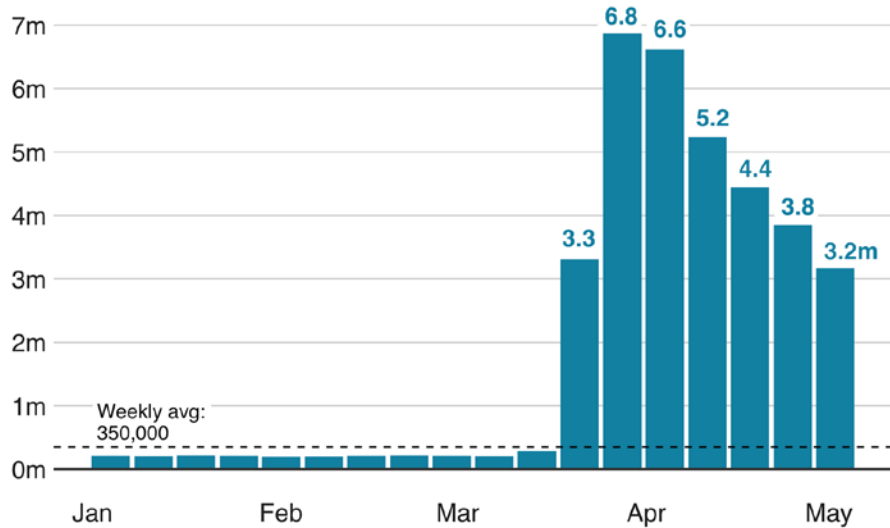


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Weekly total of new unemployment claims in 2020

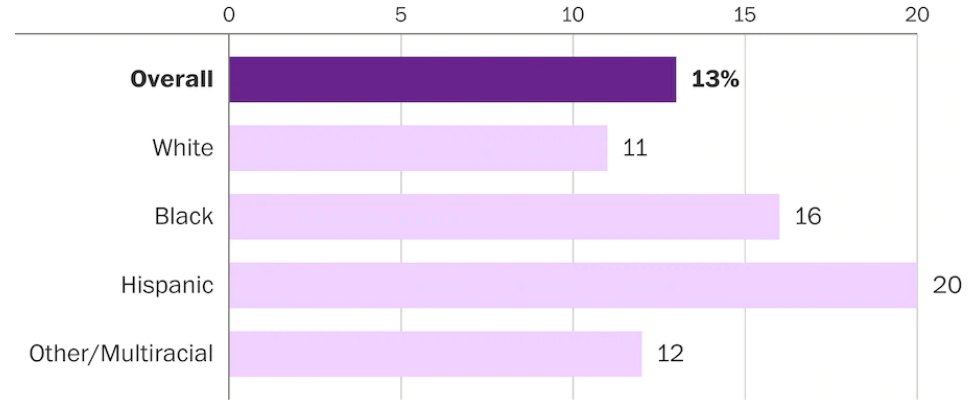


Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics, 7 May 2020, 14:00 GMT



## Since the coronavirus outbreak began in the U.S., Hispanic and black Americans are more likely to have been laid off than whites

Percent of adults in each group who said they have been laid off or furloughed



Source: April 27-May 4, 2020, Washington Post-Ipsos poll of 8,086 U.S. adults with a margin of sampling error of +/- 1 percentage point. Error margins range from 1.5-4.5 points for racial/ethnic subgroups.

EMILY GUSKIN/THE WASHINGTON POST

**Youth unemployment more than tripled during the Great Depression, and we will probably see similar patterns now.**

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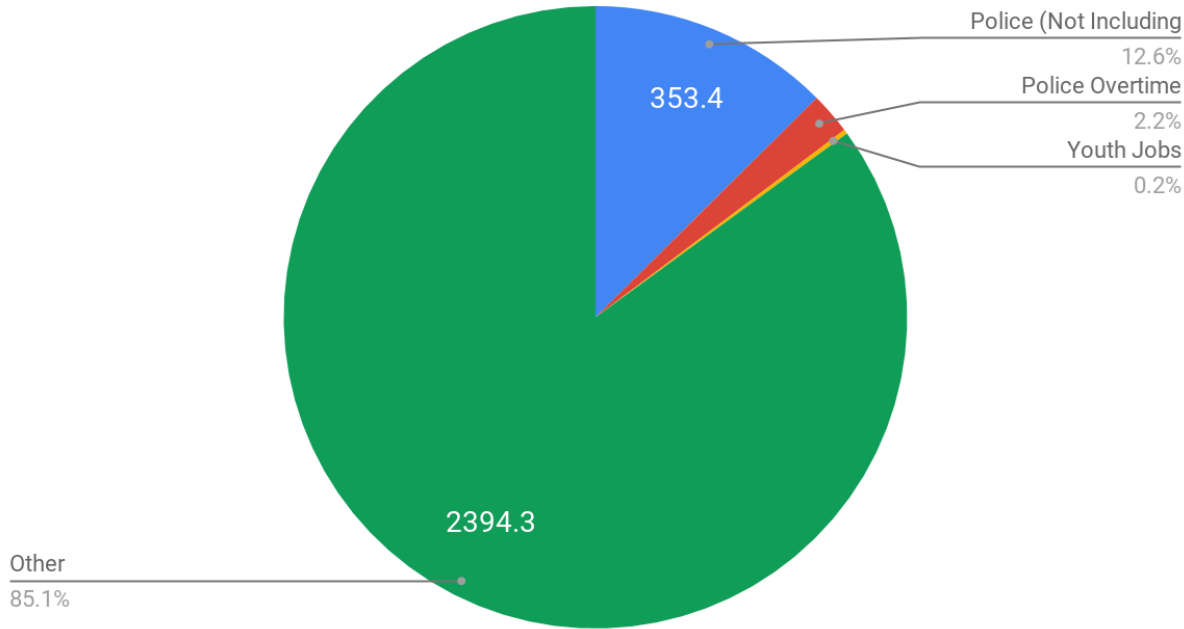
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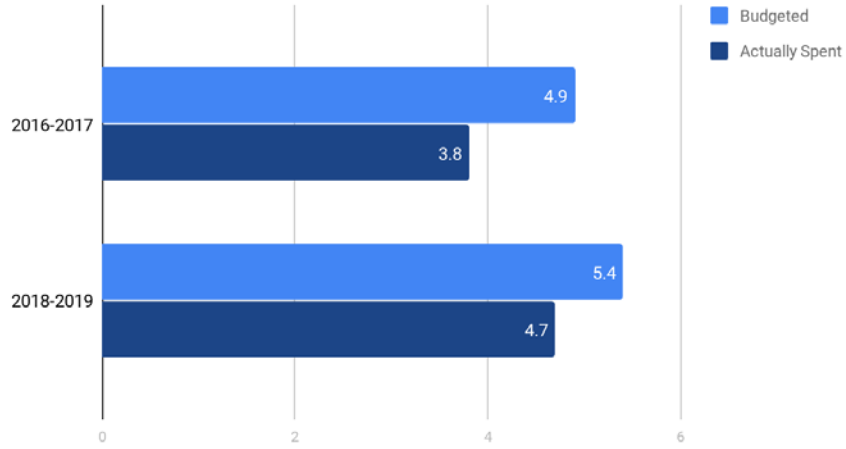
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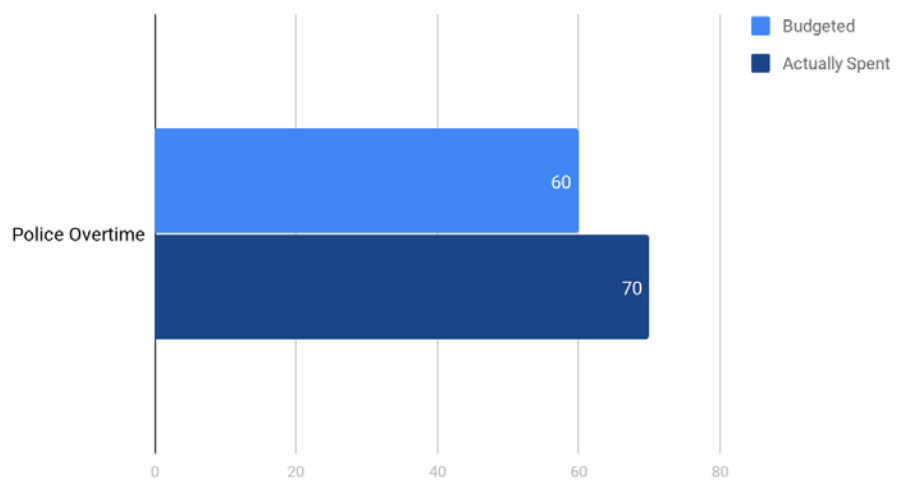


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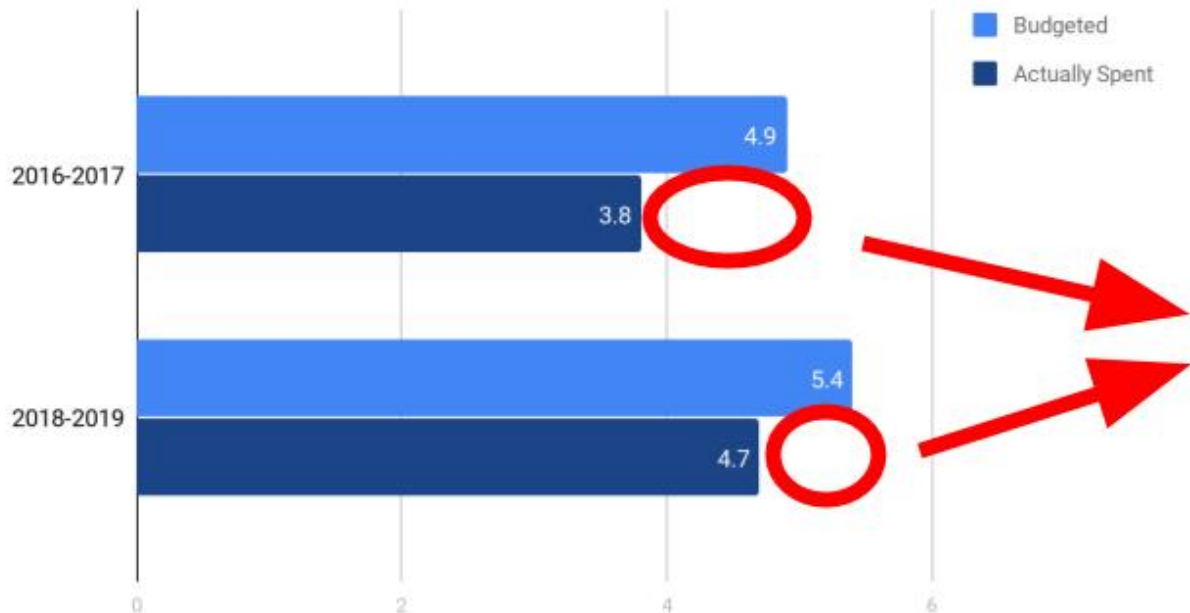
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## Free Cash / Budgetary Fund Balance

Fiscal Year	Free Cash / Budgetary Fund Balance (as certified before the fiscal year began)
FY20	375.0
FY19	346.5
FY18	337.8
FY17	280.0
FY16	239.4
FY15	185.3
FY14	217.3
FY13	142.8
FY12	117.8
FY11	139.0
FY10	121.2
FY09	110.2
FY08	63.1
FY07	54.4
FY06	56.3



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Hello,

My name is Armani White and I work at a local youth development and college access nonprofit Summer Search. I am testifying as a youth worker and a former young person living in Boston. Summer jobs are super important to the well being of our young people, and our community. Summer jobs provide safe, fun opportunities for students to earn money and build the career skills they need in the future. I love that we fund city jobs as a city. I think we need to fully fund youth jobs in this midst of this epidemic. We need to prepare a plan now for the summer so that young people can have a job even if the pandemic is continuing. Double the amount of SuccessLink jobs that the City funds. Give \$15 million for 5000 summer jobs and 1000 year round jobs (from September-June). Open SuccessLink to 14-22 year olds. We must include undocumented youth. I think a good source for funding is by decreasing the police & police overtime budget and use emergency reserves as well.

Thank you for your time,

Armani White



May 07, 2020

### **Fund Youth Jobs!**

Hello my name is Justine Dessalines I attend TechBoston Academy and am in the 10th grade. I am a member of the Boston Student Advisory Council and Youth on Board.

Young people should be allowed to work without a doubt. The reason is many young people come from low-income or single-parent households. This means that they have to help their families when it comes to paying rent and household necessities. Without a job, young people will no longer be able to help their families or worst-case scenario will try and find a job that is not legal. These jobs put young people's lives at risk and are dangerous because there are no regulations like government-provided jobs. When people are pushed to the wall they will do what they can to survive and America's young people are no different. Providing jobs keeps young people from doing things they shouldn't. It gives them a place to be and something to do with their spare time that also provides some money. Another reason why youth jobs are important is that it gives young people exposure to the workforce. I know for me personally, I don't know what field I want to procure in the future but being able to work has given me more experiences in fields I didn't know I was interested in. Youth jobs also allow youths to be productive parts of society. I ask that you please provide more funding for youth jobs so that more jobs and money are available. Also to provide a variety of different jobs. Thank You.

May 7, 2020

To the Boston City Council,

We are testifying on behalf of the Phillips Brooks House Association (PBHA) to support the Youth Jobs Campaign platform and speak to the importance of the youth jobs funding. The Phillips Brooks House Association (PBHA) Every summer PBHA's Summer Urban Program (SUP) provides over 650 Boston children from low income households with high quality, affordable summer enrichment opportunities that stem summer learning loss and support socio-emotional development. The SUP camps have been an integral part of neighborhoods across Boston for over 50 years in communities including Chinatown, the South End, Mission Hill, Roxbury, Dorchester, and South Boston. Two of the programs, one for elementary children and one for high school students, serve recently arrived English Language Learners and one program serves the Native American Community from across Greater Boston. The programs are directed and staffed by college students and employ over 100 teen counselors to teach alongside the college students. This year PBHA was awarded 42 slots from YEE out of a requested 63 to help fund those positions.

Despite the challenges presented by COVID 19, PBHA is planning on running SUP this summer. We are in contingency planning, but know that we will primarily run remotely and focus on 1-1 and group instruction to support our children in the preliminary learning standards identified by the Department of Education as an area of focus to make up for the last few months of school. We will also be running arts, science, and health clubs and providing home learning kits as well as continuing to support the immediate needs of families. The Junior Counselors positions will be a critical part of staffing this program and ensuring we can reach as many children as possible with quality services.

We also believe that having these employment opportunities for youth this summer is critical to their own well being and public health at large. We are mindful that the high school students have had their own learning challenges over the last few months of school and will work to make sure they are on track for the next academic year. Furthermore, we know that meaningful connections with a community and caring adults will support their own mental health and also ensure that they are connected to quality public health information and make good decisions that affect all of us. We employ YEE teens during the school year and know that this continued connection as the future remains uncertain will remain critical then as well.

For these reasons, PBHA is supporting the Youth Jobs Campaign ask of allotting \$15 million in the budget for 5000 summer jobs and 1000 school year jobs. We also support expanding the age of the YEE youth to return to the original program ages of 14-22 (we've had YEE youth since the 90's) and to make sure we have a plan to support undocumented youth.

Thank you for your consideration,

Maria Dominguez Gray, PBHA Executive Director

Kate Johnsen, PBHA Deputy Director

& PBHA college student directors & counselors, junior counselors, camper families and program staff





May 07, 2020

### **Fund Youth Jobs!**

Good day all,

My name is Phebean Ogunsanwo, I am a junior at Brighton High school. I am here representing the Superintendent's Executive Cabinet, Boston Student Advisory Council & Youth on Board. I am writing to advocate for more youth jobs and to tell the importance of youth jobs in our community.

Youth jobs are important because it gives us the youth the opportunity to learn skills that we are not taught at school. It also gives us first hand experience of what it is like to work for someone. Youth are the future and it is the responsibility of everyone listening to this to make sure we have the training and resources to help us succeed in the future because as the statement goes "it takes a village to raise a child". Having jobs at an early age will also give us an idea of what future career we want to pursue while building our work experiences. Having a job from an early age also makes us responsible (with money, having a job etc). Another reason why youth jobs are important is because some young people are a major source of income for their families and if they do not have a job to earn money they will not be able to support their families. Having a job also helps us youth build valuable connections that can be useful for us in the future which could spark life long careers. Providing more jobs for teens gives them a reason to use their time constructively which means they have a lesser chance of getting into trouble. It is also a great way for youths to transfer into adulthood. If young people earn money then they pay their taxes which enhances the economy. Last point I am going to bring up is having a job at a younger age tends to boost confidence and self resilience. They would have more confidence when applying to jobs and more. There are many more reasons why youth jobs are crucial. I hope you give us the funding we need to ensure a better future for us because remember we are the future.



May 07, 2020

### **Fund Youth Jobs!**

Hello everyone my name is Simon and I am a 16-year-old student from Boston Latin Academy. I'm talking here today because I believe it is both essential and vital that youth summer job programs continue to take place this summer. There are a plethora of reasons why youth jobs provide so much for the city of Boston and so much for the citizens of the city of Boston. And honestly I can't think of a reason why they wouldn't happen, even knowing our current conditions. One thing that I think it's important to remember when thinking about this, is that not only is this a good opportunity for young people, it would also extremely help the economy and many organizations in the city of Boston. I have come to see that many organizations actually rely on young workers to work for them in the city to do a lot of the work that they need to get done. For example, in my ninth grade summer I was a lifeguard intern at the BCYF pool in Roslindale. Every day I spend most of my time taking calls, cleaning bathrooms, and doing the work that no one else had time to do. Between the lifeguards and the manager, everyone else was extremely busy and they relied on my internship with a mission to get things done that needed to be done. If I wasn't there, they would've had a lot more work to do, and I don't know when they would've had time to do it. Additionally, in my tenth grade summer I worked for the Boston Student Advisory Council. This job is a purely student led organization that without students it would not exist. This shows exactly how important it is for student jobs to continue because they affect so much more than most people realize.

Furthermore, the lessons that students learn from their early on jobs are very important to their future and their development as people. This is because they now have responsibilities in a boss or someone above them telling them what to do. Also these experiences teach young people how to be on time every day and show up somewhere and get the job done. When they receive a check every other week, they then have to think and work on how that money will be used. This is a hard skill in itself, and while some students will be giving their check directly to their family needs, even that will help them better understand costs and saving money. These are very important skills to learn, that are VITAL for young people to learn.

In conclusion, It is very important that young people have a job this summer for many reasons. We could go on and on talking about how many different ways this affects the city of Boston and young people overall and the importance of it. However I will end my testimony with this one statement: By giving back to young people in Boston and providing them with Job opportunities, you allow them to grow as people who will in 10 to 20 years be able to do the same thing and use what they have learned at a younger age to enhance and give back to the city of Boston.

Thank you