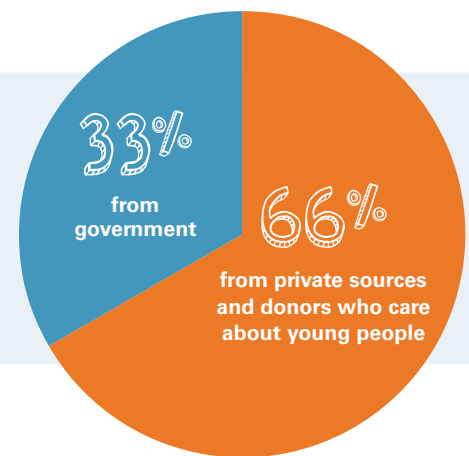


## How do we value the work of the Youth Development field?

Youth Development is a way to help young people acquire the knowledge and skills to become healthy and productive adults. While this field is diverse and some programs can focus on intervention as or after problems occur, most programs in this field stop future problems.

### Almost \$302 Million Invested

Over 275 Illinois social impact, or nonprofit, organizations provided direct youth development services. Those groups serve 1.2 million young people each year.



### What does this investment yield?

**\$1 = \$45**

Every \$1 invested in Youth Development generates \$45 in socio-economic value.

**\$9**

of this value goes to young people and their families

**\$35**

of this value goes to society in:

- Increased tax revenue
- Increased economic activity due to jobs in youth development
- Avoiding future spending to treat expensive social problems

### What are the proven benefits of the Youth Development field?

- Increase economic security
- Create stronger communities
- Reduce corrections system involvement
- Improve health
- Increase workforce engagement
- Improve schools

### The work of the Youth Development field has value.

It plays an economic role in Illinois – as job creator, as avoider of costly social problems. It is also a builder of human capital, a pillar in communities, and a protector of resources – including our youth.

To be involved and learn more, visit [BuildingStrongerIL.com](http://BuildingStrongerIL.com).

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