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:

- Latino 34%
- Black 29.1%
- Asian 7.4%
- White 15.7%
- Other 4.4%

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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National data: “The Economic Value of Opportunity Youth” (prepared by City College of NY & Columbia University for White House Council for Community Solutions)