

Youth Employment Report – Blog 3 Infographic

Barriers to Training, Education, & Skills Development –

These barriers outlines some of those identified by YMCA Canada and YWCA Canada, NWPB's youth consultations, and Civiconnect's youth survey.

Moving due to education

Socially isolated

Mental health difficulties

Delay in studies

Financial difficulties

Limited technology skills

Unreliable internet

Limited literacy skills

Balancing school & work

Success Story – Youth Skills Studio

As of Summer 2021...

Cohort 1 complete

45

Youth participants representing demographics historically excluded from STEM.

Projects are tech-based and focused on work in 1 of 3 areas:

- Digital marketing
- Web development
- IT systems administration



Cohort 2 (45 youth) is currently in training

Cohort 3 (45 youth) is expected to finish by March 2022.

Spring 2022 will see

75,000+

Hours of work-integrated learning

100+

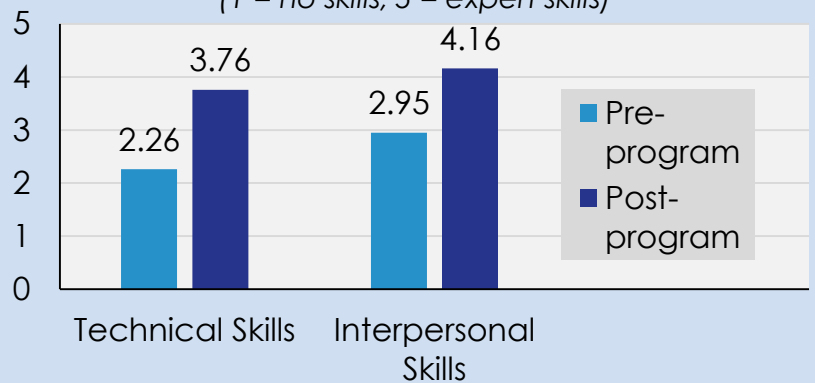
Youth participants

75

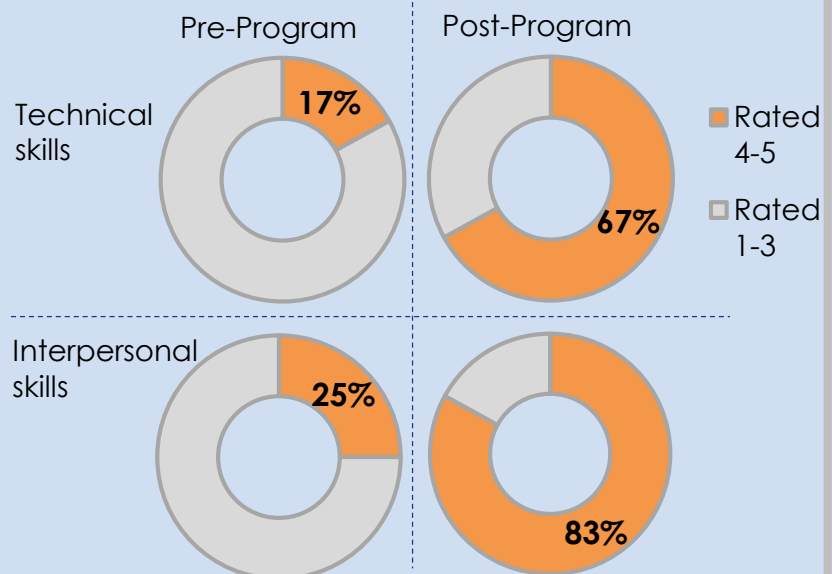
Employer-based projects

Skills Development

(1 = no skills, 5 = expert skills)



% of trainees rating skills as a 4-5



95% thought these skills would be transferrable to their careers

Sources:

- YMCA Canada and YWCA Canada (August 2021). [Preventing a lockdown generation: A plan to support Canada's youth in post-pandemic recovery.](#)
- Civiconnect (October 2021). [Impacts of COVID-19 on youth in Niagara: A community needs assessment](#)
- NWPB Pandemic Impacts Survey, Summer 2021
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