

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 March 2025, the Youth Development Networks (YDNs) continue to demonstrate strong momentum, now reaching nearly 7,000 unique youth since launching in June 2024. This sustained growth reflects the program’s expanding presence across Los Angeles County and its increasing ability to connect young people to supportive services and opportunities. Participation has steadily increased, with 2,331 youth served in 2024 and an additional 3,168 youth engaged throughout 2025. On average, each region has served approximately 1,370 youth, with variation across communities reflecting local needs. Together, these trends highlight the growing demand for YDN services and the network’s continued ability to engage youth across diverse communities.

Figure 1. Enrollment Trends Over Time Across the Network (n=6,842)

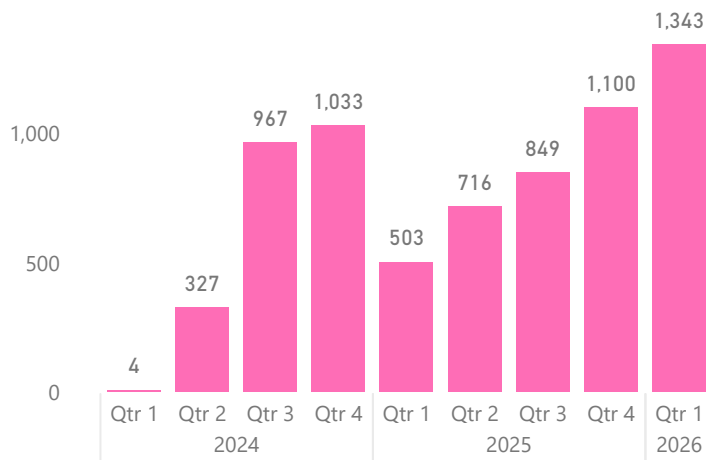
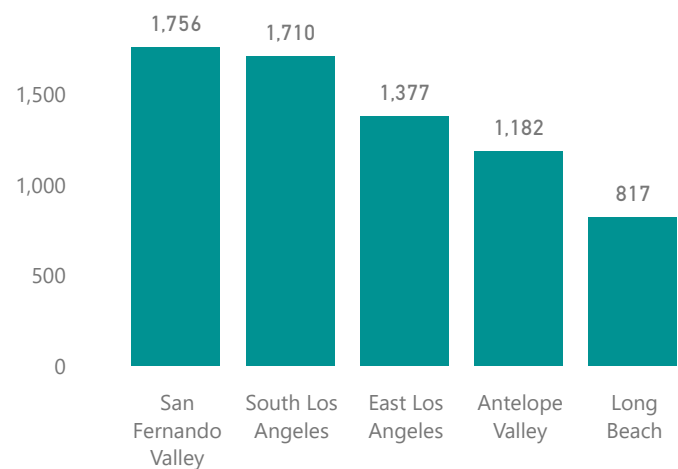


Figure 2. Youth Served by Region (n=6,842)

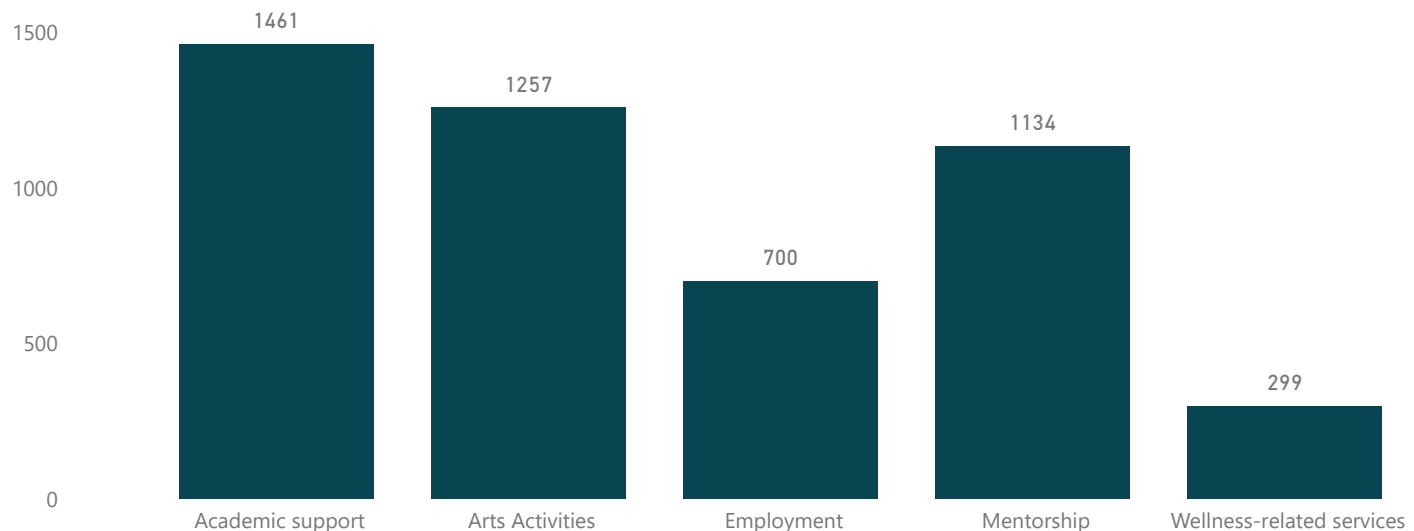


*\*Though the YDN project began at the end of Q2 2024, a handful of youth started services earlier and continued past the project start date.*

### Section 2. Youth Services

Of the participation data indicating what services youth received from their providers (n=3,591), the five most common services received are Academic Support (41%), Arts Activities (35%), Mentorship (32%), Employment (20%), and Wellness-related services (8%).

Figure 3. Top 5 Services Received (n=3,591)



## Section 3. Youth Demographics

While most participants are ages 14–17 (56%), approximately 20% of youth served are ages 18–24, reflecting expanding engagement across age groups (n=6,794). While most of the youth who reported their racial/ethnic identity (n=3,762) are Hispanic or Latino (53%), the program sees an equal number of Cis-Boys/Young Men (49%) and Cis-Girls/Young Women (49%) (n=3,784).

Figure 4. Age (n=6,794)

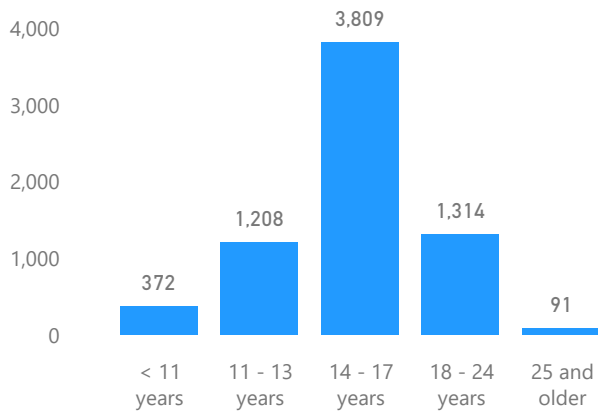


Figure 5. Gender Identity (n=3,784)

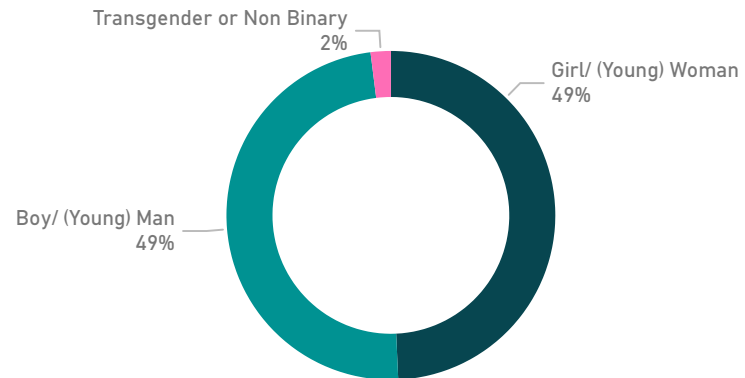
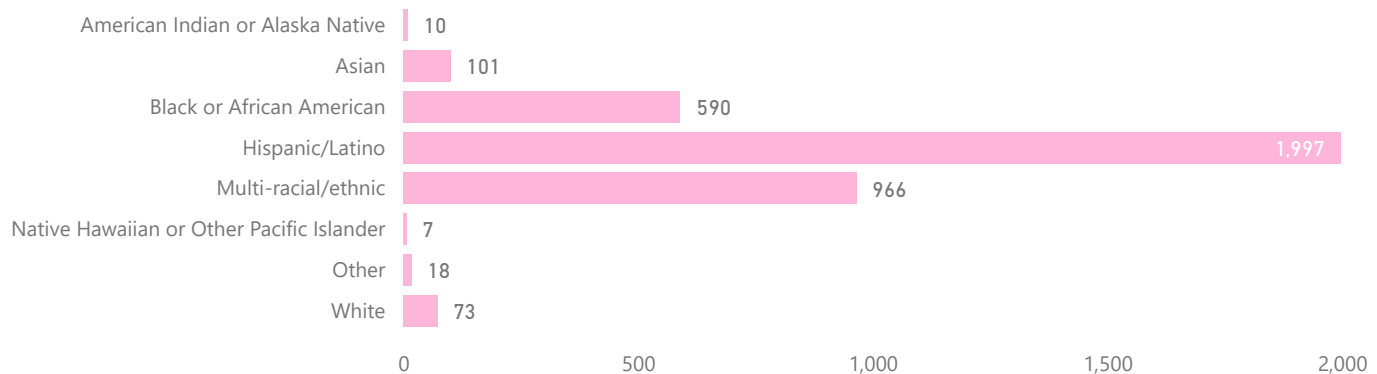


Figure 6. Race/Ethnicity (n=3,762)



## Section 4. Program Impact

Over two thirds of the young people who have shared their feelings about their time engaging with YDN providers (n=1,913) agreed or strongly agreed that they feel satisfied about their experiences (72%). Over half agreed or strongly agreed that they would recommend YDN resources to their friends (64%). In addition, several YDN providers have shared positive narratives about their programming and the youth they're serving:

*"Our biggest successes this year revolve around the incredible youth engagement and leadership development that has been taking place despite the everyday stresses [youth] are facing. [One of our] Senior Street CRED health promoters... has shown interest and skills in creating content and managing Street CRED's social media accounts. [She] said, 'Teaching other youth how to use Narcan has required strong communication skills and hands-on training approaches. These experiences have prepared me for future employment in any field by building my confidence in leadership, public speaking, and teamwork.'"*

- Youth Justice Coalition, South Los Angeles YDN Provider

*"[One of our participants] struggled with anxiety and... wanted to feel more confident, improve her mental health, and eventually return to in-person school. [Our program supported her in] setting goals, understanding how choices impact outcomes, and practicing communication skills. These supports help her stay more engaged academically and build confidence in herself. [The youth participant] recently enrolled in a new school and has taken an important step toward returning to in-person learning."*

- Children's Institute, Long Beach YDN Provider