



With love and respect, YouthBuild partners with opportunity youth to build the skillsets and mindsets that lead to lifelong learning, livelihood, and leadership.

At A Glance

About YouthBuild

Within the opportunity youth population — young adults between the ages of 16 and 24 who are neither in school nor employed — the YouthBuild movement primarily serves young people who lack a high school diploma and financial resources. These young people are in greatest need of our support, and they are our greatest source of untapped potential. Across hundreds of YouthBuild programs in the United States and around the globe, these young people work together to reclaim their education, gain job skills, and become leaders in their communities.

YouthBuild USA – the support center for the YouthBuild movement – strengthens YouthBuild programs through technical assistance, leadership development, innovative program enhancements, and advocacy. YouthBuild programs located outside of the United States are supported by YouthBuild USA's international division, YouthBuild International.

Global Impact

290 YouthBuild programs in 18 countries



233 programs in 46 U.S. states and territories

57 programs in 17 other countries

To date, YouthBuild has partnered with over 180,000 young people worldwide



35,000 units of affordable housing and other community assets built



50 million hours of service dedicated to improving their local urban, rural, and tribal communities

Domestic Impact

In 2019, YouthBuild served approximately 7,000 students within the United States.

PARTICIPANTS

- 86% economically disadvantaged
- 90% enter without a high school credential
- 11% parents
- 20% court-involved
- 61% men, 39% women
- 50% African American, 30% Latino, 20% White, 3% Asian American, 2% American Indian or Native Alaskan

OUTCOMES

- 72% completed the program
- 80% obtained high school or other credentials
- 50% went on to post-secondary education or jobs
- \$12.09 average wage at placement
- 9% recidivism rate for students within one year of enrollment

International Impact

In 2019, YouthBuild served over 6,200 students outside of the United States.

OUTCOMES

- 86% completed the program
- 64% placed into job, internship, apprenticeship, self-employment, further education, or technical training opportunities
- 65 community asset building projects completed