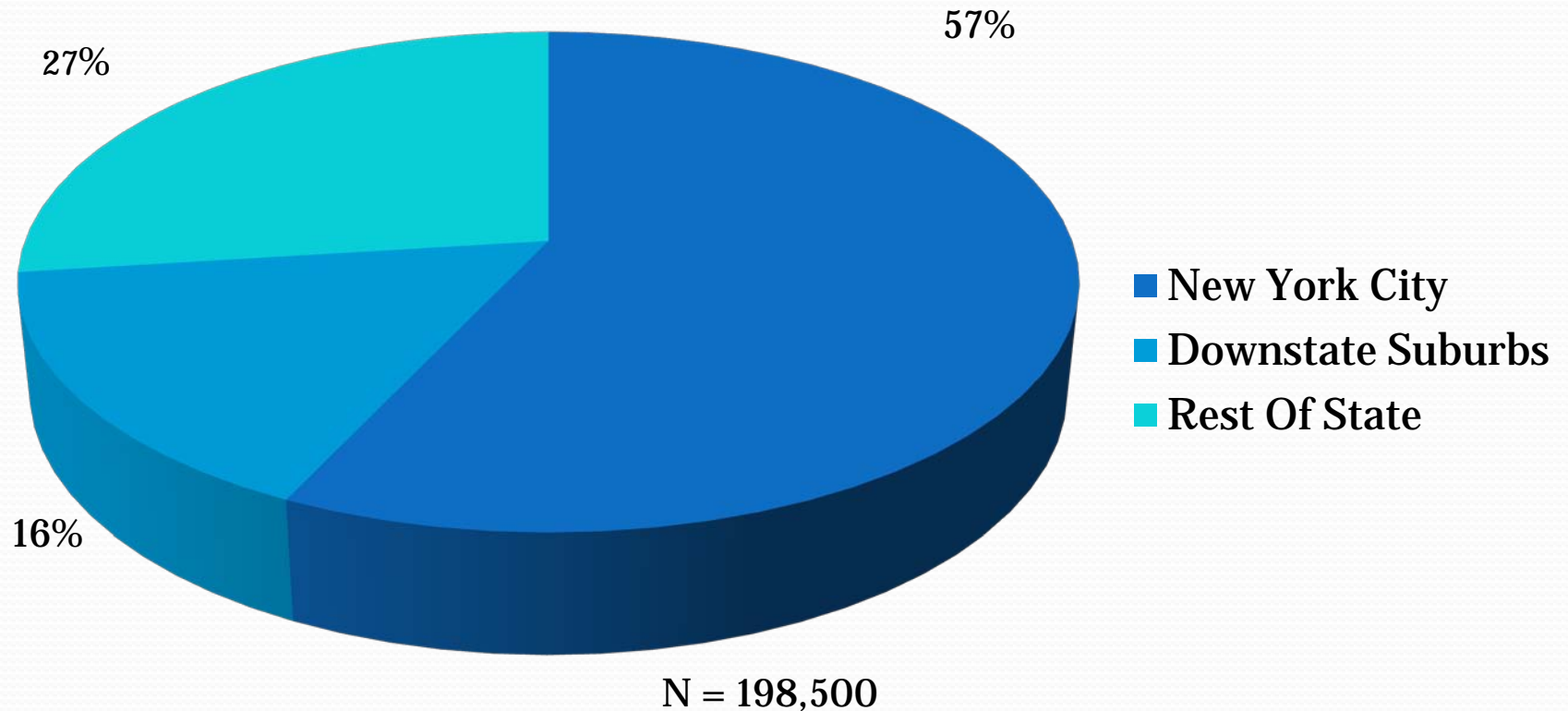
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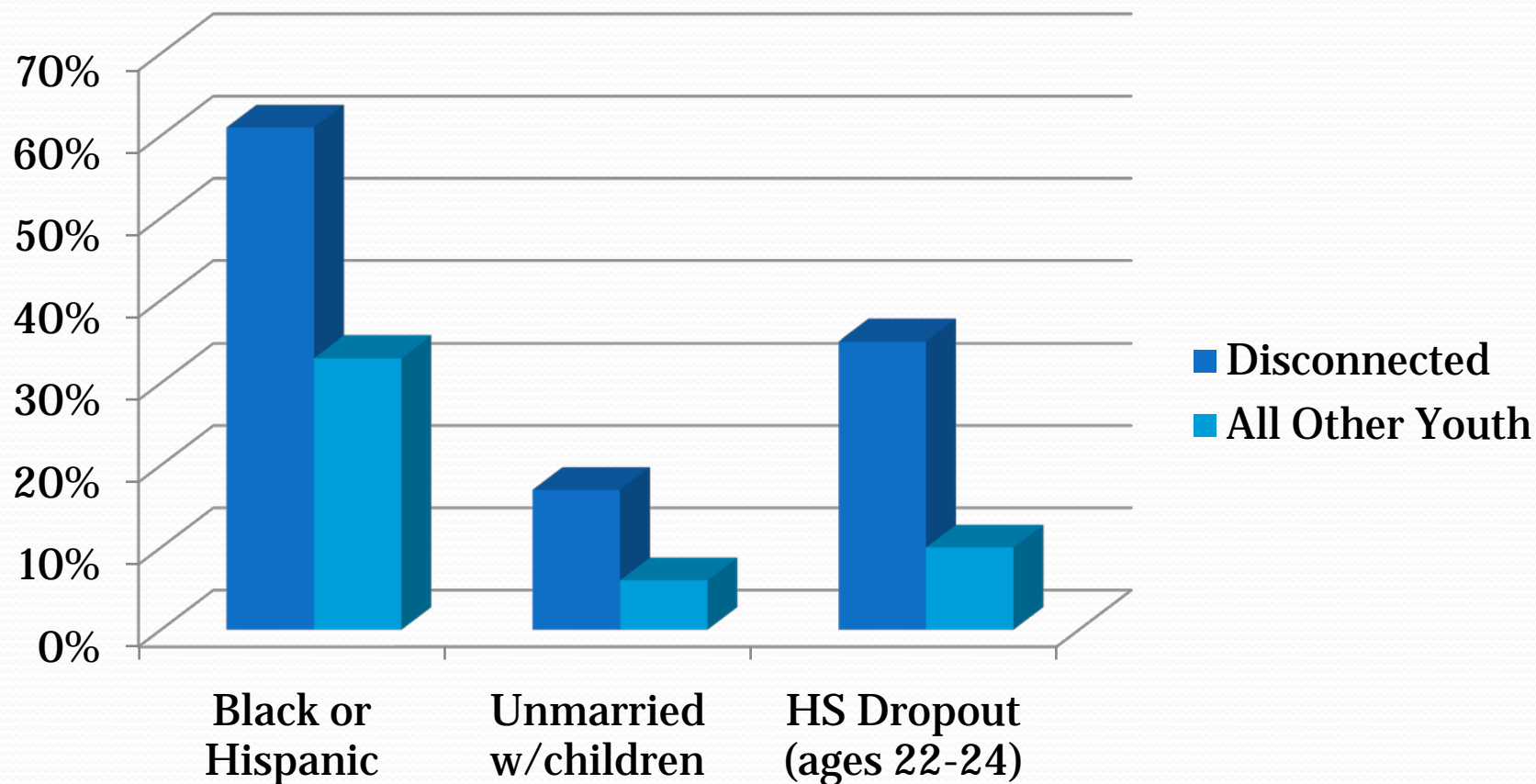
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Findings: Regional Breakout

Disconnected Youth in New York State by Region



Findings: Flags for Disconnection



RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Make the needs of disconnected youth a top statewide priority.**

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2. Direct state agencies to review regulations and policies that affect disconnected youth.

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- 3. Integrate and coordinate the services that assist disconnected youth.**

RECOMMENDATIONS

4. Focus on education, workforce, and housing interventions.

Why focus on disconnected youth?

Disconnected youth deserve our attention because:

- Their skilled labor will boost the state economy
- Their pathologies are expensive
- They can make it!