

young audiences of houston

2025 – 2026 impact report

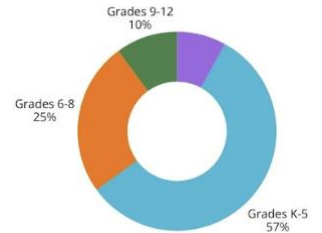
WHO WE SERVE

Total Children Served: 381,350
At-Risk Children Served: 91.5%
Economically Disadvantaged: 88.4%
Title I Schools: 92%
English Language Learners: 38%

Total # of Programs & Services: 2,675
Total # of Sites/Schools Served: 131
Total # of Community Sites: 118

Total # of Volunteers: 71
Total # of Teaching Artists: 142
Total # of Educators: 1,129
Total # of Counties Served: 14
Families and Adults Served: 98,407

Youth Demographics
Hispanic/Latino: 51%
African American: 36%
Caucasian: 9%
Asian: 1%
Pacific Islander: 1%
Two or More: 2%



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Delivered approximately 2,675 arts-in-education programs through 142 professional teaching artists and arts partners, reaching 381,350 students across Southeast Texas.
- Provided 78% of programs free or subsidized, expanding access for schools and youth-serving organizations with limited arts-education resources. Programs included TEKS/STAAR-aligned Curriculum Connections Guides to extend learning beyond each arts experience.
- Launched the ArtWorks Teen Pathways Program with support from the Junior League of Houston. Middle and high school students participated as paid apprentices while developing artistic, communication, teamwork, public-speaking, time-management, and career-readiness skills.
- Implemented the grant-funded Celebration of America initiative at partner schools and sites. Arts-based events were designed to engage approximately 4,800 participants in American history, culture, creativity, and civic identity.
- Completed the Kashmere Gardens Elementary College, Career, and Military Readiness Project. Fifth-grade students explored future pathways through spoken word, poetry, research, presentations, and discussions.
- Expanded Discovery Arts, an adaptive, sensory-based program for students with disabilities that integrates music, movement, theatre, visual arts, and storytelling with campus goals.

COMMUNITY BUILDING + ENGAGEMENT

- Served 7,302 PK–12 students across six rural school districts through arts-integrated literacy and enrichment programs designed to strengthen communication, creativity, and lifelong learning.
- Engaged 98,407 adults and community members through free, year-round programs, including arts workshops, performances, and cultural experiences that brought children and families together.
- Provided educational and enrichment programming to 400 children in Houston's Port Houston community through Neighbors in Action, introducing participants to sewing, dance, visual arts, karate, culinary arts, sports, and other hands-on experiences.
- Expanded free public arts programming with libraries, parks, and community organizations throughout Greater Houston, offering families regular access to visual arts, music, dance, theatre, storytelling, and cultural celebrations.

CAPACITY + GROWTH

- Entered Young Audiences of Houston's 70th year of service as one of Texas's largest arts-in-education youth providers.
- Participated in the Dearing Family Foundation accelerator, strengthening the organization's approach to revenue diversification, sustainable growth, program pricing, and expanded community impact. Final presentation pitch to 40+ philanthropic leaders.
- Expanded the Education Committee with new members adding nonprofit and educational leadership to support our team.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

- Supported teaching artists in developing exemplar arts-integrated activity plans for publication through the national R.A.I.S.E. initiative.
- Represented Young Audiences of Houston at the 2026 Texas Network of Youth Services Conference and Harris County Department of Education's Conference, participating in three days of professional learning and establishing new connections with school-district and youth-service representatives.