



The Economic Benefits of Reducing the Dropout Rate for Students of Color in the Nation's Forty-Five Largest Metropolitan Areas

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Summary of Findings

Years of data have consistently underscored the persistent graduation gap between America's students of color and their peers. The most recent estimate shows that high school graduation rates for African American, Latino, and American Indian students hover only slightly higher than 50 percent. This is more than 20 percentage points lower than that of their white peers.

In addition to the moral imperative to provide every student with an equal opportunity to pursue the American dream, there is also a strong economic argument for helping more students of color graduate from high school. Graduating more students of color from high school can have a profound impact on increased earnings potential, home and auto sales, and other important economic indicators for communities and states.

A rapidly changing demography—with communities of color growing swiftly—will only amplify this economic argument; if the nation's high schools do not begin to better serve the country's students of color today, all Americans will end up feeling the economic pinch.

The following chart summarizes the estimated economic benefits¹ that the nation's forty-five largest metropolitan areas² could expect to see if they were to reduce by half the number of students of color³ who dropped out from the Class of 2008. These are the estimated benefits that could come from reducing the dropout rate of just one *single* high school class of students of color.

The findings presented below are part of an ongoing Alliance for Excellent Education economic analysis. Previously, the Alliance released similar findings for these forty-five metropolitan areas and others estimating the economic benefits of reducing the dropout rates among *all* students. Those findings are available at http://www.all4ed.org/publication_material/EconMSA.

This analysis has been conducted in partnership with Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc. and with the generous support of State Farm®. For more information about the analysis, including frequently asked questions and technical notes, and to see detailed information for each metropolitan area, visit http://www.all4ed.org/publication_material/EconMSAoc.

¹ These figures represent rounded estimates of gross benefits to the regional economy and are not intended to reflect the net impact of additional graduates.

² Metropolitan areas extend further than the primary city or cities, and include surrounding counties that have close economic and social ties with the urban center.

³ In some metropolitan areas, the number of American Indian dropouts totaled fewer than fifty and was therefore omitted.



Metropolitan Area	Student Sub-group	Estimated Class of 2008 Dropouts	Estimated Benefits if Half the Class of 2008's Dropouts from Each Group Had Graduated							
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Albuquerque, NM	African American	100	\$600,000	\$500,000 (spending) \$200,000 (investment)	\$1.5 mil	\$50,000	200	\$29.1 mil	\$1.9 mil	44%
	Latino	3,950	\$19.3 mil	\$14.2 mil (spending) \$4.8 mil (investment)	\$46.1 mil	\$1.5 mil				
	American Indian	350	\$1.9 mil	\$1.4 mil (spending) \$500,000 (investment)	\$4.4 mil	\$100,000				
	Asian American	100	\$500,000	\$400,000 (spending) \$100,000 (investment)	\$1.2 mil	\$30,000				
Atlanta, GA	African American	9,950	\$66 mil	\$46.9 mil (spending) \$17.3 (investment)	\$152.6 mil	\$3.8 mil	850	\$136.2 mil	\$9.9 mil	50%
	Latino	3,900	\$26.9 mil	\$19 mil (spending) \$7.2 mil (investment)	\$58.1 mil	\$1.5 mil				
	American Indian	100	\$600,000	\$400,000 (spending) \$200,000 (investment)	\$1.4 mil	\$30,000				
	Asian American	1,100	\$9.1 mil	\$6.2 mil (spending) \$2.6 mil (investment)	\$21.8 mil	\$400,000				
Austin, TX	African American	500	\$3.4 mil	\$2.5 mil (spending) \$900,000 (investment)	\$5.1 mil	\$200,000	200	\$33.1 mil	\$2.2 mil	48%
	Latino	2,950	\$19.8 mil	\$14.5 mil (spending) \$5.3 mil (investment)	\$30.1 mil	\$1.1 mil				
	American Indian	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a				
	Asian American	150	\$1.3 mil	\$900,000 (spending) \$400,000 (investment)	\$2.2 mil	\$60,000				
Baltimore, MD	African American	4,100	\$28.7 mil	\$19.8 mil (spending) \$8.2 mil (investment)	\$102.2 mil	\$1.6 mil	250	\$43 mil	\$3.8 mil	46%
	Latino	250	\$1.9 mil	\$1.3 mil (spending) \$600,000 (investment)	\$6.8 mil	\$100,000				
	American Indian	50	\$300,000	\$200,000 (spending) \$80,000 (investment)	\$1 mil	\$10,000				
	Asian American	250	\$2.3 mil	\$1.5 mil (spending) \$700,000 (investment)	\$8.7 mil	\$100,000				

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Boston, MA	African American	1,100	\$6.9 mil	\$4.8 mil (spending) \$2 mil (investment)	\$24.9 mil	\$500,000	150	\$29.7 mil	\$2.3 mil	46%
	Latino	1,450	\$9.5 mil	\$6.6 mil (spending) \$2.8 mil (investment)	\$35.8 mil	\$700,000				
	American Indian	50	\$200,000	\$100,000 (spending) \$60,000 (investment)	\$700,000	\$10,000				
	Asian American	650	\$5.7 mil	\$3.8 mil (spending) \$1.8 mil (investment)	\$22.2 mil	\$300,000				
Charlotte, NC	African American	2,350	\$12.8 mil	\$9.1 mil (spending) \$3.3 mil (investment)	\$29.9 mil	\$900,000	150	\$25.6 mil	\$2 mil	48%
	Latino	850	\$5 mil	\$3.5 mil (spending) \$1.3 mil (investment)	\$11.8 mil	\$300,000				
	American Indian	50	\$400,000	\$300,000 (spending) \$100,000 (investment)	\$800,000	\$20,000				
	Asian American	200	\$1.4 mil	\$1 mil (spending) \$400,000 (investment)	\$3.5 mil	\$80,000				
Chicago, IL	African American	8,600	\$53.9 mil	\$37.5 mil (spending) \$14.7 mil (investment)	\$159.9 mil	\$3.5 mil	950	\$163.7 mil	\$16.4 mil	48%
	Latino	9,250	\$57.5 mil	\$40.1 mil (spending) \$15.5 mil (investment)	\$170.1 mil	\$3.7 mil				
	American Indian	100	\$500,000	\$300,000 (spending) \$100,000 (investment)	\$1.5 mil	\$30,000				
	Asian American	850	\$7.7 mil	\$5.1 mil (spending) \$2.3 mil (investment)	\$23.3 mil	\$400,000				
Cleveland, OH	African American	2,500	\$11.8 mil	\$8.5 mil (spending) \$3 mil (investment)	\$27.5 mil	\$1 mil	150	\$19.6 mil	\$1.7 mil	46%
	Latino	450	\$2.3 mil	\$1.6 mil (spending) \$600,000 (investment)	\$5.3 mil	\$200,000				
	American Indian	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a				
	Asian American	100	\$600,000	\$400,000 (spending) \$200,000 (investment)	\$1.4 mil	\$40,000				

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Colorado Springs, CO	African American	100	\$500,000	\$400,000 (spending) \$100,000 (investment)	\$1.6 mil	\$30,000	50	\$4.9 mil	\$500,000	54%
	Latino	450	\$2.8 mil	\$2 mil (spending) \$700,000 (investment)	\$9.6 mil	\$200,000				
	American Indian	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a				
	Asian American	100	\$700,000	\$500,000 (spending) \$200,000 (investment)	\$2.3 mil	\$40,000				
Columbus, OH	African American	1,250	\$7.4 mil	\$5.3 mil (spending) \$1.9 mil (investment)	\$18.2 mil	\$500,000	100	\$13 mil	\$1.1 mil	49%
	Latino	150	\$1.2 mil	\$800,000 (spending) \$300,000 (investment)	\$2.9 mil	\$70,000				
	American Indian	50	\$200,000	\$100,000 (spending) \$50,000 (investment)	\$500,000	\$10,000				
	Asian American	100	\$1 mil	\$700,000 (spending) \$300,000 (investment)	\$2.4 mil	\$50,000				
Dallas-Ft. Worth-Arlington, TX	African American	3,800	\$26.5 mil	\$19.2 mil (spending) \$7.2 mil (investment)	\$43.6 mil	\$1.5 mil	1,100	\$182.1 mil	\$11.6 mil	47%
	Latino	13,400	\$92.8 mil	\$67.5 mil (spending) \$25.3 mil (investment)	\$139.5 mil	\$5.1 mil				
	American Indian	150	\$1 mil	\$700,000 (spending) \$300,000 (investment)	\$1.6 mil	\$50,000				
	Asian American	950	\$8.8 mil	\$6.1 mil (spending) \$2.7 mil (investment)	\$14.7 mil	\$400,000				
Denver, CO	African American	400	\$3 mil	\$2.1 mil (spending) \$800,000 (investment)	\$11.1 mil	\$200,000	250	\$44.2 mil	\$4.4 mil	46%
	Latino	3,950	\$28.8 mil	\$20.1 mil (spending) \$7.4 mil (investment)	\$106.5 mil	\$1.5 mil				
	American Indian	50	\$500,000	\$300,000 (spending) \$100,000 (investment)	\$1.9 mil	\$30,000				
	Asian American	250	\$2.2 mil	\$1.5 mil (spending) \$600,000 (investment)	\$8 mil	\$100,000				

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Detroit, MI	African American	7,250	\$44.9 mil	\$31.4 mil (spending) \$11.5 mil (investment)	\$127.1 mil	\$2.8 mil	400	\$72.5 mil	\$7.1 mil	49%
	Latino	950	\$6.3 mil	\$4.4 mil (spending) \$1.7 mil (investment)	\$18 mil	\$400,000				
	American Indian	100	\$500,000	\$400,000 (spending) \$100,000 (investment)	\$1.5 mil	\$30,000				
	Asian American	400	\$4 mil	\$2.6 mil (spending) \$1.2 mil (investment)	\$12.5 mil	\$200,000				
El Paso, TX	African American	50	\$200,000	\$200,000 (spending) \$50,000 (investment)	\$300,000	\$20,000	200	\$29.6 mil	\$2.1 mil	48%
	Latino	5,000	\$22.3 mil	\$17.4 mil (spending) \$4.9 mil (investment)	\$29.6 mil	\$1.8 mil				
	American Indian	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a				
	Asian American	50	\$200,000	\$100,000 (spending) \$40,000 (investment)	\$200,000	\$10,000				
Fresno, CA	African American	250	\$1.8 mil	\$1.3 mil (spending) \$400,000 (investment)	\$5.1 mil	\$100,000	250	\$36.3 mil	\$3.4 mil	51%
	Latino	3,300	\$23.4 mil	\$17.2 mil (spending) \$5.4 mil (investment)	\$69.8 mil	\$1.4 mil				
	American Indian	50	\$400,000	\$300,000 (spending) \$90,000 (investment)	\$1.1 mil	\$20,000				
	Asian American	200	\$1.9 mil	\$1.4 mil (spending) \$500,000 (investment)	\$5.7 mil	\$100,000				
Honolulu, HI	African American	100	\$600,000	\$400,000 (spending) \$200,000 (investment)	\$2.9 mil	\$60,000	150	\$29.1 mil	\$1.7 mil	45%
	Latino	400	\$2.3 mil	\$1.6 mil (spending) \$600,000 (investment)	\$10.8 mil	\$200,000				
	American Indian	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a				
	Asian American	3,550	\$20.6 mil	\$14.3 mil (spending) \$5.7 mil (investment)	\$98.5 mil	\$1.8 mil				

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Houston, TX	African American	4,250	\$29.7 mil	\$21.5 mil (spending) \$8.2 mil (investment)	\$49.2 mil	\$1.6 mil	950	\$181.2 mil	\$12.7 mil	46%
	Latino	14,000	\$976 mil	\$70.9 mil (spending) \$26.7 mil (investment)	\$160.6 mil	\$5.2 mil				
	American Indian	100	\$600,000	\$400,000 (spending) \$200,000 (investment)	\$900,000	\$30,000				
	Asian American	1,000	\$9.6 mil	\$6.6 mil (spending) \$3 mil (investment)	\$16.2 mil	\$400,000				
Indianapolis, IN	African American	1,500	\$8.8 mil	\$6.3 mil (spending) \$2.2 mil (investment)	\$20.9 mil	\$500,000	100	\$16 mil	\$1.3 mil	46%
	Latino	400	\$2.7 mil	\$1.9 mil (spending) \$700,000 (investment)	\$6.4 mil	\$100,000				
	American Indian	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a				
	Asian American	50	\$600,000	\$400,000 (spending) \$200,000 (investment)	\$1.4 mil	\$30,000				
Jacksonville, FL	African American	2,400	\$12.7 mil	\$9.3 mil (spending) \$3.4 mil (investment)	\$32.7 mil	\$900,000	150	\$22.2 mil	\$1.3 mil	48%
	Latino	400	\$2.4 mil	\$1.7 mil (spending) \$700,000 (investment)	\$6 mil	\$200,000				
	American Indian	50	\$200,000	\$100,000 (spending) \$40,000 (investment)	\$400,000	\$10,000				
	Asian American	200	\$1.2 mil	\$800,000 (spending) \$300,000 (investment)	\$2.9 mil	\$70,000				
Kansas City, MO	African American	1,150	\$6.9 mil	\$4.9 mil (spending) \$1.8 mil (investment)	\$14.3 mil	\$400,000	100	\$16.6 mil	\$1.3 mil	49%
	Latino	700	\$4.3 mil	\$3.1 mil (spending) \$1.1 mil (investment)	\$9 mil	\$300,000				
	American Indian	50	\$200,000	\$200,000 (spending) \$70,000 (investment)	\$500,000	\$10,000				
	Asian American	100	\$800,000	\$600,000 (spending) \$200,000 (investment)	\$1.8 mil	\$40,000				

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Las Vegas, NV	African American	1,150	\$4.7 mil	\$3.4 mil (spending) \$1.3 mil (investment)	\$13.5 mil	\$600,000	200	\$42.5 mil	\$2.6 mil	43%
	Latino	5,850	\$24.1 mil	\$17.3 mil (spending) \$6.8 mil (investment)	\$68.7 million	\$3.2 mil				
	American Indian	100	\$300,000	\$200,000 (spending) \$90,000 (investment)	\$900,000	\$40,000				
	Asian American	700	\$3.4 mil	\$2.4 mil (spending) \$1 mil (investment)	\$9.6 mil	\$400,000				
Los Angeles–Long Beach, CA	African American	3,650	\$26.6 mil	\$18.5 mil (spending) \$7.2 mil (investment)	\$88 mil	\$1.6 mil	3,250	\$540.3 mil	\$46.1 mil	48%
	Latino	47,650	\$324.7 mil	\$228.3 mil (spending) \$85.1 mil (investment)	\$981.8 mil	\$19.2 mil				
	American Indian	200	\$1.5 mil	\$1.1 mil (spending) \$400,000 (investment)	\$5.1 mil	\$90,000				
	Asian American	3,950	\$36.5 mil	\$24.6 mil (spending) \$10.6 mil (investment)	\$122.8 mil	\$1.8 mil				
Louisville, KY	African American	800	\$4.3 mil	\$3.1 mil (spending) \$1.1 mil (investment)	\$8.4 mil	\$300,000	50	\$7.5 mil	\$500,000	46%
	Latino	200	\$1 mil	\$700,000 (spending) \$300,000 (investment)	\$2 mil	\$60,000				
	American Indian	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a				
	Asian American	50	\$300,000	\$200,000 (spending) \$70,000 (investment)	\$600,000	\$10,000				
Memphis, TN	African American	4,800	\$25.8 mil	19 mil (spending) \$6.4 mil (investment)	\$49.9 mil	\$1.7 mil	250	\$38 mil	\$2.9 mil	44%
	Latino	300	\$1.8 mil	\$1.3 mil (spending) \$500,000 (investment)	\$3.5 mil	\$100,000				
	American Indian	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a				
	Asian American	100	\$800,000	\$600,000 (spending) \$200,000 (investment)	\$1.6 mil	\$40,000				

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Miami, FL	African American	8,900	\$49.1 mil	\$36.6 mil (spending) \$12.5 mil (investment)	\$114.2 mil	\$3.6 mil	1,400	\$214 mil	\$13.9 mil	47%
	Latino	16,450	\$100.5 mil	\$74 mil (spending) \$26.5 mil (investment)	\$231.2 mil	\$6.8 mil				
	American Indian	50	\$400,000	\$300,000 (spending) \$100,000 (investment)	\$900,000	\$30,000				
	Asian American	500	\$3.6 mil	\$2.6 mil (spending) \$1 mil (investment)	\$8.6 mil	\$200,000				
Milwaukee, WI	African American	2,000	\$11.5 mil	\$8.1 mil (spending) \$3 mil (investment)	\$29.9 mil	\$700,000	150	\$23.3 mil	\$2.3 mil	45%
	Latino	850	\$5.2 mil	\$3.7 mil (spending) \$1.4 mil (investment)	\$13.6 mil	\$300,000				
	American Indian	50	\$300,000	\$200,000 (spending) \$90,000 (investment)	\$900,000	\$20,000				
	Asian American	100	\$900,000	\$600,000 (spending) \$300,000 (investment)	\$2.3 mil	\$50,000				
Minneapolis, MN	African American	1,250	\$8.9 mil	\$6.1 mil (spending) \$2.5 mil (investment)	\$26.8 mil	\$500,000	200	\$30.2 mil	\$2.7 mil	53%
	Latino	950	\$7.3 mil	\$5 mil (spending) \$2.1 mil (investment)	\$22.3 mil	\$400,000				
	American Indian	150	\$1.1 mil	\$800,000 (spending) \$300,000 (investment)	\$3.4 mil	\$60,000				
	Asian American	650	\$5.5 mil	\$3.7 mil (spending) \$1.6 mil (investment)	\$17.5 mil	\$300,000				
Nashville, TN	African American	1,200	\$7.1 mil	\$5.2 mil (spending) \$1.9 mil (investment)	\$15.3 mil	\$400,000	100	\$14.2 mil	\$900,000	47%
	Latino	400	\$2.4 mil	\$1.7 mil (spending) \$600,000 (investment)	\$5 mil	\$100,000				
	American Indian	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a				
	Asian American	100	\$700,000	\$500,000 (spending) \$200,000 (investment)	\$1.5 mil	\$40,000				

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New York, NY	African American	16,000	\$116.1 mil	\$80.2 mil (spending) \$32.1 mil (investment)	\$247.4 mil	\$12.7 mil	2,000	\$434.9 mil	\$40.7 mil	44%
	Latino	22,200	\$163.7 mil	\$113.1 mil (spending) \$45.3 mil (investment)	\$357 mil	\$17.3 mil				
	American Indian	200	\$1.4 mil	\$1 mil (spending) \$400,000 (investment)	\$3.3 mil	\$200,000				
	Asian American	4,850	\$46.9 mil	\$31.1 mil (spending) \$14.3 mil (investment)	\$107.2 mil	\$4.2 mil				
Oklahoma City, OK	African American	550	\$3 mil	\$2.2 mil (spending) \$700,000 (investment)	\$4.4 mil	\$200,000	50	\$11 mil	\$800,000	49%
	Latino	550	\$3.2 mil	\$2.3 mil (spending) \$800,000 (investment)	\$4.6 mil	\$200,000				
	American Indian	200	\$1.2 mil	\$900,000 (spending) \$300,000 (investment)	\$1.8 mil	\$70,000				
	Asian American	150	\$1 mil	\$700,000 (spending) \$300,000 (investment)	\$1.5 mil	\$60,000				
Omaha, NE	African American	400	\$2.1 mil	\$1.5 mil (spending) \$500,000 (investment)	\$3.8 mil	\$200,000	50	\$6.3 mil	\$400,000	48%
	Latino	400	\$2.1 mil	\$1.5 mil (spending) \$600,000 (investment)	\$3.7 mil	\$100,000				
	American Indian	50	\$100,000	\$90,000 (spending) \$30,000 (investment)	\$200,000	\$10,000				
	Asian American	50	\$500,000	\$300,000 (spending) \$100,000 (investment)	\$800,000	\$30,000				
Philadelphia, PA	African American	5,150	\$31.9 mil	\$22.2 mil (spending) \$8.8 mil (investment)	\$76.4 mil	\$2.3 mil	350	\$64.3 mil	\$5.6 mil	41%
	Latino	1,600	\$10.7 mil	\$7.4 mil (spending) \$3 mil (investment)	\$26.4 mil	\$700,000				
	American Indian	50	\$300,000	\$200,000 (spending) \$80,000 (investment)	\$700,000	\$20,000				
	Asian American	550	\$4.8 mil	\$3.2 mil (spending) \$1.5 mil (investment)	\$12.6 mil	\$300,000				

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Phoenix–Mesa, AZ	African American	300	\$1.9 mil	\$1.3 mil (spending) \$500,000 (investment)	\$5.2 mil	\$100,000	350	\$50.9	\$3.5	47%
	Latino	5,500	\$31.7 mil	\$22.7 mil (spending) \$8.5 mil (investment)	\$83.2 mil	\$2.1mil				
	American Indian	250	\$1.5 mil	\$1.1 mil (spending) \$400,000 (investment)	\$4.3 mil	\$100,000				
	Asian American	150	\$1.1 mil	\$800,000 (spending) \$300,000 (investment)	\$3.1 mil	\$60,000				
Portland, OR	African American	250	\$1.5 mil	\$1 mil (spending) \$400,000 (investment)	\$4.4 mil	\$100,000	100	\$15 mil	\$700,000	53%
	Latino	1,050	\$6.4 mil	\$4.5 mil (spending) \$1.7 mil (investment)	\$18.1 mil	\$500,000				
	American Indian	100	\$500,000	\$300,000 (spending) \$100,000 (investment)	\$1.5 mil	\$30,000				
	Asian American	400	\$2.8 mil	\$2 mil (spending) \$800,000 (investment)	\$8.6 mil	\$200,000				
Sacramento, CA	African American	550	\$3.9 mil	\$2.7 mil (spending) \$1 mil (investment)	\$12.7 mil	\$200,000	150	\$30.5 mil	\$2.9 mil	56%
	Latino	2,000	\$14 mil	\$9.8 mil (spending) \$3.8 mil (investment)	\$46.8 mil	\$800,000				
	American Indian	50	\$500,000	\$400,000 (spending) \$100,000 (investment)	\$1.7 mil	\$30,000				
	Asian American	650	\$5.4 mil	\$3.7 mil (spending) \$1.5 mil (investment)	\$17.8 mil	\$300,000				
San Antonio, TX	African American	400	\$2 mil	\$1.5 mil (spending) \$500,000 (investment)	\$3.2 mil	\$200,000	350	\$51.1 mil	\$3.3 mil	45%
	Latino	7,550	\$34.4 mil	\$25.8 mil (spending) \$8.7 mil (investment)	\$53.2 mil	\$2.7 mil				
	American Indian	50	\$200,000	\$100,000 (spending) \$50,000 (investment)	\$300,000	\$10,000				
	Asian American	100	\$700,000	\$500,000 (spending) \$200,000 (investment)	\$1.1 mil	\$40,000				

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San Diego, CA	African American	350	\$2.4 mil	\$1.6 mil (spending) \$700,000 (investment)	\$7.9 mil	\$100,000	350	\$64.1 mil	\$5.9 mil	54%
	Latino	6,050	\$42.1 mil	\$28.5 mil (spending) \$11.3 mil (investment)	\$129.1 mil	\$2.5 mil				
	American Indian	100	\$500,000	\$400,000 (spending) \$100,000 (investment)	\$1.7 mil	\$30,000				
	Asian American	750	\$6.3 mil	\$4.2 mil (spending) \$1.9 mil (investment)	\$22.1 mil	\$300,000				
San Francisco–Oakland, CA	African American	1,500	\$11.9 mil	\$8 mil (spending) \$3.4 mil (investment)	\$42.4 mil	\$700,000	350	\$86.8 mil	\$8 mil	56%
	Latino	4,200	\$33.4 mil	\$22.6 mil (spending) \$9.7 mil (investment)	\$119.1 mil	\$1.9 mil				
	American Indian	50	\$500,000	\$300,000 (spending) \$100,000 (investment)	\$1.6 mil	\$30,000				
	Asian American	2,250	\$23.1 mil	\$15.1 mil (spending) \$7.2 mil (investment)	\$82.9 mil	\$1.2 mil				
San Jose, CA	African American	50	\$600,000	\$400,000 (spending) \$200,000 (investment)	\$2 mil	\$30,000	100	\$31 mil	\$2.8 mil	54%
	Latino	2,050	\$15.7 mil	\$10.5 mil (spending) \$4.6 mil (investment)	\$56.5 mil	\$900,000				
	American Indian	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a				
	Asian American	750	\$8.9 mil	\$5.6 mil (spending) \$3 mil (investment)	\$33.6 mil	\$400,000				
Seattle, WA	African American	1,000	\$6.3 mil	\$4.5 mil (spending) \$1.9 mil (investment)	\$22.5 mil	\$400,000	200	\$42.5 mil	\$3.3 mil	57%
	Latino	1,500	\$10.2 mil	\$7.2 mil (spending) \$3 mil (investment)	\$37.5 mil	\$600,000				
	American Indian	250	\$1.6 mil	\$1.1 mil (spending) \$500,000 (investment)	\$5.7 mil	\$100,000				
	Asian American	1,800	\$13.7 mil	\$9.5 mil (spending) \$4.2 mil (investment)	\$51.6 mil	\$800,000				

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Tucson, AZ	African American	100	\$500,000	\$300,000 (spending) \$100,000 (investment)	\$1.1 mil	\$40,000	100	\$12.4 mil	\$900,000	50%
	Latino	1,600	\$8.1 mil	\$6 mil (spending) \$2 mil (investment)	\$20.6 mil	\$600,000				
	American Indian	150	\$700,000	\$500,000 (spending) \$200,000 (investment)	\$1.7 mil	\$50,000				
	Asian American	50	\$400,000	\$300,000 (spending) \$100,000 (investment)	\$1 mil	\$30,000				
Tulsa, OK	African American	450	\$42.1 mil	\$1.5 mil (spending) \$500,000 (investment)	\$3.2 mil	\$100,000	50	\$7.7 mil	\$600,000	46%
	Latino	300	\$1.7 mil	\$1.2 mil (spending) \$400,000 (investment)	\$2.5 mil	\$100,000				
	American Indian	300	\$1.6 mil	\$1.2 mil (spending) \$400,000 (investment)	\$2.5 mil	\$100,000				
	Asian American	50	\$400,000	\$300,000 (spending) \$100,000 (investment)	\$500,000	\$200,000				
Virginia Beach, VA	African American	4,350	\$26.8 mil	\$19 mil (spending) \$6.9 mil (investment)	\$79.4 mil	\$1.8 mil	200	\$37.8 mil	\$3.3 mil	51%
	Latino	250	\$1.8 mil	\$1.2 mil (spending) \$500,000 (investment)	\$5.3 mil	\$100,000				
	American Indian	50	\$300,000	\$200,000 (spending) \$90,000 (investment)	\$900,000	\$20,000				
	Asian American	250	\$2 mil	\$1.3 mil (spending) \$500,000 (investment)	\$5.8 mil	\$100,000				
Washington, DC	African American	6,450	\$51.6 mil	\$35.9 mil (spending) \$15.7 mil (investment)	\$88.8 mil	\$2.6 mil	550	\$132.1 mil	\$6.4 mil	51%
	Latino	4,000	\$36.1 mil	\$24.6 mil (spending) \$11.4 mil (investment)	\$62.7 mil	\$1.7 mil				
	American Indian	50	\$600,000	\$400,000 (spending) \$200,000 (investment)	\$1.1 mil	\$30,000				
	Asian American	1,450	\$16.3 mil	\$10.8 mil (spending) \$5.5 mil (investment)	\$28.8 mil	\$700,000				

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Wichita, KS	African American	250	\$1.1 mil	\$800,000 (spending) \$300,000 (investment)	\$1.9 mil	\$90,000	50	\$4.7 mil	\$300,000	43%
	Latino	400	\$1.7 mil	\$1.2 mil (spending) \$400,000 (investment)	\$3 mil	\$100,000				
	American Indian	50	\$100,000	\$80,000 (spending) \$30,000 (investment)	\$200,000	\$10,000				
	Asian American	150	\$800,000	\$500,000 (spending) \$200,000 (investment)	\$1.3 mil	\$60,000				
Total	African American	113,600	\$730.5 mil	\$516.6 mil (spending) \$197.6 mil (investment)	\$1.8 bil	\$51.7 mil	17,450	\$3.1 bil	\$249.7 mil	48%
	Latino	200,000	\$1.3 bil	\$931.7 mil (spending) \$352.2 mil (investment)	\$3.3 bil	\$88.8 mil				
	American Indian	3,750	\$23.9 mil	\$16.8 mil (spending) \$6.5 mil (investment)	\$61.5 mil	\$1.6 mil				
	Asian American	30,800	\$266.8 mil	\$179.8 mil (spending) \$80.4 mil (investment)	\$795.8 mil	\$16.5 mil				