

Createch uses the **HOMAGO (Hang Out, Mess Around, Geek Out)** philosophy to ensure teens have welcoming physical spaces, access to materials, and the ability to test out new interests. Located at four library locations throughout Saint Paul, Createch nurtures community- and identity-building.

By The Numbers

781

Teens participated
in Createch

20

Average daily
participants

4,305

↑ 45%
from 2023

Total number
of visits

97.3%

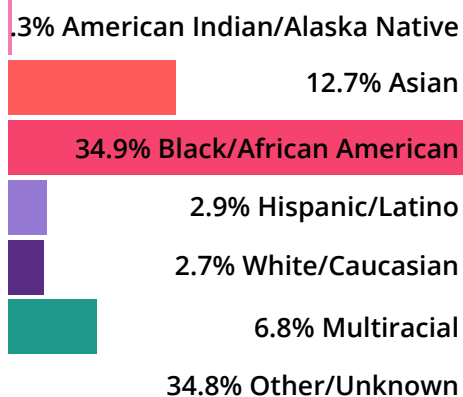
Createch teens
identify as BIPOC

Highlights

- Three community artists had residencies at Createch, working with teens to build their artistic confidence, skills, and provide mentorship to young people.
- Createch at Arlington Hills has become overwhelmingly popular with middle schoolers from Saint Paul Public School's Flipside after-school program. About 40 students choose to come two days per week as their after-school enrichment activity.
- A Createch teen at Rondo enjoyed being in the space so much that she became a Right Track intern and now helps support and maintain the space.



Demographics



Spotlight

A young person named Natalie moved to Minnesota this year and started coming to Createch at Sun Ray. She quickly found her home there, meeting other teens and working on group mosaic projects led by Victor Yepez, the resident artist. Natalie is at Createch almost every day and now helps maintain the space, showing other teens how to use different materials or supplies and sharing ideas for future projects. Her engagement is an example of the ways Createch empowers youth to build relationships, explore their passions and discover new interests, and support peers in doing the same.