

Minnesota Youth Program

Purpose

The Minnesota Youth program (MYP) provides comprehensive summer and year-round employment and training services to economically disadvantaged and at-risk youth.

Customers and Services

Comprehensive services prepare at-risk youth, ages 14 to 24, for the world of work, including: career exploration and planning, labor market information on in-demand occupations, work readiness skills, financial literacy training and quality work experience opportunities. Youth learn to apply skills learned in the classroom to real-work settings; their work accomplishments benefit local communities. Hands-on learning improves students' grades, attendance, and graduation rates. MYP is available in all 87 counties; strong local partnerships are in place with oversight from local Workforce Development Boards/Youth Committees. The Outreach to Schools/Career Advisor component of MYP provides cost-effective strategies for delivering career and labor market information to in-school youth. MYP serves a high percentage of at-risk youth who are under-represented in the workforce: 49% with disabilities, 58% receive public assistance, 15% are system-involved youth (homeless, runaway, foster youth, youth offenders), and 59% are youth from communities of color.

Measures

Reporting period is state fiscal year (SFY), July 1 - June 30

Measure	SFY 2021	SFY 2022	SFY 2023*	SFY 2024*	SFY 2025*
Total youth served	2,684	3,278	3,766	4,575	4,351
Attained work readiness or education goals	97%	92%	91%	82%	86%
Obtained HS Diploma, GED, Remained in School, Obtained Certificate or Degree, Dropout Returned to School	73%	82%	74%	74%	68%
Received academic or service-learning credit	73%	65%	63%	63%	57%

Measure	SFY 2021	SFY 2022	SFY 2023*	SFY 2024*	SFY 2025*
Entered employment, post-secondary education, apprenticeship, or military	32%	21%	23%	20%	23%
Customer satisfaction: youth rate experience as excellent or very good	83%	80%	86%	88%	89%
Return on investment (ROI) for each state dollar invested in program	\$9.45	\$9.29	\$12.77	\$6.80	\$7.09
Youth Served by Outreach to Schools/Career Advisors	14,880	19,975	32,038	40,374	TBD

*Data reporting period is July 1 – September 30

Achieving Equity

DEED is working to address disparities and achieve economic equity for all Minnesotans by identifying and breaking down barriers to employment and business opportunities. Data on the populations served are valuable for program development and policy decisions. Figures below represent the percentage of those targeted populations served in the program.

Demographic	SFY 2021	SFY 2022	SFY 2023*	SFY 2024*	SFY 2025*
Youth from communities of color	50%	60%	54%	55%	59%
Youth with disabilities	47%	46%	40%	46%	49%
Female youth	49%	50%	51%	50%	50%

*Data reporting period is July 1 – September 30

Funding Source and Allocation

Funding Source	SFY 2021	SFY 2022	SFY 2023	SFY 2024	SFY 2025
Workforce Development Fund	\$4.05M	\$4.05M	\$4.05M	\$4.05M	\$4.05M
General Fund	-	-	-	\$4.51M	\$4.51M

Statutory Authority

- Minn. Stat. [Chap. 116L.561](#)

Program Website

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Program Performance Outcomes

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