



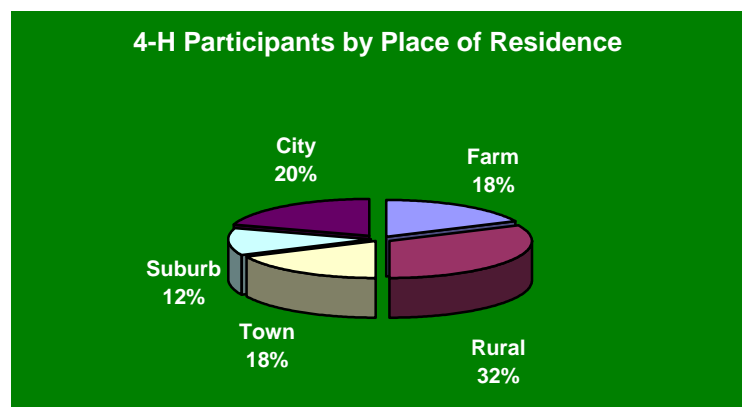
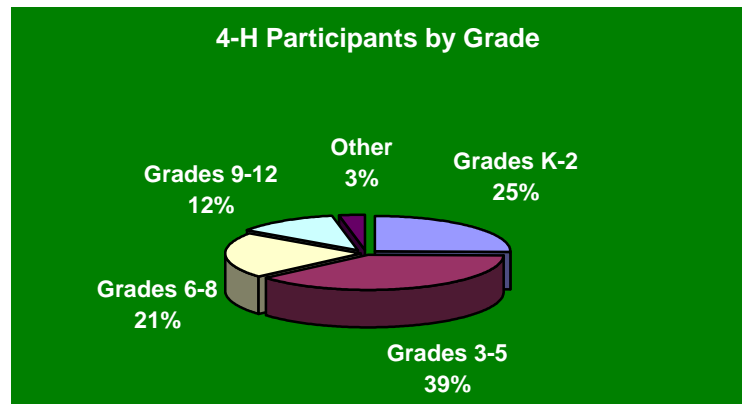
Minnesota's 4-H Programs At-A-Glance: 2004

For over a century, Minnesota 4-H has impacted thousands of youth and adults each year. In 2004, approximately 137,107 youth across Minnesota participated in 4-H related activities and projects. Youth participated in a wide variety of ways. More than 26,000 were enrolled in 4-H clubs, including community-based, project-focused, and site-based clubs. Approximately 2,200 were involved in overnight and day camping programs. Over 108,000 young people enjoyed 4-H special interest/short-term programs.

One of the hallmarks of 4-H is the fact that there is a University of Minnesota Extension staff in every part 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 137,107 4-H participants live across the state in rural, suburban and urban areas. 4-H also offers opportunities for both boys (47%) and girls (53%) and for all age levels of youth.

4-Hers involved in clubs (by years)

1 – 2 years in 4-H	37 %
3 – 5 years in 4-H	29 %
6 – 8 years in 4-H	20 %
9 – 15 years in 4-H	14 %
Total	100 %



The club 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. About a third of (34%) of 4-H'ers have been involved in structured clubs for 6 or more years.

Each young person participated in at least one "learn by doing" project experience. The 10 most popular of these experiences were in the areas of:

- Crafts and Fine Arts
- Photography
- Food and Nutrition
- Shop (wood or metal)
- Clothing and Textiles
- Horse
- Flower Gardening
- Beef
- Shooting Sports—Wildlife Management
- Vegetable Gardening

VOLUNTEERS

Another hallmark of 4-H is its strong volunteer base. Last year, over 9,500 adult volunteers contributed over 880,000 hours of service to support the positive development of Minnesota's youth. Based on a recent 4-H volunteer study, the value of 4-H volunteer time and financial contributions exceeded \$16 million during the past year. There were approximately 3,800 older-youth who volunteered their time. The duration of volunteer service is also impressive. Of the adult volunteers in clubs, 55% have been involved for 6 or more years and 30% for 11 or more years.