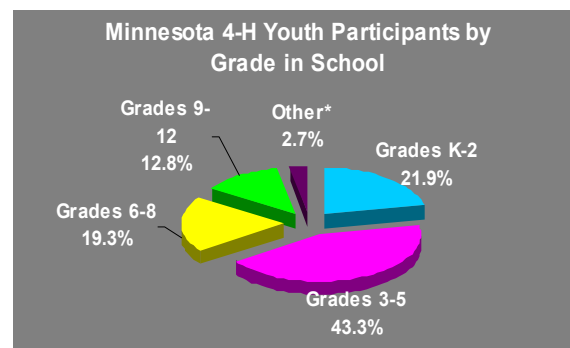
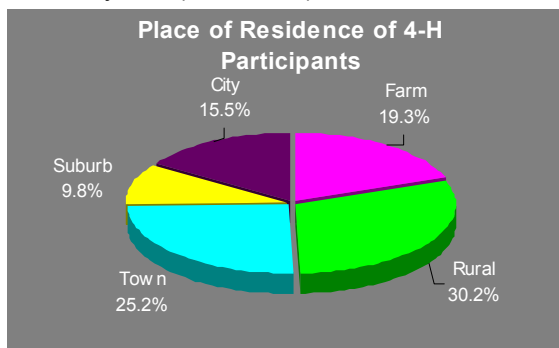


Minnesota's 4-H Programs At-a-Glance – Year 2002

Over the past 100 years, Minnesota 4-H impacted thousands of youth and adults each year. In 2002, approximately 167,970 youth across Minnesota participated in 4-H related activities and projects. Based on the 2000 Census Data, that accounts for nearly 15% 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 11,796 volunteers contributed over 800,000 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 167,970 4-H participants live across the state in rural, suburban and urban areas (see below). 4-H also offers opportunities for both boys (46%) 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'ers 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 (33%) of 4-H'ers 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	38 %
3-5 years in 4-H	29 %
6-8 years in 4-H	19 %
9-15 years in 4-H	14 %
Total	100%

Top 10 Project Areas

1. Photography
2. Crafts and Fine Arts
3. Food and Nutrition
4. Shop (wood and/or metal)
5. Clothing and Textiles
6. Horse
7. Flower Gardening
8. Cloverbuds: A Discovery 4-H Program
9. Indoor Gardening
10. Self-Determined

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 2000. 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'ers, no matter what the circumstances, are interested and participating in

the whole array of opportunities provided by 4-H.