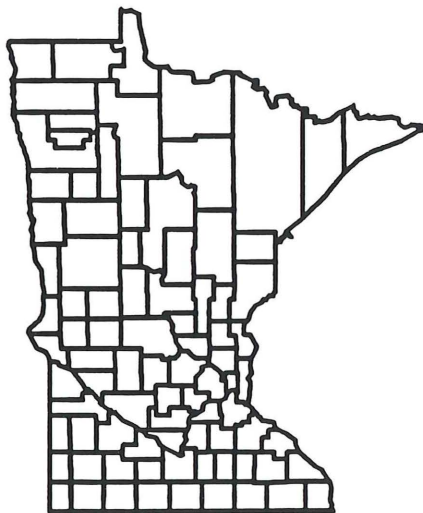


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**A REPORT ON 1991**  
**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS**



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## INTRODUCTION

This report provides an overview of the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program funded under the Job Training Partnership Act and the Minnesota Youth Program. The report contains a statistical profile of the young people served, program costs and results achieved.

The Governor and the Legislature have demonstrated their concern regarding the importance of preparing individuals with the necessary skills to compete in an ever-changing marketplace. The community-based programs profiled in this report can serve as a vehicle to achieve all or some of the following goals:

- \* Reducing teenage pregnancy;
- \* Coordinating education and job training services;
- \* Increasing literacy rates among youth;
- \* Decreasing the number of youth involved in juvenile crime;
- \* Decreasing the number of youth using drugs and alcohol;
- \* Decreasing the number of youth receiving public assistance;
- \* Providing training for young women in non-traditional occupations.

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See also the map at the end of the report for the list and location of service delivery areas/local contact persons.

## MINNESOTA YOUTH PROGRAM

The Minnesota Youth Program is authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Sections 268.31 to 268.36. The program serves youth between the ages of 14 and 21: ninety (90) percent of the participants must be economically disadvantaged and priority for service is provided to youth at-risk of dropping out of school.

The goals and objectives of the Minnesota Youth Program include:

- \* Development and improvement in employability skills;
- \* Improvement in school retention and completion;
- \* Improvement in academic performance, including math and reading comprehension; and
- \* Demonstrated coordination with other community services organizations, local educational agencies, law enforcement agencies and drug/alcohol prevention and treatment programs.

The Minnesota Youth Program is delivered throughout the state in coordination with the Title IIB program funded under the Job Training Partnership Act. The Minnesota Youth Program provides services year-round complementing the federal program which operates in the summer months only. A young person may receive a combination of the following services based on an assessment of individual need: remedial education and basic skills training, work experience, personal counseling, drug awareness training, vocational counseling, life skills training, mentoring, peer support groups, tutoring services.

The Minnesota Youth Program includes a work experience component that reduces the isolation of school and work. Jobs give young people a sense of purpose and an important connection with the outside world. At-risk youth may have difficulty valuing academic work unless they can see a direct connection to the increased likelihood of their finding jobs after graduation. MYP participants who have basic skill deficiencies have the opportunity to enroll in remedial education classes which are linked to summer jobs. Results indicate that it is possible to reduce the learning losses shown by disadvantaged youth during the long summer vacation, and improve their reading and math skills. Youth enrolled in MYP during the summer months can receive follow-up services during the school year.

Through October 1991, the Minnesota Youth Program served 3,307 young people: 96.8% were economically disadvantaged, 45.5% were handicapped, 20.9% were youth welfare recipients and 16.6% were minorities. At the end of the summer component, 95% of the youth returned to school and many school districts throughout Minnesota awarded academic credit to youth enrolled in summer remediation classes. Areas for future program development include providing training for young women in non-traditional occupations and an increase in the number of work experience slots geared towards community service.

A statistical profile of the Minnesota Youth Program appears on the following pages of this report.

**MINNESOTA YOUTH PROGRAM  
STATEWIDE SUMMARY**

**Total Funds Expended in 1991: \$2,635,500**

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<b>Total Participants *</b>	<b>3,307</b>
Male (%)	53.1
Female (%)	46.9
<b>Total Remedial Education (%)</b>	<b>26.5</b>
<b>Age (%)</b>	
14-15	38.0
16-17	40.0
18-21	22.2
<b>Ethnic Group (%)</b>	
Black	3.7
Native American	4.7
Hispanic	1.6
Asian	6.6
White	83.4
<b>Economic Status (%)</b>	
<b>Percentage of youth from families whose incomes are</b>	
At or below poverty level	96.8
Above poverty level, but at or below 100% of lower living standard	1.2
Above 100% of lower living standard, but at or below 125% of lower living standard	.9
Above 125% of lower living standard	1.2
<b>At-Risk Indicators (%)</b>	
Limited English Ability	4.3
Handicapped	45.5
Young Offender	7.0
Recovering Chemically Dependent	4.2
Teen Parents	2.4
Youth Welfare Recipients	20.9
Foster Child	8.2

\* Enrollments through October, 1991, do not include youth served during school year 1992.

## **JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM**

The Summer Youth Employment and Training Program is funded under Title IIB of the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA). All participants must be economically disadvantaged and between the ages of 14 and 21. JTPA Section 251 states that the purpose of the program is:

- \* To enhance the basic educational skills of youth;
- \* To provide eligible youth with exposure to the world of work;  
and
- \* To encourage school completion or enrollment in supplementary or alternative school programs.

The program operates throughout the State of Minnesota through the service delivery areas/Private Industry Councils (see the map at the end of this report). An individual youth may receive a combination of the following services based on an assessment of individual need: basic skills training and remedial education, work experience, personal counseling, vocational counseling, life skills training, job referral and placement.

Summer youth participants who are assessed to have reading and math skill deficiencies are provided with remedial education classes linked to summer jobs. The summer remedial education program funded through the employment and training system provides the only opportunity that most economically disadvantaged youth have to maintain or improve the basic skills necessary for employment: reading, writing, math, listening comprehension, oral communication, problem solving, decision making skills. Results show that SYETP can significantly boost a youth's academic competence, and all 1991 sites can provide documentation of improved reading and math scores.

Part-time jobs provided under the Title IIB program may be group projects or individual placements, as aides in day camps, daycare centers, parks and recreation programs, building and grounds maintenance, social services agencies, radio stations, cafeterias, offices, libraries and schools. There is a new emphasis on work experience slots geared towards community service, with the following characteristics:

- \* Significant, necessary and measurable community service is accomplished;
- \* Significant involvement of youth in planning and implementation;
- \* Well articulated learner outcomes for youth;
- \* Follow through by organizations to recognize accomplishments of youth/adults.

A statistical profile of the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program appears on the following pages of this report.

**JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT  
SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM  
STATEWIDE SUMMARY**

**Total Funds Expended in 1991: \$7,403,015**

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<b>Total Participants *</b>	<b>5,413</b>
Male (%)	52.5
Female (%)	47.5
<b>Total Remedial Education (%)</b>	<b>23.0</b>
<b>Age (%)</b>	
14-15	35.3
16-17	40.3
18-21	24.4
<b>Ethnic Group (%)</b>	
Black	8.1
Native American	6.7
Hispanic	2.0
Asian	9.1
White	74.1
<b>Welfare Status (%)</b>	
AFDC recipient	27.2
Food stamp	31.1
General Assistance	4.4
Work Readiness	2.5
Supplemental Security Income	6.2
<b>Educational Status (%)</b>	
High school dropout	3.8
Student	87.2
High school graduate	9.0
<b>Other At-Risk Indicators (%)</b>	
Limited English Ability	4.2
Handicapped	37.0
Young offender	6.1
Recovering chemically dependent	3.6
Teen parents	2.8

\* Enrollments from April 1, 1991 through September 30, 1991

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