

YOUNG ADULT WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM REPORT

5/1/2024 - 12/31/2025

The goal of this program is to connect young adults to learning and paid work experiences that strengthen career options and support economic growth across Pierce County. Designed with a focus on geographic, economic, and racial equity, the program helps young adults navigate the ongoing impacts of economic instability by expanding access to paid internships, employment pathways, and career-building support.

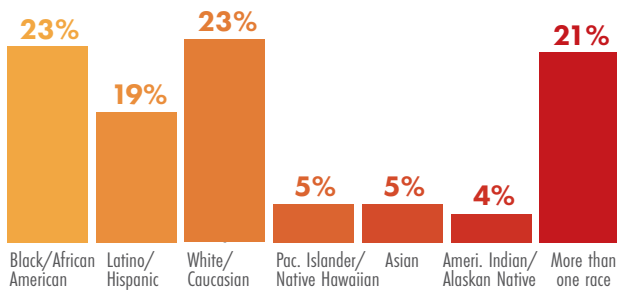
YOUNG ADULT PROFILE



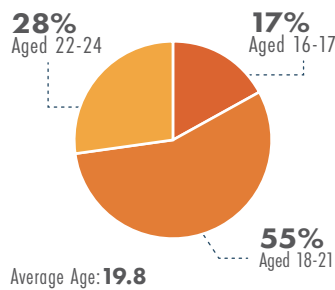
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Young adults placed in a paid internship

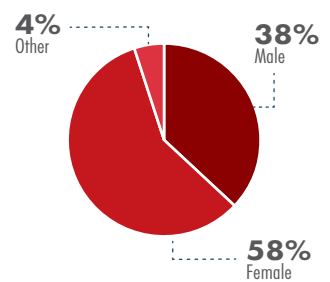
RACE & ETHNICITY



AGE



GENDER



EMPLOYER PROFILE



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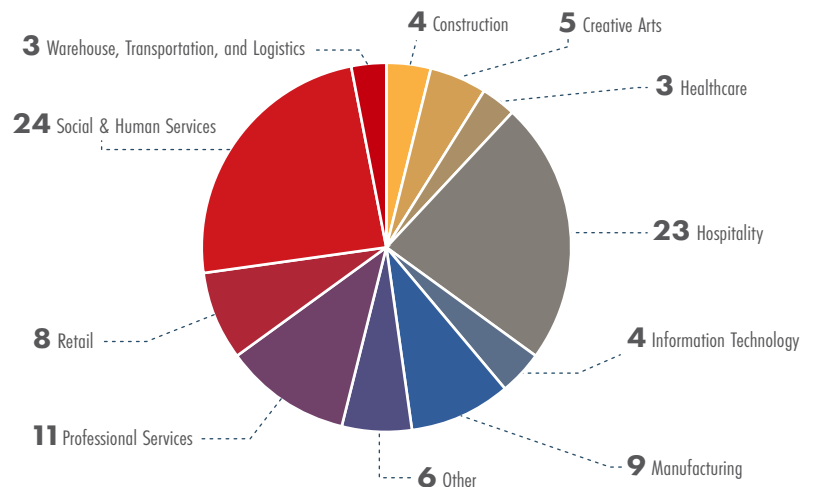
Employers were onboarded into the program



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Employers received an intern

INDUSTRIES REPRESENTED



THE RESULTS



38,142.54

Hours worked by interns for local businesses



\$634,855.62

In wages paid to interns and saved by businesses



129

Young Adults that obtained permanent employment



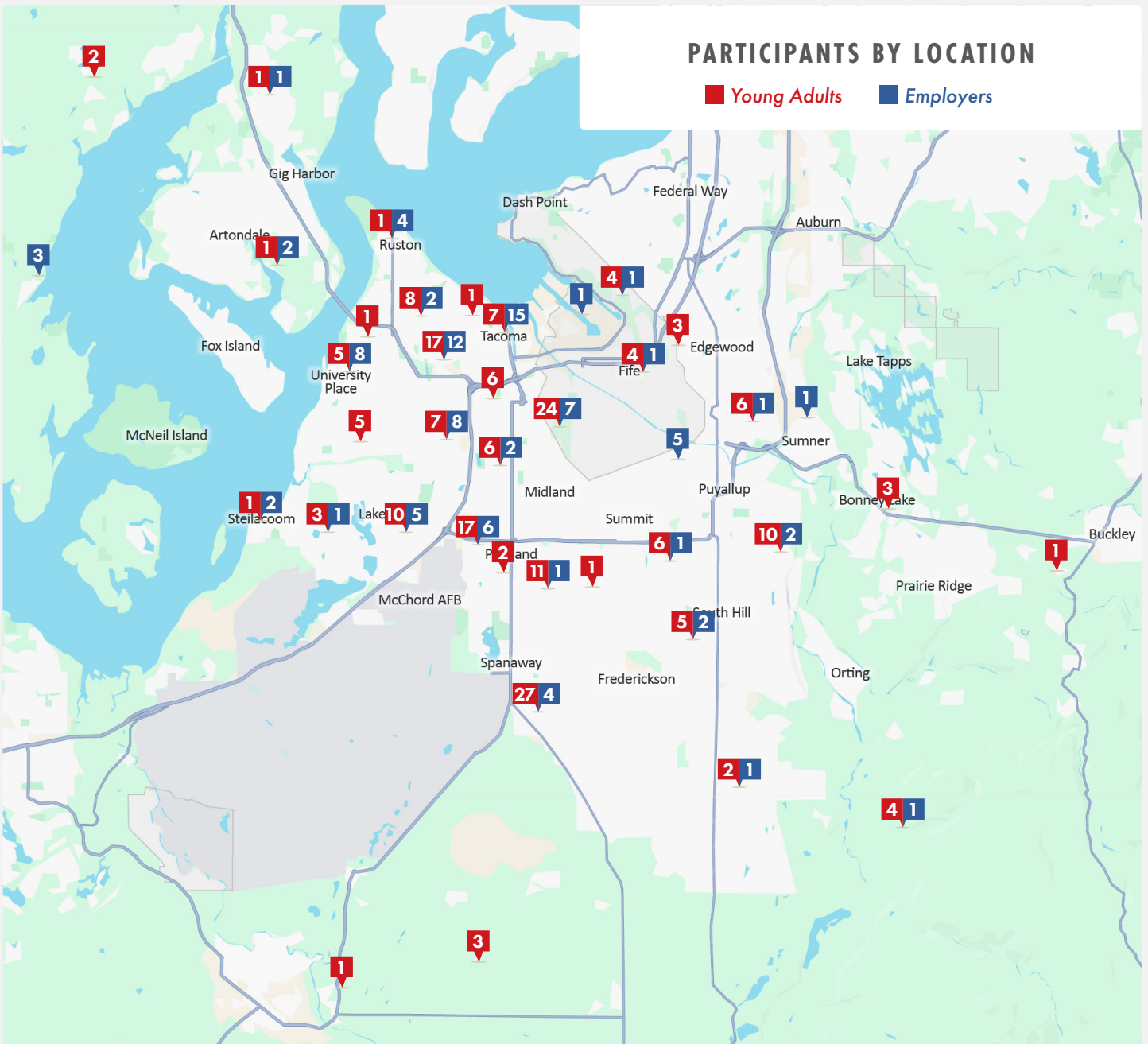
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Young Adults that returned to High School or Enrolled into Post Secondary Education

PARTICIPANTS BY LOCATION

■ Young Adults

■ Employers



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FEEDBACK FROM YOUNG ADULTS & BUSINESSES

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“ Kevin | VR Instruction Coach

I'm 24 and I work for Black Muse. I joined because they bring technology to youth, and I've always loved computers. Working with middle school kids on VR and game ideas is the best, because they're excited about what I'm excited about. I used to be shy, but this job popped my bubble and showed me how far communication can take me, even in a tough job market.

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“ David | Black Muse

These interns are phenomenal. They bring skills and show up for our culture. They help digitize and preserve history so it stays accessible as technology moves fast. Kevin helps manage projects and our after school work with students. Tom improved training and stepped into leadership. Their work strengthens the community and keeps our story ready.

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“ Violet | Apprentice

I like working on the wings because I enjoy sheet metal and hands on projects. I've learned plastic work, and it's delicate so you have to be careful. This internship has solidified my path in aviation maintenance. I love the values, teamwork, and how my input is heard. I'd recommend anyone try hands on work with tools once

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“ Steve | Alpine Vertical

The interns have been fantastic helping us build our aircraft kit. Violet has progressed a lot and is now autonomous. I can give her tasks and walk away confident they'll get done right. Their energy motivates me and supports my goal of growing tech jobs in Pierce County. The program takes patience and organization, but it's worth it.

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“ Tatiana | Assistant Teacher

I've always loved working with kids, and this job confirmed I want to be a teacher. I get to play with babies and teach them how to walk and talk. I love my co-teacher and our team. I've learned to work under pressure and stay calm when the classroom gets chaotic. Over time I've mastered patience, and I'm excited to grow from assistant teacher into a lead role.



“ Patti | Lil Patriots Academy

Our infant room is the hardest, and she learned fast that every day is on demand. She jumped right in, supports our lead teacher, and without her we could not run the infant program. This support was huge for our small business. It helped us hire young staff, invest in equipment, and even move toward opening a third site.



“ Kamaria | Production Intern

I've loved art and film my whole life, inspired by my dad making videos. Through event photography with Carlos, like the Day of the Dead in Tacoma, I learned to capture candid moments. He taught me business, how to start up, and how to apply for grants. That mentorship built my confidence, helped me leave a 9 to 5, and move into film with new roles and goals



“ Carlos | Zeta Maya

Kamaria has been amazing to work with. I mentor interns in creative and business skills, from photography and lighting to marketing and grant writing. She's proactive and a pleasure to teach. She's moving up as a producer and first assistant director on our documentary work. Workforce Central and WorkSource Pierce have been phenomenal partners, and their support has made a real difference.

