# 4-H Statistics

4-H is a community of more than seven million young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. Many youth participate in 4-H in more than one way:*

- 4,114,522 participated in 145,582 4-H school enrichment programs.
- 2,380,717 were members of 102,594 4-H special interest groups.
- 1,572,235 were members in 89,636 4-H clubs.
- 297,842 attended 4-H camps.
- 91,443 entered 5,889 school-aged childcare programs.
- 66,492 enrolled in 4-H individual study programs.
- 21,437 enrolled in 4-H instructional television.

*Diversity to reflect our country is a major focus of today's 4-H. Members of racial and ethnic minorities account for 31 percent of 4-Hers. Most 4-H members today—57 percent—are from cities, suburbs and towns with populations of more than 10,000.*

4-H welcomes all youth. Fifty-three percent of 4-H youth are girls and 47 percent are boys. Thirty-one percent of 4-H youth are from minority/racial ethnic groups:

- 70 % Caucasian
- 15 % African American
- 12 % Hispanic
- 2% Asian or Pacific Islander
- 2% American Indian or Alaskan

4-H members live throughout America. 4-H programs are conducted in 3,051 counties, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Micronesia and the Northern Mariana Islands.

- 57% of 4-H members are from large inner cities, larger cities and their suburbs.
- 43% of 4-H members are from rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or less.

Typically, 4-H participants are ages 5-19. Most are kindergarteners and primary school, middle school and high school students:

- 38% grades 4-6
- 37% grades K-3
- 14% grades 7-9
- 8% grades 10-12
- 2% not in school
- .80% pursuing post high school education
- .70% mentally challenged persons over age 19

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4-H educational content meets the needs of youth. 4-H focuses on 4-H Afterschool, healthy lifestyles, youth in governance and science, engineering and technology. Many 4-H participants choose more than one subject or project area in any given year. Enrollment in the major categories of educational content are:

- 3,724,625 plants and animals
- 2,364,989 healthy lifestyle education
- 1,811,719 personal development and leadership
- 1,535,386 science and technology
- 1,250,635 environmental education and earth sciences
- 1,052,859 communications and expressive arts
- 680,425 citizenship and civic education
- 495,078 consumer and family sciences

More than 570,000 volunteers are part of 4-H. The value of time, mileage and out-of-pocket expenses that volunteer leaders contribute annually exceeds $2 billion—five times the combined county, state, federal and private sector support.

4-H alumni now total about 60 million. They are national, state and local government leaders, community and business leaders, famous entertainers and leaders in their respective fields.

Learn how you can be part of the 4-H adventure at:

www.4husa.org.

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