



## YouthBuild: 2009 Year-End Report

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During 2009 Tree Trust's YouthBuild program served 30 low-income young adults who were at-risk of dropping out of high school.

43% of our 2009 participants had a physical, emotional or behavioral disability; 97% were basic skills deficient; 50% had previous juvenile offenses and 23% were teen parents.

While 22 of participants continued into 2010, 11 participants exited the program in 2009.



Our 2009 participants resided in the city of Minneapolis or in suburban Hennepin County, and reported the following demographics:

Male:	77%	African-American:	70%
Female:	23%	Hispanic/Latino:	10%
Ages 16-17:	37%	Native American:	3%
Ages 18-21:	53%	Caucasian:	17%
Ages 22-24:	10%		

YouthBuilders alternated weeks between school and the job site. During their school weeks they concentrated on completing academic coursework to earn a high school diploma or GED. *91% of participants who exited the program during 2009 earned a high school diploma or returned to school to complete their diploma or GED.*



During their weeks on the job site participants learned the basics of the construction trade while working in small teams of four or five youth to build and rehab homes for low-income families with our long-term housing partner, Urban Homeworks.

*Our 2009 participants completed the rehabilitation of three homes and started the rehabilitation of two homes in north Minneapolis.*

*97% of these participants earned OSHA-10 certification.*

Our 2009 YouthBuilders also participated in financial management and work readiness training, where they completed lessons from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's Money Smart program learned how to create resumes, practiced interviewing, explored career choices and strengthened soft skills like timeliness, communication and teamwork. YouthBuilders also participated in leadership skill building activities and worked with our YouthBuild counselor to break down individual barriers to success.