The Chicago Urban League pursues its mission of strengthening communities by advocating to expand opportunities and preparing people to meet those opportunities. We believe in the vision that a strong African American community makes a better Chicago.

– Barbara A. Lumpkin, Interim President and CEO

15,000+ youth and adults participate in our programming each year
3,941 clients served through our Housing & Financial Empowerment Center

591 lowered their debt

442 increased their credit score

171 became mortgage-ready
1,209 adults and youth secured employment after completing our job training programs + 796 placed in jobs through League-hosted hiring events with employers
39 new businesses launched through our Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation

101 jobs created

Over $40 million in new contracts obtained by our clients

Nearly $8 million in total financing obtained by our clients
827 youth
served through our programs
that reduce involvement with the
criminal justice system,
dercrease school absences and
improve academic performance
and socioemotional
development
377 middle school through college-age students
121 attended our fall and spring college tours
34 high school students wrote and performed an opera in partnership with Lyric Opera of Chicago
16 high school students served as youth ambassadors to China as part of our two-week Student Mission Trip
140 mid-career African American professionals have completed our IMPACT Leadership Development Program since its launch in 2014.

110 corporations, nonprofits, and government entities have sent their executives through IMPACT.
20+ media outlets covered our Research and Policy Center’s November 2017 “Whitewashed” report on the impact of the opioid epidemic among Black Chicagoans.

Supported 66 pieces of legislation to address inequities in education, jobs, public health and safety, and democracy and justice.

Released 10 Principles and draft model consent decree to drive reform of the Chicago Police Department, in collaboration with other community groups.

Black victims of heroin, opioid crisis 'whitewashed' out of picture, report finds

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Mayor Emanuel, Chicago Department of Public Health Increase Community Investment to Fight Opioids

City invests an additional $225,000 in community health workers, continues focus on evidence-based treatment to residents of south and west sides
64 full-time employees
164 volunteers through our Metropolitan Board of young professionals
18 volunteers through our Women’s Board
10 members of our Leaguers volunteer auxiliary

Total Revenue: $7,684,886