



East Central U.S.



About YPO

Young Presidents' Organization is a global network of young chief executives that connects 17,000 peers and their families in 100 countries to address the challenges leaders face today. Guided by the mission of building Better Leaders Through Education and Idea Exchange™, members have access to unique experiences, world-class resources, alliances with top learning institutions, and specialized Networks that help enhance their business, community and personal leadership.

YPO was founded in 1950 by manufacturer Ray Hickok, who inherited his family's company that had 300 employees. He and other young presidents began meeting regularly as a way to become better leaders by learning from each other. This founding principle still guides the organization today.

YPO members are required to "graduate" from the organization at age 50, with many joining World Presidents' Organization, or WPO, a group founded in 1970 by 200 former YPO members to sustain their YPO experience. Originally called World Business Council, the group changed its name to World Presidents' Organization in 1991 to reflect its rapid growth in membership and global reach. In July 2007, YPO and WPO merged to form a single, global network, enhancing the membership experience for both organizations.

In aggregate, the companies run by YPO members employ more than 15 million people and generate US\$5.4 trillion in annual revenues. There are more than 1,150 active members in nine YPO and eight WPO chapters in the East Central United States.



During the East Central U.S. Regional Board meeting, regional officers gather for an evening at Wrigley Field, Chicago's famed baseball stadium.

"I have been a part of YPO for approximately 10 years and my membership has had a significant impact on my personal, business and family life. As a member, I have been exposed to other presidents and resources that have helped me with important decisions. I have access to extensive resources at the international, chapter, regional and Forum level of YPO at all times." – Pittsburgh YPOer

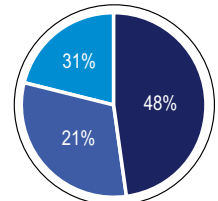


Membership Demographics

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Type of Business

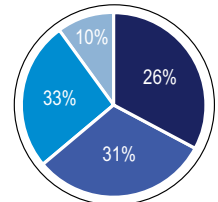
Family Business	48%
Entrepreneurs	31%
Professional	21%



Scope of Business

(includes WPO)

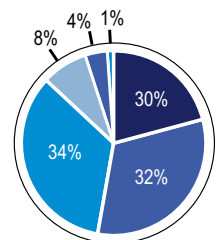
National	33%
International	31%
Regional	26%
Local	10%



Nature of Business

(includes WPO)

Manufacturing	34%
Service	32%
Sales	21%
Financial	8%
Agency	4%
Other	1%



Membership, Leadership and Management

To qualify for YPO membership, business leaders must be under the age of 45 and must be the chief operator (CEO, managing director, president, chairman or equivalent) of a company that fulfills minimum size and complexity criteria. Members graduate to WPO at the age of 50, and can remain in WPO for the rest of their lives, continuing to enjoy all the benefits of YPO. The combined legal entity, Young Presidents' Organization, Inc., is a not-for-profit organization managed by professional management teams located around the world and led by a chief executive officer.

Education

The YPO and WPO experience centers on education and idea exchange. Chapters bring members together to discover new insights into many topics, ranging from geopolitical and business to personal and community issues. The organization offers seminars and industry roundtables, bringing together members from many different countries to examine specific industry trends and best practices. International conference calls allow members to learn from world-class experts in the comfort of their home or office. Events are a stimulating blend of educational and social opportunities. Alliances with leading higher-learning institutions, including Harvard Business School, Stanford Business School, London Business School, INSEAD and more, provide exclusive access to the world's top experts in business and leadership.

Forums

Forums are groups of eight to 10 members who meet as peers on a regular basis in an atmosphere of confidentiality, trust and openness to share in each other's business, family and personal experiences. Every day, members connect and exchange powerful ideas and deep experiences through Forum. For this reason, Forum has grown to include Spouse/Partner Forums, Network Forums, Young Adult Forums (ages 18 and up), Couples Forums, Family Forums and International/Regional Forums.



WPO Detroit host more than 65 WPO members from the East Central U.S. and Central U.S. regions for the Air Rally in Dayton, Ohio.

Networks

Networks put a new spin on YPO and WPO networking by allowing members to connect beyond their local chapters through special networks. Members can join online or by downloading a Networks Sign Up Sheet that can be found on the Chapter Networks Officer dashboard under the Networks tab on MyYPO.org.

Business Networks focus on various business sectors, industries and regions, which allow members to instantly expand professional contacts. These include Family Business, Real Estate Industry, Doing Business With China, the Women's International Network and more.

Personal Networks allow members to connect globally around topics of personal interest including Wine, Golf, Photography, Personal Investing and Art.

Social Enterprise Networks bring like-minded YPO and WPO members together to address community, philanthropic and humanitarian endeavors, such as Economic Development, Education and the Environment.



"I have met more people in more places than I could ever have imagined. You can go anywhere in the world and meet a fellow YPO member."

- **Mountain State W.V. YPOer**



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