

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

Over 280 YouthBuild programs in 15 countries



To date, YouthBuild has partnered with over 200,000 young people worldwide



36,000+ units of affordable housing and other community assets built



51 million+ hoursof service dedicated
to improving urban, rural,
and tribal communities

Domestic Impact

In 2022, YouthBuild served over 5,000 students within the United States.

PARTICIPANTS

- 87% enter without a high school credential
- 88% economically disadvantaged
- 59% men, 40% women, <1% other/intersex*
- 50% Black or African American,
 32% Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin,
 20% White, 2% Asian American,
 2% American Indian or Native Alaskan,
 1% Native Hawaiian or other Pacific
 Islander, 2% other race or origin
- 17% court-involved
- 10% parents

OUTCOMES

- 75% obtained a high school diploma or equivalency, or other credentials
- 70% completed the program
- 45% went on to postsecondary education or jobs
- \$15.09 average wage at placement
- 6% recidivism rate for court-involved students within one year of enrollment

International Impact

In 2022, YouthBuild served over 7,000 students outside of the United States.

OUTCOMES

- 70% completed the program
- 59% secured job, internship, apprenticeship, self-employment, or technical training opportunties, or were placed into further education
- 145 community asset building projects completed





