



SOUTHWEST DETROIT NEIGHBORHOODS SYSTEM OF SUPPORTS AND OPPORTUNITIES (SOSO) 2010 Snapshot¹

- **Population: 5,467 youth ages 11 to 18 live in the Southwest Detroit neighborhoods.**²

SOUTHWEST CHILDREN AND YOUTH: AGE DISTRIBUTION

Age Group	Number
11 to 18 years	5,467
11 to 13 years	2,024
14 to 18 years	3,443

- **50 programs, operated by 18 agencies, located in the Southwest neighborhoods were interviewed for this SOSO report.**³ Programs offered one or many opportunities for youth. The following chart shows 54% of Southwest programs offered life skills, 52% offered arts and culture, and 48% offered leadership development.

Category	Programs (N=50)
Life Skills	54% (N=27)
Youth Arts & Culture	52% (N=26)
Youth Leadership Development	48% (N=24)
Academic Enrichment	46% (N=23)
Youth Employment Preparation	24% (N=12)
Sports and Recreation	24% (N=12)
Work Experience	22% (N=11)
Career Preparation & Exposure	18% (N=9)
Formal Volunteer Opportunities	18% (N=9)
College Preparation & Access	16% (N=8)
Formal Youth Mentoring	14% (N=7)
Assistance with College Financing	0% (N=0)

¹ The data in this snapshot are drawn from an assessment conducted by Brandeis University during the spring of 2010 of the systems of supports and opportunities of each of The Skillman Foundation's six target neighborhoods. The assessment was not designed to be exhaustive and instead drew on the Foundation's grantee database, resource directories for each neighborhood prepared by the UM School of Social Work and recommendations from NCDI Community Liaisons. Updated with 2010 Census data October 2011.

² Data Driven Detroit (D3) 2010 population figures from US Census.

³ Neighborhood programs, as well as citywide programs located in Southwest, are included in this snapshot.

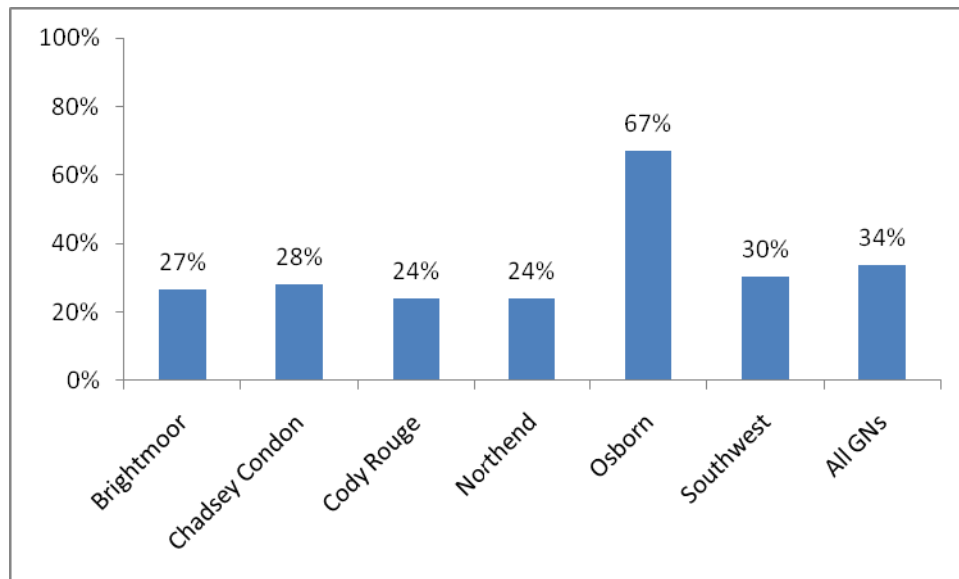
- **Youth participation rates among programs varied widely.** Of the 44 programs that provided attendance data, participation ranged from 2 youth a day to 526 youth a month. Most programs operated on a small scale.

On a given day when the program was in session:

- 17 programs had 19 or fewer youth
- 18 programs had 20-49 youth
- 7 programs had 50-99 youth
- 2 programs had 100 or more youth

Important notes: These numbers do not take duplication into account, as youth may attend more than one program. Most programs did not offer programming for all five days of the week. Finally, youth may be attending the program in Southwest, but actually live in another neighborhood.

**ESTIMATED PERCENT OF YOUTH CONNECTED TO
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS BY NEIGHBORHOOD**



Note: This figure includes neighborhood programs and citywide Youth Employment/College & Career Access & Youth Development programs. These totals provide data on 237 of the 270 programs surveyed. These 237 programs were able to estimate the number of youth served on an average day the program was in session.

While most programs in the six neighborhoods served modest numbers, a higher percentage of programs in Northend and Osborn hosted larger-scale programs, serving 50 or more youth. Several agencies operated large scale programs in Osborn including: Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, Campbell Academic Services, Communities in Schools, Matrix Human Services, St. John's Open Arms Programs, and Think Detroit PAL. In Northend, Central Detroit Christian Community Development, College for Creative Studies, Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit, Think Detroit PAL, and Youthville Detroit all served more than 50 youth. Figure 7 shows the percent of small and large-scale programs by neighborhood.

► Program characteristics/qualities

- **Full-time staffing & training.** 33 programs (66%) had full-time staff. Of these programs, 21 required their staff to participate in formal youth development training.
- **Mentoring opportunities.** 6 programs (3%) had a formal one-on-one mentoring component and 3 programs (8%) an informal group-mentoring component.
- **Eligibility restrictions.** Other than age, 5 programs restricted by neighborhood and 7 programs restricted by gender. 2 programs required referrals from a classroom teacher or by the court. 3 programs restricted by SED.
- **Program cost.** 35 programs (70%) were free. Of the 15 agencies that charged, 9 offered a sliding scale.
- **Meals and snacks.** 30 programs (61%) offered meals or snacks.
- **Drop-in programming.** 12 programs (25%) were offered on a drop-in basis.
- **Accreditation.** 7 programs (15%) were accredited.
- **Formal assessment.** 13 programs (29%) had a formal assessment process (such as High/Scope or YDC).
- **Transportation.** 17 programs (35%) provided transportation to their sites, and 16 programs (33%) provided transportation from their sites.

► Needs/Challenges Reported by Programs in Southwest

- **Top Challenges for Youth**
 - Quality of Schools and other Educational Opportunities / Low Academic Achievement
 - Crime and Safety
 - Insufficient Youth Employment Opportunities
- **Major Barriers to Accessing Programs**
 - Transportation
 - Lack of Awareness of Programs and Opportunities
 - Need for Increased Involvement from Family and Positive Adults
- **Top Program Needs**
 - Youth Development Best Practices
 - Evaluation and Assessment Training
 - Grantsmanship and Fundraising Techniques