## Yale school of public health

On Wednesday April 5, 2025, 56 students from New Haven Public Schools participated in YSPH's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "Public Health Day", a partnership between YSPH and Yale Pathways to Science, to learn about critical public health issues affecting their community and how they can make a difference.

Led by YSPH faculty, staff, and students, the high schoolers explored important topics from health messaging in music, storytelling for public health issues, addressing homelessness, gun violence, public health advocacy, and designing their own health technology that can benefit the local community. The number of students this year exceeded last year's attendance by 64%.



## **Key Participating Partners**

- YSPH SASH Lab, led by Dr. Ijeoma Opara
- YSPH CHIL Lab, led by Dr. Terika McCall
- UHOPE Haven
- Dr. Judy Lichtman
- Dr. Mayur Desai

- New Haven Department of Health and Director Maritza Bond
  YSPH Firearm Injury Prevention
- Various 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year MPH students

Group





## **Impact**

Student surveys (n=47) were collected post-event. All students agreed (30%) or strongly agreed (70%) that "I have a better understanding of what Public Health means". One student shared "I enjoyed how informative and interesting the event was, and I was taught a lot about this field". Another highlighted, "I liked the inclusiveness of the event. The majority of the topics discussed were relatable". Lastly, 57% of students surveyed "would consider Public Health as a degree option in the future".