

2025 HYPE Report







Helping Youth Prepare for Employment (HYPE), a Youth Employment Network, was formally established through the collaboration of the City of Wichita, the Greater Wichita YMCA, Wichita Public Schools, and the Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas. These community partners combined efforts to leverage resources and align services designed to aid young job seekers in the local area.

Employment

20 YEP Job Fairs

2,423 Job Seekers

196

Employers

2,196

Youth Gained Employment

WIOA, YEP Employer Funded, YEP Subsidized, The Way to Work (City of Wichita), Job Prep (YMCA), and self-reported jobs

Total Estimated Wages

\$3,155,040

Engagement



5,274

-8.5% from 2024

Young Job Seekers Served

244

Employer Partners



-43.3% from 2024

Outreach



Outreach sessions were conducted in:

40
Schools



Districts



Youth Employment Project

Essential Skills Workshops



Participants

2,292

Badges Awarded



For completing workshops & coursework

Job Skills Training Workshops



Academics, Career Exploration, Financial Literacy, Workplace Etiquette



Camps of industry-specific career exposure



65

Students learned from representatives at these companies and organizations:

- **Ascension Via Christi**

- Bombardier Bank of America Central Consolidated
- Cox Machine Dondlinger Construction
- **Emprise Bank**
- Elite Harness FutureMaker Mobile Learning Lab
- **Forvis Mazars Group**
- **Hutton Construction**
- **IBEW Local 271**
- IdeaTek

- Kanokla
- **McConnell AFB**
- Plumbers & Pipefitters Sheet Metal Local 29 Skyward Credit Union

- Spirit Aerosystems Sumner County Economic Development Commission
- Textron Aviation
- **TEC Systems Group**
- **Urban League of Kansas**
- UV&S Inc.
- **WEJATC**
- Wichita Metro Crime Commission
- **WSU Tech**

Punctuality Participation Positivity



Transportation Provided by Wichita Public Transit

Thank you to all the partners and supporters of HYPE for investing in local area youth!