

TOP WORRIES OF TEENAGERS

Life expectancy, quality of life, and relative affluence are at historical high-water marks, but six out of 10 U.S. teenagers (58 percent) nevertheless say they're "very" or "somewhat" worried about their futures, according to ad agency JWT. And what's at the gravitational center of their orbiting anxieties?

Their current and future paychecks.

Financial concerns color their worries about home life, school performance, and future job possibilities. Conventional wisdom says that the more money (on average) a culture has, the more financially secure it should feel. But that's just not true. The evidence in kids' lives says that the more they have, the less they think they have, relative to everyone around them. The list of their top worries...

**Whether there will be good jobs
after graduation**

78%

Doing well in school

69%

Which college will accept them

67%

**The condition of the planet left to
their generation**

64%

How parents are doing financially

63%

Real-world bullying

57%

How attractive they are to others

52%

Doing well in sports, extracurricular activities

50%

How popular they are at school

46%

Online bullying

43%

How many friends they have

39%

Keeping up with other kids their age

36%