



Youth Development Strategy Table

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Geographic Equity in Youth Development

The needs in Clark County

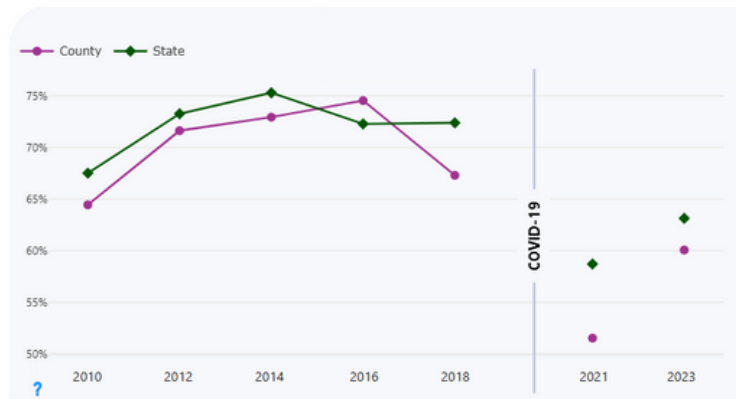
Clark County is particularly positioned to benefit from a state youth development grant program. There are over 118 youth programs in the county registered in Elevate Washington, a statewide youth program directory—the fourth largest county for youth programs within the directory.

However, multiple data points indicate a high need to strengthen access to youth programs in the region. Youth responding to the Washington State Healthy Youth Survey reported a significant drop in access to youth development opportunities in 2021, which has remained low in 2023 and falls significantly below the state average.

Further, Clark County youth that identified as Black and Hispanic in this survey were significantly less likely to report access to youth development than their white peers.

Chart: Percent of Clark County 8th graders reporting they have access to youth development opportunities in their communities over time. *Healthy Youth Survey*

Measure: Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement
Location: Clark County



Access to Youth Development Opportunities, Clark County—Greatest disparities by race



A solution for Clark County

State funding is necessary to address the geographic equity gaps in access to youth development in Washington state.

An open, transparent, and accessible state grant program for youth development is urgently needed as a more efficient, impactful, and equitable approach to funding critically-needed youth development programs.



