

# THE NEED FOR YOUTHBUILD IN ILLINOIS

# IN 2024, THE IYC SERVED OVER 500 YOUNG ADULTS

YouthBuild programs empower young people ages 16-24 by providing education, job training, and leadership development opportunities. Our mission is to help out-of-school and unemployed youth build brighter futures and stronger communities throughout Illinois.

## WHO WE SERVE:

**77% HIGH SCHOOL DROP OUTS**

**AVG AGE: 18**

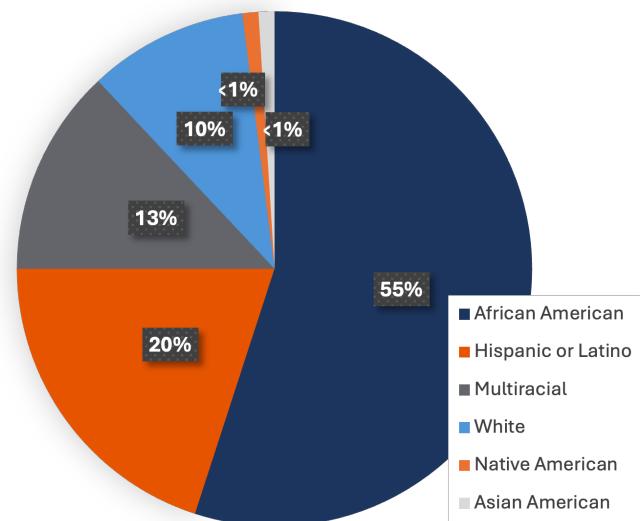
**22% PARENTS**

**AVG. 6TH GRADE READING LEVEL**

**67% MALE**

**33% FEMALE**

**27% ADJUDICATED STUDENTS**



## WHERE WE SERVE: 19 LOCATIONS IN ILLINOIS

**Aurora**  
Quad County Urban League

**Bloomington-  
Normal** YouthBuild  
McLean County  
(YBMC Inc.)

**Champaign**  
Housing Authority of  
Champaign County

**Chicago Heights**  
Bethel Family  
Resource Center

**Decatur**  
Sista Girls and Friends

**East St. Louis**  
R3 Development

**Elgin**  
Elgin Housing Authority

**Godfrey**  
Building Futures (Lewis  
and Clark College)

**Maywood**  
Lumity STEMWorks for  
Construction

**Mount Vernon**  
Spero Family Services

**North Chicago**  
YouthBuild Lake County  
(YBLC, Inc.)

**Peoria**  
Peoria Housing Authority

**Rockford**  
YouthBuild Rockford

**Rock Island.**  
YouthBuild Quad Cities

**Waukegan**  
Youth Conservation Corps

**Chicago**  
**Auburn Gresham**  
Community Youth  
Development Institute

**East Garfield Park**  
Revolution Workshop

**Roseland**  
Metro YouthBuild  
(Metropolitan Family  
Services)

**Westtown**  
Green Community  
Builders (Dr. Pedro  
Albizu Campos High  
School)



# RETURN ON INVESTMENT

# \$5.5 MILLION IN CONTINUED APPROPRIATION

Please support continued appropriation for **YouthBuild Senate Bill 1359 Johnson/Mayfield**. Thank you to the General Assembly and our bill sponsors, Rep. Mayfield and Sen. Johnson, for their continued support of YouthBuild and its programs!

## FOR EVERY \$1 INVESTED, \$17.97 COMES BACK

According to YouthBuild Global's 2021 ROI report, **every dollar of government funding invested in YouthBuild generates \$17.97 in benefits over 10 years<sup>1</sup>**. This is accomplished through a number of avenues, including:



**INCREASED TAX REVENUE**

Individuals with a high school diploma earn on average **\$6,300 more annually<sup>2</sup>** than those without, resulting in increased tax revenue.



**REDUCED ASSISTANCE**

High school dropouts cost society \$70,000 over their working years, while graduates contribute \$236,000 - **a difference of over \$300,000<sup>3</sup>**.



**DECREASED CRIME RATES**

YouthBuild programs average a **2% recidivism<sup>1</sup>** rate compared to The Illinois Juvenile Detention Center's 57%-88%.



### FURTHER ROI: AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Illinois YouthBuild Programs have produced **over 275 affordable housing units across the state**, adding new homes onto the tax rolls annually. Each affordable housing unit contributes an average of **\$10,887 annually to state and local tax rolls<sup>4</sup>**.



### FEDERAL DOLLARS TO YOUR COMMUNITY

In Department of Labor (DOL) funded programs, a 25% state match is required, meaning **for every \$1 provided by the state, the federal government contributes \$3**. This structure ensures that federal funds are reinvested into state communities, amplifying the impact of state contributions.

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<sup>1</sup> - Based on findings from YouthBuild Global's 2021 Return on Investment Report.

<sup>2</sup> - Average increase in annual salary by education level reported by the U.S. Career Institute

<sup>3</sup> - Economic impact of education levels based on findings from PBS's analysis of lifetime societal contributions by high school graduates vs. dropouts.

<sup>4</sup> - Housing unit tax contribution calculated as an average from the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA)