



# FLORIDA 4-H AT A GLANCE

## Florida 4-H Grows True Leaders

The UF/IFAS Extension Florida 4-H Youth Development Program uses a learn-by-doing approach to help youth gain the knowledge and skills they need to be responsible, productive citizens. This mission is accomplished by creating safe and inclusive learning environments, involving caring adults, and utilizing the expertise and resources of the University of Florida and the nationwide land grant university system.

Last year Florida 4-H reached over 201,000 youth, ages 5-18, through 4-H clubs, school enrichment, camping, school age child care programs, etc.—with the help of more than 12,000 volunteers trained by Extension/4-H faculty statewide.

**201,344**

YOUTH SERVED

**276,790**

COUNTY PROJECTS

**10,027**

ADULT VOLUNTEERS

**2,366**

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

### GENDER



**51%**  
FEMALE

**49%**  
MALE

### PLACE OF RESIDENCE



**5%**  
FARMS

**17%**  
TOWNS < 10K

**32%**  
TOWNS 10-50K

**24%**  
TOWNS > 50K

**22%**  
URBAN CITY

### ETHNICITY AND RACE

*ethnicity and race reported separately*



**21%**  
HISPANIC

**79%**  
NON-HISPANIC

**72%**  
WHITE

**19%**  
AFRICAN AMERICAN

**9%**  
OTHER

### SCHOOL GRADE



**4%**  
KINDERGARTEN

**68%**  
1-5 GRADES

**22%**  
6-8 GRADES

**5%**  
9-12 GRADES

**1%**  
POST HIGHSCHOOL/  
NOT IN SCHOOL/  
SPECIAL

### TOP PARTICIPATION AREAS



**20,616**  
HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

**93,013**  
COMMUNICATIONS & EXPRESSIVE ART

**16,201**  
LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

**52,829**  
BIOLOGICAL AND PLANT SCIENCES

**20,712**  
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION/EARTH SCIENCES

**25,425**  
AG IN THE CLASSROOM

**24,396**  
ANIMAL SCIENCE



# NATIONAL 4-H TODAY / AT A GLANCE

## 4-H Grows True Leaders

What began as a way to give rural youth new agricultural skills has grown into America's largest youth development organization.

4-H grows young people with essential life skills like confidence, courage, resilience and curiosity who are empowered and prepared for life today and tomorrow. 4-H serves every county and parish in America through our network of 110 land-grant universities and the Cooperative Extension System with 3,000 offices nationwide. The organization is led by a unique public-private partnership which includes National 4-H Council and the National Institute of Food & Agriculture within the United States Department of Agriculture.

## 4-H Youth Excel Beyond Their Peers

According to a 10-year longitudinal study conducted by the Institute for Applied Research in Youth Development at Tufts University, 4-H youth are:

**4x**

MORE LIKELY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR COMMUNITIES

**2x**

MORE LIKELY TO MAKE HEALTHIER CHOICES

**2x**

MORE LIKELY TO PARTICIPATE IN SCIENCE PROGRAMS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL TIME

**6,000,000**

YOUTH SERVED

**3,000+**

U.S. COUNTIES

**3,500+**

EDUCATORS

**600,000**

VOLUNTEERS

**25,000,000**

ALUMNI

**WHERE DO 4-H'ERS LIVE?**

**1,250,000**  
CITIES

**1,750,000**  
TOWNS/SUBURBS

**2,900,000**  
RURAL COMMUNITIES



### HEALTHY LIVING

Building on its agricultural roots, 4-H has a long history of promoting healthy living among youth and their families.



### SCIENCE

The need for science, engineering, technology and math education is essential for today's young people.



### CITIZENSHIP

Since its inception, 4-H has emphasized the importance of young people being engaged, well-informed citizens.



### AGRICULTURE

4-H programs engage and excite young people in agricultural science topics such as veterinary science, biotechnology, raising and training animals and forestry.

