

#### Introduction

Yoga 4 Change is a non-profit organization that aims to achieve lasting, demonstrative change for veterans, individuals who are experiencing incarceration, youth, and people living with mental health conditions. Yoga 4 Change provides structure, empowerment, and results and is built on an established, purpose-driven curriculum that pairs yoga movements with thematic teachings tailored to the physical and emotional needs of each population we serve. To learn more about the work Yoga 4 Change is doing, visit the Research, Data & Evaluation page at www.y4c.org/impact.

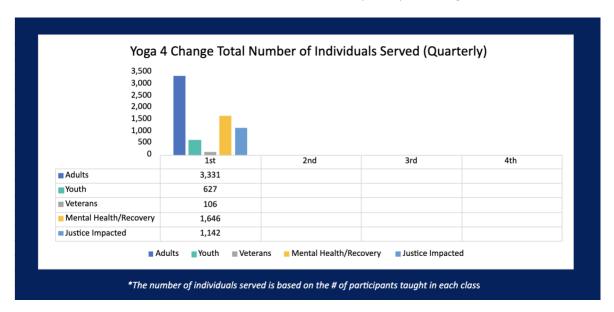








This report shares Yoga 4 Change key findings for the period from January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024. The chart below displays at a glance the trends with categories for Adults and Youth, and then broken down into subpopulations: Veterans, Mental Health/Recovery, and Justice Impacted. The number of individuals served is based on the count of participants taught in each class.





#### **Pre/Post Class**

For program adult participants, there was a significant increase in mood (p < .001), significant decrease in stress (p < .001), and a significant decrease in pain (p < .001) after participation in class as compared to before.

#### **Adults Population**

Scale	Average % Change
Mood	14%
Stress	30%
Pain	19%

#### Total adult participants from January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024 = 3,331

(The number of individuals served is based on the # of participants taught in each class. Individuals are counted each time they participate. Mood, stress, and pain outcomes include participants who completed data collection notecards).

#### **Adults Qualitative Shares**

"VERY RELAXING"

"THANK YOU FOR THE STRESS RELIEF"

"THIS CLASS WAS NICE. IT OPENED ME UP A LITTLE."

""IT WAS REFRESHING TODAY"

"HELPED CALM AND SOOTHE ME"

"BEFORE: "OVERSTIMULATED" AFTER: "I CAN HELP MYSELF AND MY BABIES WITHOUT GUILT"

"MADE ME FEEL CALM"

"GREAT CLASS BLESSED AND GRATEFUL"

"STRETCHING ALWAYS HELPS/CURES MY TENSE MUSCLES :)"

"Wonderful class! Thank you."



#### **Pre/Post Class**

For youth, there was a significant increase in mood (p < .001) and a significant decrease in stress (p < .001).

## **Youth Population**

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Scale	<b>Average % Change</b>
Mood	21%
Stress	30%

#### Total number of youth participants from January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024 = 627

(The number of individuals served is based on the # of participants taught in each class. Individuals are counted each time they participate. Mood, stress, and pain outcomes include participants who completed data collection notecards).

#### **Youth Qualitative Shares**

"Favorite pose this week was all the warrior poses."

"favorites this week: humble warrior and Goddess Flow. Affirmation I am Fearless"

"I picked Strong as my affirmation word, because this place has made me stronger mentally."

"I feel more relaxed"

"I felt loved and got a good nap"

" Chill and relaxed"



#### **Veterans**

#### **Pre/Post Class**

For program veteran participants, there was a significant increase in mood (p < .001), significant decrease in stress (p < .001), and there was a significant decrease in pain (p < .001) after participation in class as compared to before.

#### **Veterans Population**

Scale	Average % Change
Mood	24%
Stress	32%
Pain	23%

#### Total veteran participants from January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024 = 106

(The number of individuals served is based on the # of participants taught in each class. Individuals are counted each time they participate. Mood, stress, and pain outcomes include participants who completed data collection notecards).

#### **Veterans Qualitative Shares**

"After: I liked learning more about mediation and knowing I wasn't doing it wrong."

"I feel better"

"It is a great way to practice mindfulness."

"It was relaxing!"

"My first yoga class ever. Loved everything from it."

"Calmed my anxiousness."

"Brought me calm & peace which is elusive with PTSD. Thank you!"



#### Mental Health/Recovery

#### **Pre/Post Class**

For program mental health/recovery participants, there was a significant increase in mood (p < .001), significant decrease in stress (p < .001), and there was a significant decrease in pain (p < .001) after participation in class as compared to before.

## Mental Health/Recovery

Scale	Average % Change
Mood	20%
Stress	30%
Pain	18%

# Total mental health/recovery participants from January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024 = 1,646

(The number of individuals served is based on the # of participants taught in each class. Individuals are counted each time they participate. Mood, stress, and pain outcomes include participants who completed data collection notecards).

## Mental Health/Recovery Qualitative Shares

"Courage helps me to keep taking the steps to be a better me even though its hard"

"Very peaceful and fun"

"laying down closing my eyes i felt like i was taken to another world"

"To help me push through tough times"

"Wish I could have done more this class"

"Feeling more grateful and connected."

This class really opened me up on the different levels my mind and body can go! Very much needed!"



## **Justice Impacted (Incarcerated & Court Involved)**

#### **Pre/Post Class**

For justice impacted participants, there was a significant increase in mood (p < .001), significant decrease in stress (p < .001), and there was a significant decrease in pain (p < .001) after participation in class as compared to before.

## **Justice Impacted**

Scale	Average % Change
Mood	22%
Stress	32%
Pain	21%

#### Total justice impacted participants from January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024 = 1,142

(The number of individuals served is based on the # of participants taught in each class. Individuals are counted each time they participate. Mood, stress, and pain outcomes include participants who completed data collection notecards).

## **Justice Impacted Qualitative Shares**

"Grateful for yoga."

"I FEEL AT PEACE"

"THANK YOU SO MUCH!"