

#### 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.

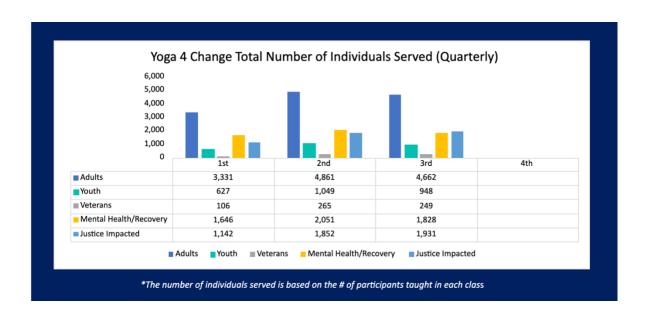








This report shares Yoga 4 Change key findings for the period from July 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024. The chart below displays at a glance the trends with categories for Adults and Youth, and then broken down into subpopulations: Veterans, Mental Health/Recovery, and Justice Impacted. The number of individuals served is based on the count of participants taught in each class.





# Youth

# **Pre/Post Class**

For youth, there was a significant increase in mood (p < .001, n = 864), and a significant decrease in stress (p < .001, n = 859).

# **Youth Population**

Scale	Average % Change
Mood	19% increase
Stress	26% decrease

# Total number of youth participants from July 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024 = 948

(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**

"This was a good practice Thank you"

"Gratitude is being appreciative of the big and small things. I would like more breathing exercises.

Thank you"

"Thank you all so much for all you do!!!"

"I had a great time with yoga"

"yoga made me feel great I didn't know it would b this peaceful. Rate 10/10 highly recommend and would do it again."



# **Adults**

# **Pre/Post Class**

For adult program participants, there was a significant increase in mood (p < .001, n = 4,475), significant decrease in stress (p < .001, n = 4,446), and a significant decrease in pain (p < .001, n = 4,421) after participation in class as compared to before.

## **Adults Population**

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

# Total adult participants from July 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024 = 4,662

(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 / First Responders**

# **Pre/Post Class**

For veteran program participants, there was a significant increase in mood (p < .001, n = 234), significant decrease in stress (p < .001, n = 234), and there was a significant decrease in pain (p < .001, n = 234) after participation in class as compared to before.

### **Veterans Population**

Scale	Average % Change
Mood	21% increase
Stress	35% decrease
Pain	25% decrease

# Total veterans/first responders participants from July 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024 = 249

(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 / First Responders Qualitative Shares**

"Excellent yoga. Thank you"
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"Great class"

"Excellent session thank you"
"This was amazing!!"

"I feel so relaxed after this"
"Great mindfulness practice"
"Thank you for a wonderful class"
"Loved the focus on breathing"
"Appreciate the relaxation techniques"
"Amazing class today"
"I really enjoyed the stretching"
"Thank you for the peaceful moment"

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# Mental Health / Recovery

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

For mental health/recovery program participants, there was a significant increase in mood (p < .001, n = 1,745), significant decrease in stress (p < .001, n = 1,730), and there was a significant decrease in pain (p < .001, n = 1,729 after participation in class as compared to before.

# Mental Health/Recovery

Scale	Average % Change
Mood	21% increase
Stress	32% decrease
Pain	20% decrease

# Total mental health/recovery participants from July 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024 = 1,828

(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**

"I love yoga. Thank you for bringing it here."

"I enjoyed the class. I wouldn't change anything."

"IT WAS FUN"

"Thank you for such a calming experience."

"Amazing stretches and relaxation."

"This was so peaceful. Much appreciated."

"Feeling more centered and relaxed after the session."

"I liked how the class focused on mindfulness."

"Great experience overall!"

"I always leave feeling more relaxed."

"Yoga helps me clear my mind and refocus."

"Thank you for a wonderful class."

"So grateful for this practice."

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

# **Pre/Post Class**

For justice impacted program participants, there was a significant increase in mood (p < .001, n = 1,867), significant decrease in stress (p < .001, n = 1,854), and there was a significant decrease in pain (p < .001, n = 1,851) after participation in class as compared to before.

#### **Justice Impacted**

Scale	Average % Change
Mood	22% increase
Stress	31% decrease
Pain	23% increase

# Total justice impacted program participants from July 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024 = 1,931

(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**

"I enjoyed the class. I like it every time you come."

"When I was on the football team. Comment - Relaxing."

"IT HELPS ME TO FEEL EVERYTHING. I LIKE TO BREATHE."

"Thank you for doing this for us."

"Feel much better."

"Amazing class today, very calming."

"I appreciate the breathing exercises the most."

"This session helped me relax."

"I feel more at peace after the class."

"Thank you for offering this practice."

"Mindfulness focus was really beneficial."

"Great way to start my day!"

"The stretches really helped me today."

"I feel more grounded and centered."

"Thank you for such a peaceful session."

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# **Community**

## **Pre/Post Class**

For community program participants, there was a significant increase in mood (p < .001, n = 629), significant decrease in stress (p < .001, n = 628), and there was a significant decrease in pain (p < .001, n = 607) after participation in class as compared to before.

#### **Justice Impacted**

Scale	Average % Change
Mood	23% increase
Stress	34% decrease
Pain	19% increase

# Total community participants from July 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024 = 654

(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).

#### **Community Qualitative Shares**

"Wonderful class! Thank you very much for sharing."

"Amazing yoga session, I feel refreshed."

"Thank you for your time and care."

"Loved the meditation and mindfulness today."

"I feel much more relaxed now."

"Grateful for this practice and the peace it brings."

"The breathing exercises were my favorite part."

- "Great stretch and great mental break."

"Really helpful, especially for calming my mind."

"Feeling lighter and more at ease."

"I always look forward to these sessions."