

4-H Facts in Brief - 2001

4-H is the Cooperative Extension System's dynamic, non-formal educational program for today's young people. The program combines the cooperative efforts of youth, volunteer leaders, state land-grant universities, state-local governments, and the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The mission of the Cooperative Extension System in conducting 4-H programs is to assist youth in developing knowledge, skills, and attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of society.

4-H programs are conducted in 3,150 counties of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Micronesia, and Northern Mariana Islands.

4-H alumni (enrolled participants in 4-H since its beginning) now total about 60 million.

4-H-type programs are truly international with some 82 countries having similar programs that enroll approximately 4 million youth.

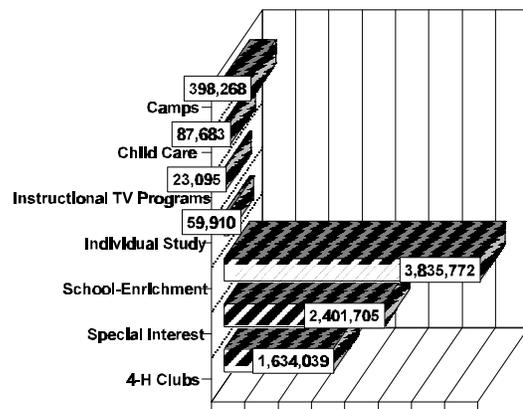
4-H has a 100-year tradition of voluntary action for the public-private partnerships at federal, state, county, and community levels. These partnerships reflect broadly both fiscal and human resources. Private sector partners invest almost \$100 million annually in 4-H, through their local and state 4-H foundations and the National 4-H Council.

YOUTH IN 4-H

6,752,148 youth, principally K-12 grades, participated in 4-H last year (total youth in 4-H with duplications eliminated).

In 2001, youth participated in 4-H in the following ways:

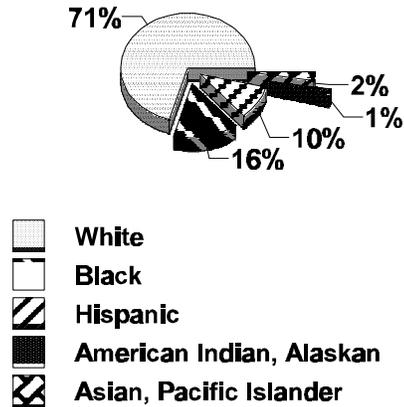
- 1,634,039** were members of **99,188** 4-H clubs
- 2,401,705** were members of **116,530** 4-H special interest groups
- 3,835,772** were in **198,382** 4-H school-enrichment
 - 59,910** were in 4-H individual study programs
 - 23,095** enrolled in 4-H instructional TV programs
- 87,683** were in **6,627** school-aged child care programs
- 398,268** attended 4-H-conducted camps



RACE AND ETHNICITY

- 71% (4,773,580)** - white, not of Hispanic origin
- 16% (1,058,872)** - black, not of Hispanic origin
- 10% (672,023)** - Hispanic
- 1% (95,755)** - American Indian, Alaskan
- 2% (151,792)** - Asian or Pacific Islander

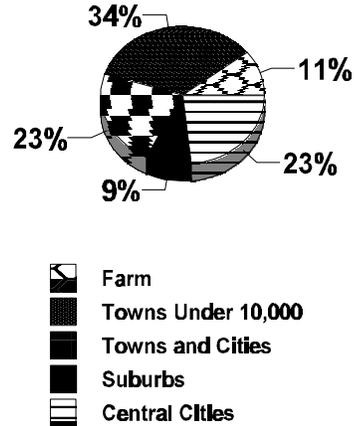
Of the total number of youth in 4-H, 29% were from minority racial/ethnic groups.



RESIDENCE

Of the 6,752,148 youth in 4-H last year:

- 11% (719,592)** - lived on farms
- 34% (2,325,237)** - lived in towns under 10,000 and open country
- 23% (1,536,477)** - lived in towns and cities of 10,000 to 50,000
- 9% (604,044)** - lived in suburbs of cities of more than 50,000
- 24% (1,566,798)** - lived in central cities 50,000 or larger

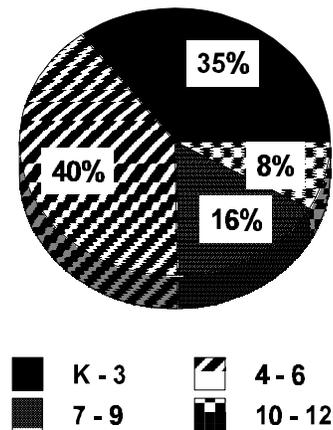


GENDER

- 52% (3,536,667)** - girls
- 48% (3,215,481)** - boys

SCHOOL GRADE

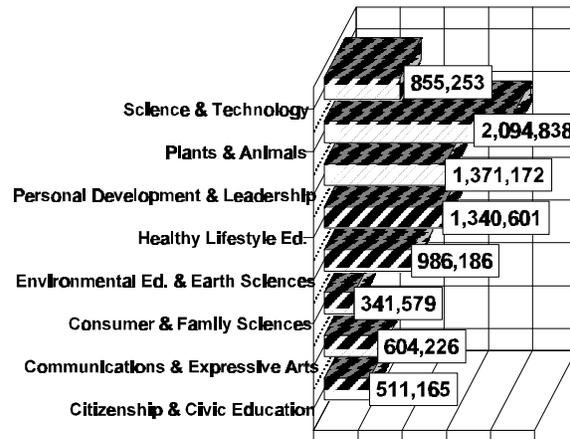
- 35% (2,323,518)** - grades K-3
- 40% (2,631,982)** - grades 4-6
- 16% (1,064,304)** - grades 7-9
- 8% (547,057)** - grades 10-12
- .6% (39,185)** - post high school
- 1.4% (96,165)** - out of school
- .7% (49,937)** - special (of any age)



EDUCATIONAL CONTENT

4-H participants may be enrolled in more than one project area in a given year. On average, 4-H Club members enrolled in 1.8 different areas.

511,165	Citizenship and Civic Education
604,286	Communications and Expressive Arts
341,579	Consumer and Family Sciences
986,186	Environmental Ed. & Earth Sciences
1,340,601	Healthy Lifestyle Ed.
1,371,172	Personal Development and Leadership
2,094,838	Plants and Animals
855,253	Science and Technology



VOLUNTEERS IN 4-H

Volunteers are essential to the successful delivery of 4-H programs to youth. In 2000, there were **638,578** volunteer leaders working directly and indirectly with 4-H youth.

495,152	4-H adult leaders
143,426	4-H junior teen leaders
576,831	Volunteers working directly with youth
179,372	Boards and committees
29,643	Middle managers working with youth and adult volunteers
227,969	Volunteers trained in leadership
39,546	Volunteers trained in parenting
124,175	Volunteers trained in other topics

