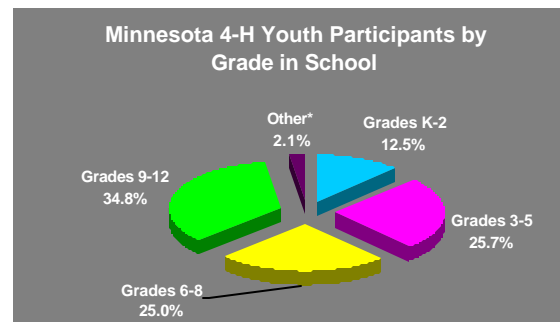
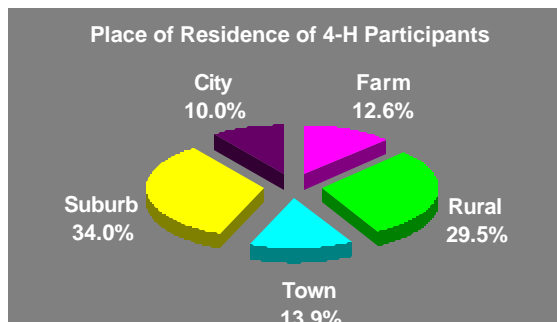


## Minnesota's 4-H Programs At-a-Glance - Year 2001

Over the past 100 years, Minnesota 4-H impacted thousands of youth and adults each year. In 2001, approximately 287,570 of 1.1 million youth across Minnesota participated in 4-H related activities and projects. Based on the 2000 State Demographic Data, that accounts for nearly a quarter (22.4%) of all youth between the ages of 5-19 living in Minnesota! One of the hallmarks of 4-H is its strong volunteer base. Last year, nearly 14,000 adult volunteers contributed over 1.3 million hours of service to support the positive development of Minnesota's youth.

Another hallmark of 4-H is the fact that there is a University of Minnesota Extension faculty in every county of the state working on behalf of youth and families. This fact ensures that 4-H reaches a wide range of youth. For example, the 287,570 4-H participants live across the state in rural, suburban and urban areas (see below). 4-H also offers opportunities for both boys (47%) and girls (53%) and for all age levels of youth (see below).



\* Other 4-H Youth participants including: Post H.S. education, Not in School and Special.

### Enrollment Data – 4H Clubs

The data collected on current 4-H members indicate that once youth join, 4-H is able to retain many youth for an extended amount of time. The table to the right indicates that almost a third (32%) of 4-H members are involved for 6 or more years!!

#### Number of years current 4-H'ers have been Involved in 4-H

0-2 years in 4-H	39 %
3-5 years in 4-H	29 %
6-8 years in 4-H	19 %
9-15 years in 4-H	13 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### Top 10 Project Areas

1. Creative Arts
2. Photography
3. Food and Nutrition
4. Shop (wood and/or metal)
5. Horse - Animal Science
6. Clothing and Textiles
7. Clovebuds
8. Flower Gardening
9. Performing Arts
10. Beef - Animal Science

In 4-H, youth find opportunities and experiences in a wide array of topics from animal sciences to expressive arts to personal development and leadership. In fact, last year 4-H offered over 3000 different opportunities for youth to participate in across Minnesota. The table to the left shows the top 10 project areas based on the number of 4-H'ers who were involved during 2001. When you explore project participation by factors such as age, years involved in 4-H, where youth live, and ethnicity, the most prominent thing you notice is that 4-H members, no matter what the circumstances, are interested and participating in the whole array of opportunities provided by 4-H.