

There are
11,000

Opportunity Youth in Boston who are
out of school and out of work

Consequences

Opportunity Youth will make
\$392,000 less
than the average worker, over a lifetime.

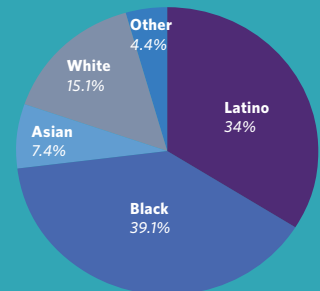
Each youth costs taxpayers
more than
\$700,000
over a lifetime, due to low earnings
and lost taxes.

These youth are **less likely** to
form stable families and
vote & volunteer
and **more likely** to
need public assistance.

By the numbers


54%
young men   **46%**
young women

Race and ethnicity:



 **65%**

have a high school diploma or GED
but need more training to get a job

82% 
are between the ages of 20 and 24

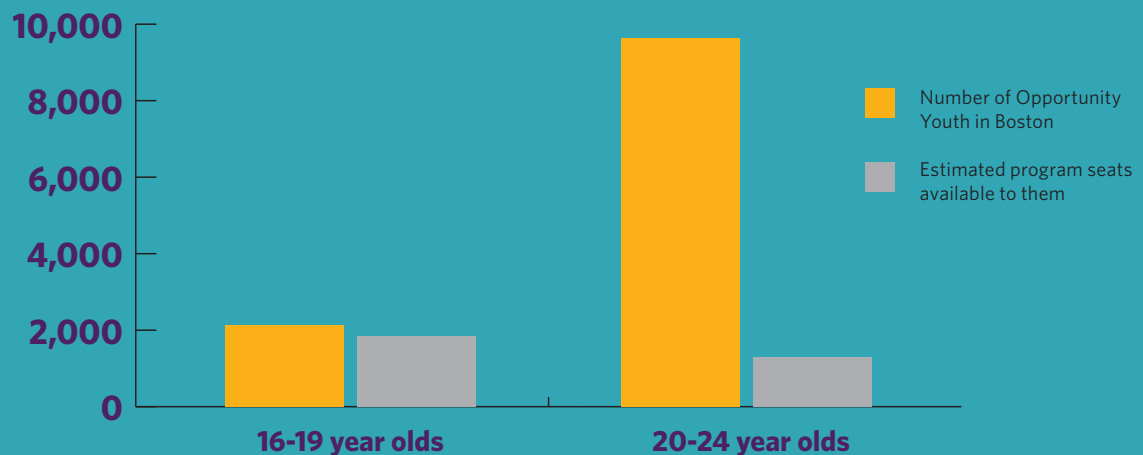
Boston Opportunity Youth Collaborative

Opportunity Youth: 16-24 year olds who are out of school and out of work

Call to action

Resource gap

Boston needs more resources for its population of opportunity youth, especially older high school graduates.



Join the **Boston Opportunity Youth Collaborative** to get involved with re-engaging our opportunity youth and building pathways to connect them to education and the workforce. The Collaborative is a coalition of more than 80 educational institutions, business leaders, direct service providers, community leaders, researchers, philanthropists, and youth from Boston.

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Boston data: "Boston's Opportunity Youth: A Look at 16-24 Year Olds Who Are Not Working or In School" (prepared by Center for Labor Market Studies & Boston PIC);
National data: "The Economic Value of Opportunity Youth" (prepared by City College of NY & Columbia University for White House Council for Community Solutions)