



2006-2007 Florida 4-H Annual Statistical Snapshot

Number of Youth Involved: Total: 234,098

Organized Clubs (community, in-school, after-school, and military)	26,063
Day Camps/Special Interest Clinics	27,340
School Enrichment	221,701
Residential Camps	3,150
School Age Child Care	1,864
Individual Study/Family 4-H	1,115
Number of Girls: 51% (120,332) Number of Boys: 49% (113,766)	

Positive youth development through University of Florida 4-H Programs provides opportunities for youth to feel safe, secure, respected, intellectually stimulated and engaged in their community. 4-H Youth development occurs from an intentional process that promotes positive outcomes for young people by providing opportunities, relationships, and support.

4-H Youth Development uses experiential, research-based educational opportunities that help youth become competent, caring, confident, connected, and contributing citizens of character. Research indicates that regular participation in extracurricular activities during adolescence can lead to long-term quality of life payoffs. Recent studies indicate that youth spending time in positive youth programs, such as 4-H, are less likely to become involved in high risk behaviors, have higher school attendance and grades, better conflict management practices and better work habits.

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Where Do 4-H'ers Live:

Farms	3.8% (8,828)
Towns under 10,000 and in open country	24.3% (57,013)
Towns and cities of 10,000 to 50,000	28.9% (67,659)
Suburbs of cities over 50,000	17.8% (41,695)
Central cities over 50,000 in population	25.2% (58,903)

Race/Ethnic Background:

White/Caucasian	77.6% (181,562)
Black/African-American	20.4% (47,650)
Other	<1% (100)
Asian	1.4% (3,233)
American Indian/Pacific Islander	<1% (1,553)
Ethnic Participation: 15% (35,132) Hispanic 88% (198,971) Non-Hispanic	

Grade Level of 4-H Members:

Kindergarten	5.7% (13,293)
Elementary (1st-5th Grade)	68.8% (160,961)
Middle School (6th-8th Grade)	21.2% (49,697)
High School (9th-12th Grade)	4.1% (9,652)
Post H.S. / Not in School / Special	<1% (495)

Volunteers in Florida 4-H

Adult volunteers amplify the impact of paid county extension agents, reaching more youth and providing valuable mentors for young people. Studies confirm the value of a significant other adult in the life of a child. The ability of 4-H Programs to provide safe and secure environments is dependent upon the management and quality of trained staff of volunteers. Likewise, other youth outcomes like a sense of belonging and inclusive environments are related to the effectiveness of volunteers' relationship and interaction with youth.

Florida 4-H is supported by: **10,008 - Adult Volunteers**
911 - Youth Volunteers

Many voices combine to provide guidance for 4-H programs at the county and state level. Important among these is the youth voice, which is critical to helping the program stay relevant and grow. Local advisory committees provide sustaining support for 4-H programs in every Florida county. Volunteer leaders, community organizations, foundations, faith based organizations and government all play a role in the future of the program. At the state level, a Program Development Committee, Volunteer Association, State 4-H Executive Board, State Council and professional associations continue to provide direction.

Priority programming areas have been aggregated into three focus areas:

- Developing life and career skills in all subject matter topics,
- Creating high quality community based learning environments for youth, and
- Creating adult support systems for youth.

Florida 4-H Projects in 2006-2007

Total Projects: 297,564

Citizenship and Civic Education **5,136 projects**

Citizenship, global and cultural education, volunteerism, understanding physical and mental limitations, service learning.

Communications & Expressive Arts **113,279 projects**

Communication arts (speaking, radio, television, print), Performing arts (clowning, dance, drama, music), Visual arts (graphics, photography, video, crafts, drawing, sculpture).

Consumer and Family Sciences **8,415 projects**

Consumer education, home environment, clothing and textiles, parenting, child care and development.

Environmental Education & Earth Science **33,027 projects**

Environmental stewardship, geology, weather, soils, water, energy, forestry, wildlife and fisheries, range science, outdoor education, waste management.

Healthy Lifestyle Education **39,338 projects**

Foods and nutrition, safety, chemical, physical, emotional and mental health.

Personal Development & Leadership **5,101 projects**

Economics and business marketing, career exploration, critical thinking, introductory projects, leadership skills, leisure.

Plants and Animals **59,622 projects**

Applied biological sciences, production (beef, dairy, horse, sheep, swine, poultry, goats), pets (dogs, rabbits, other animals), crops, fruits, vegetables, ornamental horticulture, flower gardening.

Science and Technology **33,646 projects**

Biological sciences (animal, aquatic, food, marine, meat, plant, veterinary), technology, engineering, physical science.

Detailed statistics for individual counties and 4-H project areas are available. This sheet was updated on January 30, 2008.

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