The Value of Hope:
Measuring the Impact of Jobs & Hope WV
Social Return on Investment (SROI) 2025
Data for Jan. 2025- Dec. 2025.

$9.61 : $1
RETURN FOR EVERY DOLLAR INVESTED

$5.7M
ANNUAL PROGRAM INVESTMENT

$54.8M
NET SOCIAL VALUE GENERATED

Created by the West Virginia Legislature, Jobs & Hope WV represents an investment in the state's workforce and communities. This briefing highlights the program's measurable economic and social returns over one calendar year, using standard Social Return on Investment (SROI) methodology and conservative assumptions.

REAL RESULTS. LASTING IMPACT.

591
Participants placed in jobs

182
Credentials completed

2,751
Participants given transit access

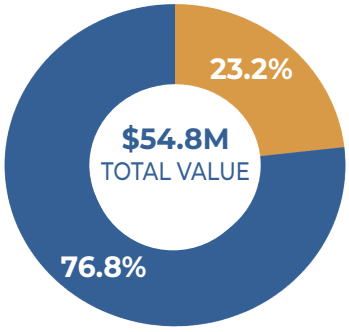
1,223
Justice-involved participants served

244
Reincarcerations avoided (gross)
109 after adjustments

$47,736
Average annual wage (full-time)

WHERE THE $54.8 MILLION COMES FROM

OUTCOME AREA	NET VALUE	SHARE
Economic value	$42.11M	76.8%
Social Value	$12.70M	23.2%
Total net social value	**$54.8M**	**100%**



ECONOMIC VALUE INCLUDES
- Wages & local economic output
- New tax revenue
- Earnings premiums & taxpayer savings

SOCIAL VALUE INCLUDES
- Transportation & Mobility
- Reduced incarceration
- Family stability & community well-being

WHAT THE STATE GETS BACK

$7.8M
In estimated fiscal value to state and taxpayer interests through tax revenue and avoided public costs.

≈ $1.36
In estimated fiscal value **for every $1 invested.**

(This is an estimate, not a direct budget reimbursement.)

MORE THAN NUMBERS



Jobs & Hope WV helps West Virginians enter the workforce, earn wages, regain mobility, and build stability while generating measurable economic and social benefits for the state.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

1 SUSTAIN MULTIYEAR FUNDING TIED TO RESULTS
Continue evaluating through annual SROI assessments and measurable outcomes.

2 EXPAND TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT
Invest in vehicles, driver's license reinstatement and transportation assistance, especially in rural areas.

3 STRENGTHEN OUTCOME TRACKING AND REENTRY SUPPORT
Improve coordination and data sharing to measure job retention, wage growth, recidivism and family outcomes.

Invest in people. Build stronger communities. Create a brighter West Virginia.

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