



TEXAS 4-H TODAY / AT A GLANCE

2016-2017

Texas 4-H Grows True Leaders

The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program is the youth serving component of the Texas A&M University System, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Prairie View Cooperative Extension Program. Through the network of Extension Agents and volunteers, the 4-H Program is accessible to youth in all 254 counties through 250 County Extension Offices. Ranging from robots to rabbits, Texas 4-H offers life-skill gaining experiences to youth from Kindergarten to 12th grade, preparing them for adulthood and service to our state, country, and world.

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:

636,808

YOUTH SERVED

254

COUNTY PROGRAMS

21,553

ADULT VOLUNTEERS

8,493

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

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

WHERE DO 4-H'ERS LIVE?	42% CITIES	21% TOWNS/SUBURBS	37% RURAL COMMUNITIES		
GRADES OF 4-H MEMBERS	38% K-2 GRADES	33% 3-5 GRADES	13% 6-8 GRADES	16% 9-12 GRADES	
ETHNICITY & RACE OF 4-H MEMBERS	51% HISPANIC	49% NON-HISPANIC	85% WHITE	10% AFRICAN AMERICANS	5% OTHER

ethnicity and race reported separately

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AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK

Texas 4-H Agriculture & Animal projects teach responsibility through caring for animals and strive to provide 4-H members the opportunity to develop and practice advanced leadership skills to become advocates for agriculture. These projects also prepare and provide opportunities for youth to develop a heightened awareness of career opportunities in agriculture.



CITIZENSHIP & LEADERSHIP

Texas 4-H has been building leaders for countless generations by giving them safe environments and many opportunities to practice their skills. Through each 4-H project, youth are learning and applying leadership skills that will also be useful in adulthood.



FAMILY COMMUNITY HEALTH

Texas 4-H is teaching youth about the importance of healthy eating and physical activity. Through this program area, young people develop healthy physical, social and emotional behaviors and life skills, and as a result increase their ability to demonstrate positive contributions to their families, schools and communities.



NATURAL RESOURCES

The Texas 4-H Program offers diverse projects and activities involving exploring and experiencing the vast natural resources within our state. Outdoor play increases fitness levels and builds active and healthy bodies. Texas 4-H offers projects and activities that engage youth in outdoor settings as they learn outdoor living skills and conservation.



SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, & MATH

Texas 4-H STEM projects encourage youth to be critical thinkers and team players. They also instill a passion for science and science-related careers in today's workforce. 4-H STEM projects combine the strengths of experiential, hands-on education and inquiry-based science learning with a positive youth development framework that addresses the developmental and educational needs of young people.

YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN THE BIG FIVE PROGRAM CATEGORIES

281,670

AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK

109,606

CITIZENSHIP & LEADERSHIP

315,157

FAMILY COMMUNITY HEALTH

109,606

NATURAL RESOURCES

33,816

SCIENCE

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