

# 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**

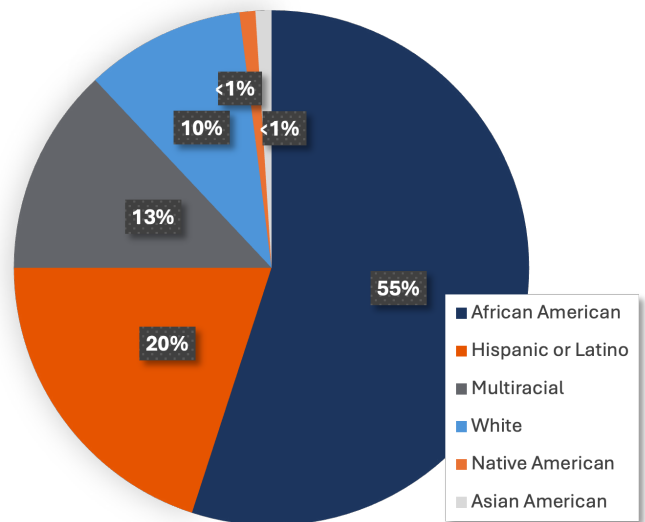
**22% PARENTS**

**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)