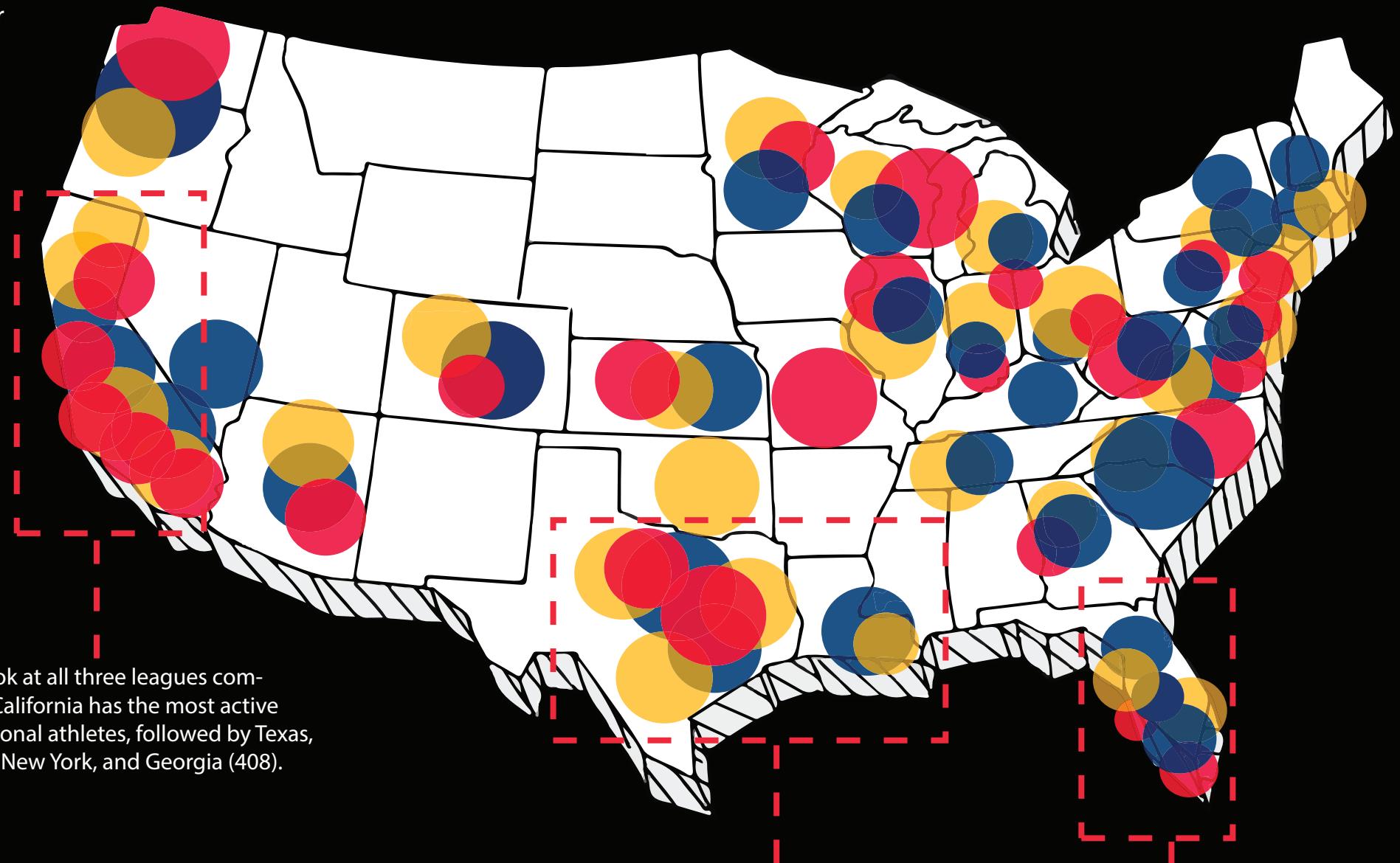


States with Sports...

Sports bring competition; teach morality, integrity and ambition; are exciting, amusing and challenging. But most of all, they bring us hope. Sports give us faith to live another day. We see our favorite athletes, and we are amazed by them, and it gives us a sense of hope that no matter what challenges or hurdles we have in our daily lives, we can conquer them all. These teams represent and stand for our communities all over.



Louisiana came out on top of U.S. states with 2.08 pro athletes per 100,000 population, followed by Georgia (1.90) and Alabama (1.81).

Of all the active players in Major League Baseball, 43% were born in California, Texas, or Florida.

Idols Represent Their Past

"The Decision" proceeds

When James spurned Cleveland to take his talents to Miami, he did it via the highly controversial TV event called "The Decision". He then donated the proceeds of the spectacle to Boys and Girls Clubs of America. He and his wife have also helped renovate classrooms. Aside from donation 1000 new computers to 59 Boys and Girls Clubs, the estimated amount he has given to the club is at \$2.5 million.

ONEXONE

James is also a believer in ONEXONE which supports at-risk children by helping them get better by providing solutions in hunger, health, education, water, and play. The Cleveland star does not forget where he came from, thus his affinity to institutions that support children.

Promise School

Recently, LeBron announced that his Promise School is going to open soon in partnership with Akron Public Schools. The school will debut innovative features focusing on hands-on learning, science, technology, engineering, and math.



After-School All-Stars

His foundation supports the After-School All-Stars for children in Akron, Ohio. It initially started as a "Wheels For Education" which helps children in education and get involved with extracurricular activities. So far, James has donated \$40 million. The program is supporting over 800 children and the first batch of graduates will be in 2021.

Supporting other legends

LeBron also recognizes legends in other sports. He has donated \$2.5 million to "Muhammad Ali: A Force For Change" exhibit at the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. Michael Jordan and Magic Johnson have also contributed to this cause.

Professional Impact

California currently has 18 major professional sports franchises, far more than any other US state. The San Francisco Bay Area has six major league teams spread amongst three cities: San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose. The Greater Los Angeles Area has ten major league teams. San Diego and Sacramento each have one major league team.



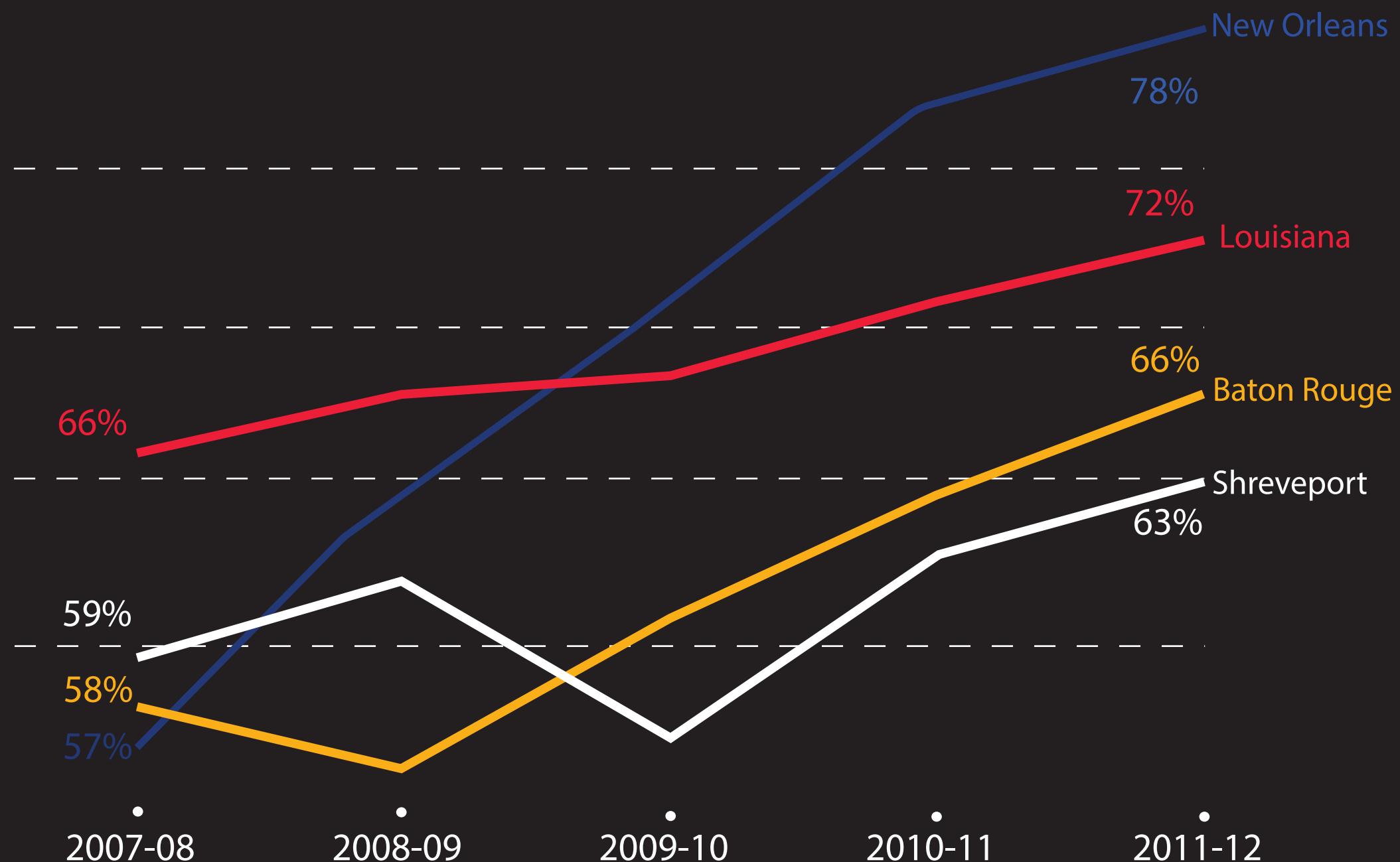
Impacted on Areas

Cities like New Orleans and Baton Rouge expanding resources to smaller cities with less resources for their communities. Gifted \$1 million from the Gayle and Tom Benson Charitable Foundation to Stuart Hall School for Boys in early September. The Benson Leadership Field provides an outdoor atmosphere for students to both play and learn, while The Hulefeld Outdoor Classroom offers an outdoor learning space that increases health benefits in students while also elevating the community.



Improving Graduation Rates

The Louisiana graduation rate was 67.2% in 2010 and 77.5% in 2015. The national average for the graduating class of 2018 was 85%, the latest data available, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. The Advocate reports the senior class of 2019 had a graduation rate of 80.1%, down from 81.4% a year earlier, according to the state Department of Education. But in a bright spot, the number of students who graduated on time in 2019 created a state record, at 42,650 students, up from 40,131 students the year before.



Support & Progress

The Y is the leading nonprofit committed to strengthening community by connecting all people to their potential, purpose and each other. Working locally, we focus on empowering young people, improving health and well-being and inspiring action in and across communities.

America's YMCAs and highlighted the importance of physical activity for kids and parents. Over 15,000 volunteers and 54,000 youth and adults participated, with proceeds benefiting local YMCA programs.

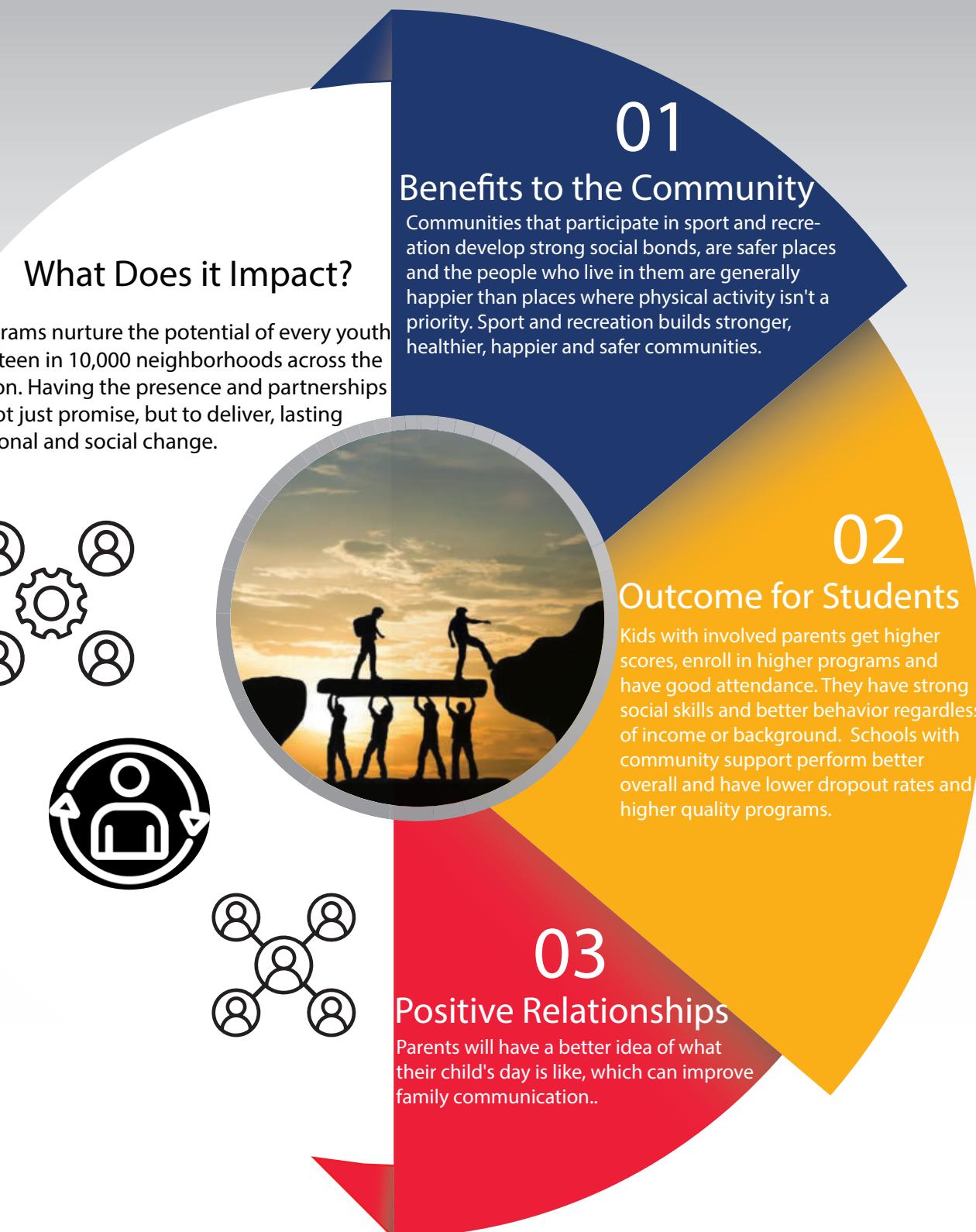
The first YMCA in the United States opened on 29 December 1851, in Boston, Massachusetts.



What Does Sports Do?

The social bonds that people create at community recreation centres have strong benefits. They improve lives and help build strong, safe and inclusive communities; social interaction, volunteerism, civic pride all play a role. After-school recreation programs can help deter at-risk youth from criminal activities and can provide a constructive environment.

Plus, they help younger people build self esteem as part of their critical development. These spaces are meant for all ages, ethnicities, physical health backgrounds, activity and skills levels; they should promote cultural diversity and inclusion.



Support Systems

These are people who are in your corner. They do not judge you or ridicule you. They provide feedback that is genuine and in your best interest. Their support is not self-serving. They have a positive impact on your personal goals. These people may be close friends, relatives, or simply acquaintances. You may talk to them frequently or just occasionally.

Youth

- Higher scores
- Better Social Skills
- Less Dropouts

Professionals

- Roll Models
- Influences
- Views of Your Future

Community

- Social Bonds
- Parent Involvement
- Healthier Communities

Recreation

- Mentorship
- Knowledge
- Friendships

Partnerships

- Resources
- Avenues of Opportunity
- Connections

Lifeless Parks



The Vision...

