

Summer Youth Employment

Youth employment is at the lowest level since economists first started tracking these figures.

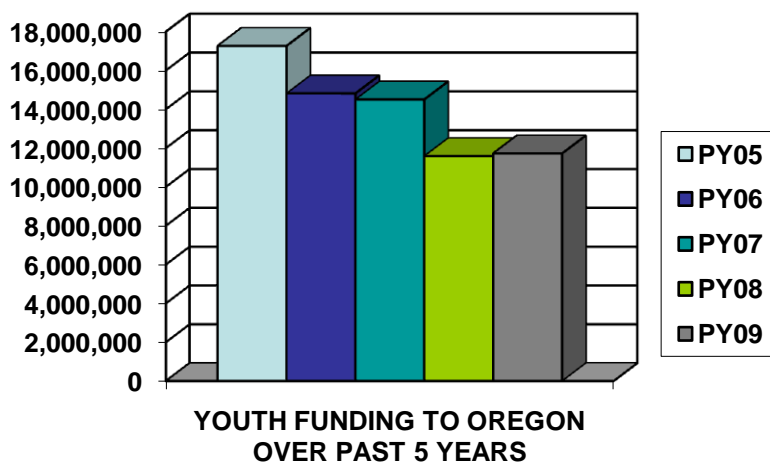
People who do not work during their teen years have greater difficulty getting and keeping a job, and lower life-long earnings.

Research shows that working while in high school can improve educational outcomes and reduce drop-out rates.

Oregon's Local Workforce Investment Boards invested over \$11 million of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to put youth to work last summer.

- 4,115 youth worked almost 650,000 hours earning an average hourly wage of \$8.75.
- These youth racked up 619 high school credits and 1,730 college credits while participating in the program.

Yet our resources to serve youth continue to decline. Help stop this trend. Bring Summer Youth Employment Programs back to Oregon.



In their own words...

"My resume is so different than before!"

"I did things I didn't know I was capable of doing."



"I've applied for jobs, but never get them because I have no experience."

"My boss has paid for me to go to seminars and classes. I have earned my certificate in diagnostics."

"Thank you all so much for letting me get a taste of what it would be like in a hospital."

"I learned how to recognize a situation and then deal with it quickly and correctly. I also learned it is better to ask a question than make a big mess."

"During my employment I learned about how to deal with money, pressure and ultimately people in general. Thank you so much."

"Learning about internet speeds and stuff like that is a pretty big fantasy for me. I learned a lot about trusting myself. I take pride in the work I do.."