



Youth Development Network

June 2024 - September 2025 Brief

Youth Development Networks (YDNs) create local ecosystems for integrated services in spaces where youth want to be. YDNs increase access to emerging and existing youth development services and support thriving families and communities by improving youth wellbeing. For this time period, there are 5 regional YDNs: Antelope Valley, East Los Angeles, Long Beach, San Fernando Valley, and South Los Angeles.

Section 1. Enrollments & Youth Engagements

As of September 2025, the Youth Development Networks have served approximately 4,259 unique youth since the project launched in June 2024. In 2024, the YDNs saw steady growth each quarter, concluding the year with 2,314 young people engaged in services. The first half of 2025 has seen 1,220 youth receive YDN support, with each region serving an average of 852 youth. DYD is working closely with community partners to understand and address barriers to program participation regionally in Los Angeles.

Figure 1. Enrollment Trends Over Time Across the Network (n=4,259)

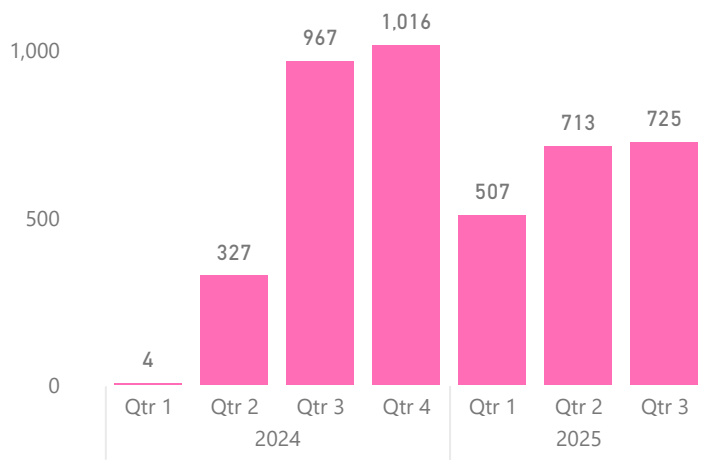
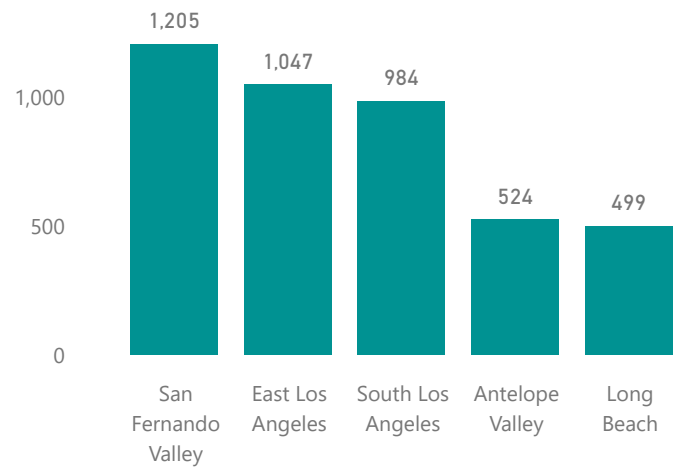


Figure 2. Youth Served by Region (n=4,259)

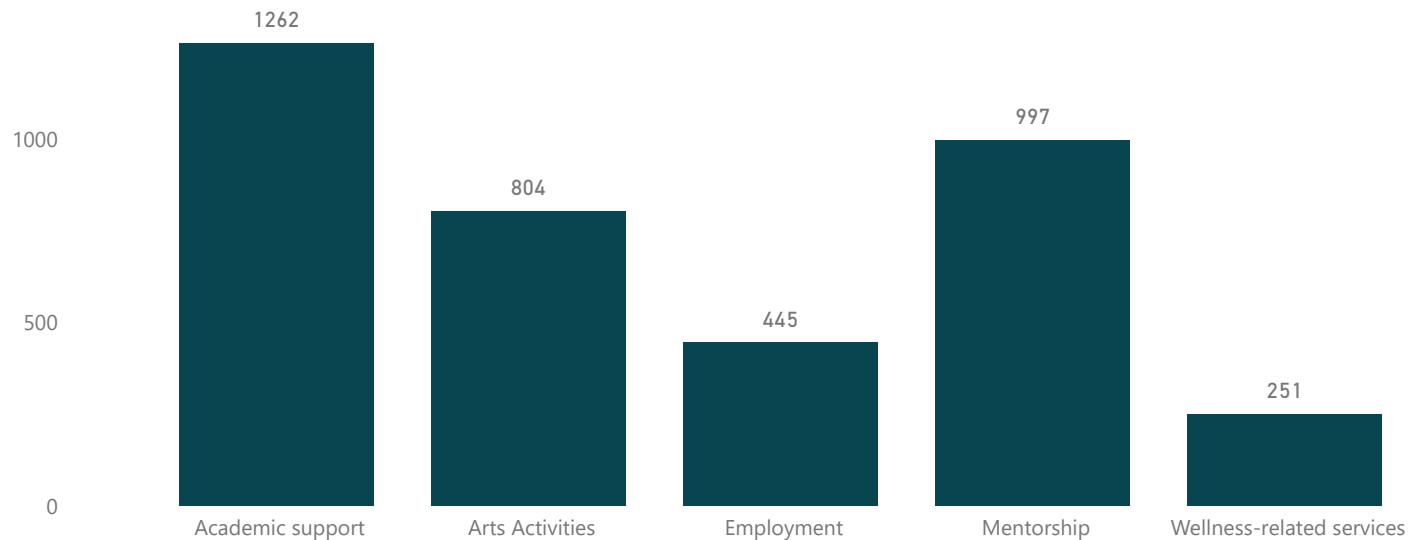


**Though the YDN project began at the end of Q2 2024, a handful of youth started services earlier and continued past the project start date.*

Section 2. Youth Services

Of the participation data indicating what services youth received from their providers (n=2,292), the five most common services received are Academic Support (55%), Mentorship (43%), Arts Activities (35%), Employment (19%), and Wellness-related services (11%).

Figure 3. Top 5 Services Received (n=2,292)



Section 3. Youth Demographics

The majority of YDN youth are 14-17 years of age (56%) at the time they take an assessment with their regional provider (n=4,218). While most of the youth who reported their racial/ethnic identity (n=2,476) are Hispanic or Latino (54%), the program sees an approximately equal number of Cis-Boys/Young Men (48%) and Cis-Girls/Young Women (49%) (n=2,465).

Figure 4. Age (n=4,218)

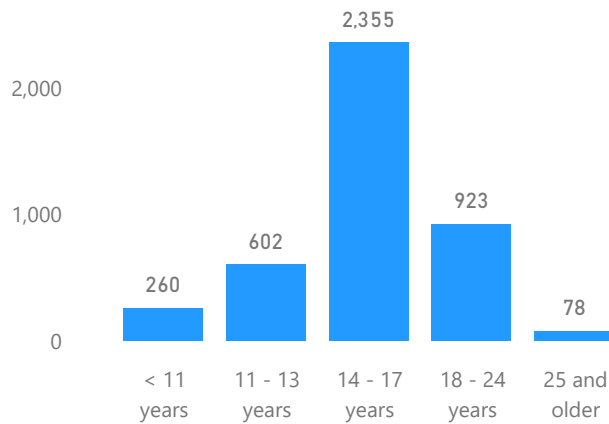


Figure 5. Gender Identity (n=2,465)

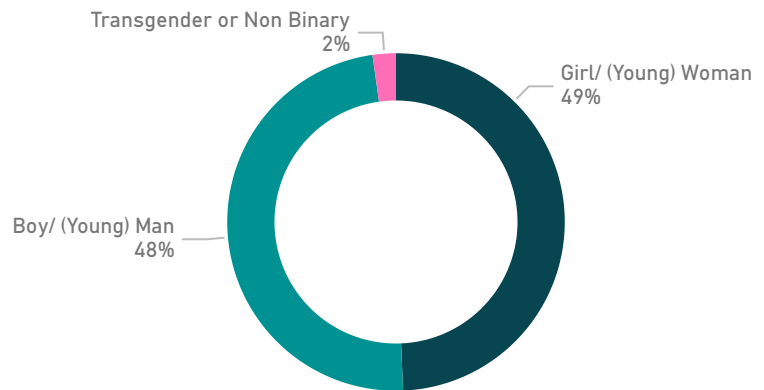
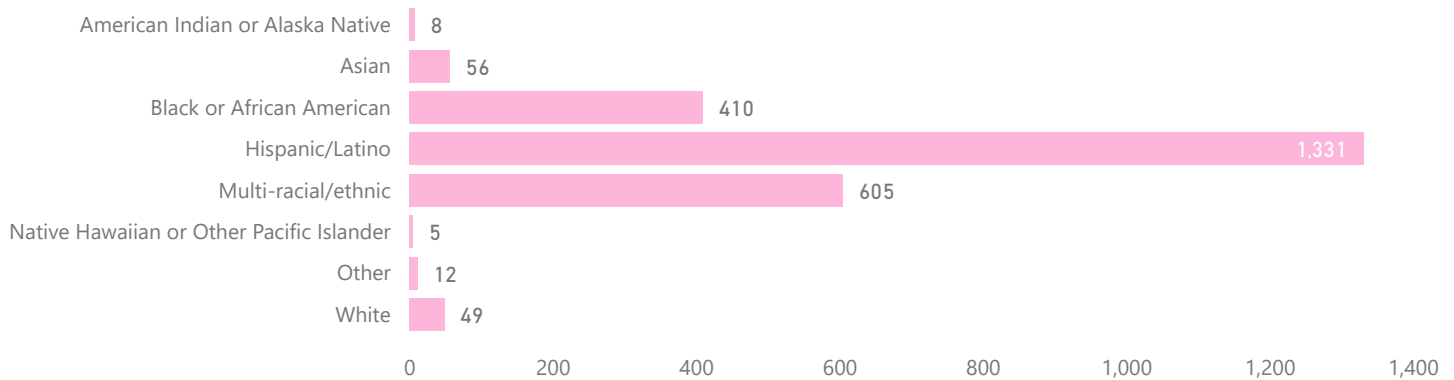


Figure 6. Race/Ethnicity (n=2,476)



Section 4. Program Impact

Over two thirds of the young people who have shared their feelings about their time engaging with YDN providers (n=1,296) agreed or strongly agreed that they feel satisfied about their experiences (71%). Over half agreed or strongly agreed that they would recommend YDN resources to their friends (67%). In addition, several YDN providers have shared positive narratives about their programming and the youth they're serving:

Through events like our 'WOW! I'm a Chef' cultural cooking series and our community holiday celebrations, youth have gained hands-on experience, explored their creativity, and strengthened their sense of belonging. One returning youth volunteer began as a shy participant and, through consistent involvement, grew into a confident event lead. This young person now mentors newer participants, helping them feel welcomed and supported."

71%
Satisfied with YDNs

-The WOW Flower Project, Antelope Valley YDN Provider

"Client JP obtained full-time employment and enrolled into vocational school. JP has expressed interest in opening his own business and is currently working on a business plan. With continued support, he is developing the skills and confidence needed to take the next steps toward his long-term goals."

67%

Recommend YDNs

-Resilient Agency, South LA YDN Provider