

# 4-H FACTS

## 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION PROGRAM

### MISSION STATEMENT

4-H Youth Development Education creates supportive environments for culturally-diverse youth and adults to reach their fullest potential. In support of this mission, we will:

- ❖ Provide formal and non-formal community-focused experiential learning.
- ❖ Develop skills that benefit youth throughout life.
- ❖ Foster leadership and volunteerism in youth and adults.
- ❖ Build internal and external partnerships for programming and funding.
- ❖ Strengthen families and communities.
- ❖ Use research-based knowledge and the land-grant university system.

*Achievement of this mission will result in capable, competent, and caring citizens.*

### OBJECTIVES FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IN PENNSYLVANIA

The Youth Program Coordinating Council asserts that all youth development curriculum should focus on educational programming which has three objectives:

1. Life skill development through opportunities that:
  - ❖ teach interaction and coping skills.
  - ❖ teach decision-making skills.
  - ❖ sharpen communication skills
  - ❖ teach leadership skills.
  - ❖ encourage critical thinking.
  - ❖ develop self-confidence.
  - ❖ enhance an individual's self-esteem; etc.
2. Provide experiences that allow youth to ACQUIRE KNOWLEDGE and then APPLY KNOWLEDGE GAINED in every day life experiences.
3. Develop leadership (both adult and youth) in order to see that the first two objectives can effectively occur.

Collectively, the three objectives provide youth with experiences and skills necessary to adapt to and cope with challenges they may face as young people today and as contributing adults in the future.

# Facts

## The Power of Youth

### 2007-2008 4-H Involvement in Pennsylvania

(Source: FY 2007-08 County A-100 Reports)

<b>4-H Members</b>			<b>Racial-Ethnic Characteristics</b>	
Boys	43,703	43.16%	<b>Non Hispanic</b>	
Girls	57,557	56.84%	White	78.25%
<b>Total</b>	<b>101,260</b>		African American	12.39%
<b>4-H Members by Residence</b>			American Indian	.12%
Cities	23,900	19.70%	Asian	1.34%
Suburbs	15,449	12.74%	Native Hawaiian	.07%
Towns	32,362	26.68%	White and African American	.6%
Rural	42,317	34.89%	White and American Indian	08%
Farms	7,269	6.99%	White and Asian	08%
<b>4-H Volunteer Leaders</b>			Other Combinations	.71%
Adult	8,014		<b>Hispanic</b>	
Teen	1,208		White	5.12%
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,222</b>		African American	.25%
			American Indian	.01%
			Asian	.02%
			Native Hawaiian	<.01%
			White and African American	<.05%
			White and American Indian	.01%
			White and Asian	.01%
			Other Combinations	.87%
			<b>4-H Members by Age</b>	
			8-12 years	65.06%
			13-15 years	14.61%
			16-19 years	6.0%
			<b>Total Youth Served</b>	
			Enrolled 4-H Members	101,260
			Other Youth Served	84,560
			<b>Total</b>	<b>185,819</b>

### 2007-2008 Total Projects

<b>Enrollment by Delivery Methods</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>4-H Units</b>
Organized 4-H Clubs	8,228	14,080	22,308	1,280
4-H Special Interest or Short-Term Programs	14,693	15,686	30,379	532
4-H Overnight Camping Programs	548	979	1,527	52

4-H School Enrichment	31,694	30,163	61,857	1,369
4-H Individual Study	54	38	92	
School-Aged Child Care Education Programs	1,177	1,309	2,486	67
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<b>Total</b>	<b>56,394</b>	<b>62,255</b>	<b>118,649</b>	<b>3,300</b>
<b>Total (with duplications eliminated)</b>	<b>54,291</b>	<b>58,632</b>	<b>112,923</b>	

**2007-2008**

**SCOPE OF PRESENT PROGRAM – STATE DEFINED PROJECTS ONLY**

<b><u>ANIMAL SCIENCES</u></b>	<b>58,762</b>	Photography	1092
Veterinary Science	386	Bicycles	91
Beef	855	Palette of Fun	340
Dairy Beef	323	Advanced Visual Arts	127
Dairy	1,320	Collectables	52
Dairy Goat	930	<b><i>Health and Safety Education</i></b>	
Market Goat	285	Health	1,652
Horse	6,338	Discovering Me	54
Sheep	963		
Swine	2,243	<b><u>CITIZENSHIP &amp; CIVIC ED.</u></b>	<b>35</b>
Breeding Swine	36	Citizenship in Action	3
Embryology	41,149	Citizenship Adventures	3
Poultry	445	Getting to Know Your Community	22
Turkey	48	Opening the Doors of Community	7
Dog	455		
Rabbit	1,390	<b><u>LDRSHIP. &amp; PERSONAL DEV.</u></b>	<b>659</b>
Pets	214	Step Up to Leadership	576
Cats	108	Secretary	32
Exploring Farm Animals	1,274	6,720 Reporter	21
		Treasurer	30
<b><u>ENVMTL. ED. &amp; EARTH SCI.</u></b>	<b>14,858</b>	<b><u>INTRO., GEN. &amp; MISC.</u></b>	<b>2,693</b>
<b><i>Plant Science</i></b>		Clover Buds	2,255
Meet the Plants	2,783	Exploring the Treasures	438
Landscape Gardening	304		
Indoor Gardening	891	<b><u>INTERNATL. &amp; DIVERSITY</u></b>	<b>1,163</b>
Vegetable Gardening	1077	Exercising Character	31
Gardening Series	463	Interstate Exchange	50
4-H Plant Fun	220	Latino Cultural Arts	1082
Strawberries	131		
Science of a Growing Plant	123	<b><u>Communications and Expressive Arts</u></b>	<b>928</b>
4-H Guide to Herb Gardening	30	Theatre Arts Adventure	217
<b><i>Natural Resources</i></b>		Communications	507
Water Conservation	1484	How To Be a Presenter	74
Entomology	3560	4-H Public Speakers Handbook	83
Forestry	2311	Portfolio Pathways	47
Wildlife	1,115		
Fishing	366	<b><u>FAMILY &amp; CONSUMER SCI.</u></b>	<b>17,847</b>
<b><u>SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY</u></b>	<b>3,119</b>	<b><i>Workforce Prep/Consumer Education</i></b>	
Small Engines	163		<b>960</b>
Electricity	378	People, Work and Me	2
Rocketry	1,163	Exploring the Food Business	3
Aerospace	543	Get Ready, Get Set, Get a Job	83
Wood Science	701	Wild Over Work	13
Computer Mysteries	171	Character at Work	0
		The Rent Event	32
<b><u>HEALTHY LIFESTYLES ED.</u></b>	<b>5,920</b>	Kids and Cash	515
<b><i>Shooting Sports</i></b>		Financial Champions	322
Air Rifle	593	<b><i>Foods and Nutrition</i></b>	<b>13,466</b>
Archery	965	I Spy in the Kitchen	867
Air Pistol	162	Star Spangled Foods	276
Riflery	398	Yeast Breads on the Rise	124
<b><i>Outdoor Education</i></b>		Let's Bake Quick Breads	260
Outdoor Adventures	189	Global Gourmet	417
Orienteering	205	Breads Around the World	1787
<b><i>Leisure Education</i></b>		Microwave Magic	589

Jump into Food, Fun & Fitness	325
Professor Popcorn	7350
Nutrition in a Nutshell	1266
Pyramid of Snacks	0
Cooking up Fun	183
Food Preservation	22
<b><i>Clothing and Textiles</i></b>	<b>2,476</b>
<b><i>Child Development</i></b>	<b>731</b>
Babysitting	604
On My Own and Okay	127
<b><u>Intergenerational Programming</u></b>	<b>214</b>
Generation Celebration	213
Spend Time Together	1
<b>Total State Project Enrollment</b>	<b>100,064</b>

## *Pennsylvania County Youth Enrolment for 2007-2008*

County	Total 4-H Age Youth Members	Total Youth Served
Adams	1,526	7,562
Allegheny	4,007	4,007
Armstrong	563	830
Beaver	1,715	3,075
Bedford	1,603	1,661
Berks	5,254	5,724
Blair	300	572
Bradford	1,086	3,764
Bucks	5,918	6,045
Butler	1,198	1,326
Cambria	2,057	2,427
Cameron	605	634
Carbon	1,478	1,478
Centre	708	4,727
Chester	3,479	5,254
Clarion	1,661	1,543
Clearfield	933	975
Clinton	203	3,553
Columbia	347	370
Crawford	1,234	2,426
Cumberland	1,265	1,304
Dauphin	2,271	5,571
Delaware	4,741	5,084
Elk	168	331
Erie	4,096	5,904
Fayette	2,749	4,295
Forest	1,068	1,079
Franklin	2,051	10,987
Fulton	193	4,927
Greene	284	207
Huntingdon	372	412
Indiana	887	2,255
Jefferson	1,362	1,796
Juniata	266	765
Lackawanna	2,134	2,724
Lancaster	3,822	7,141
Lawrence	3,252	3,252
Lebanon	1,131	1,229
Lehigh	1,998	3,487
Luzerne	1,123	4,732
Lycoming	7,123	3,056

McKean	636	647
Mercer	888	1,318
Mifflin	2,202	2,202
Monroe	442	3,534
Montgomery	5,663	5,723
Montour	171	615
Northampton	1,916	1,400
Northumberland	444	444
Perry	799	4,050
Philadelphia	5,862	6,362
Pike	540	3,657
Potter	681	893
Schuylkill	3,356	3,755
Snyder	382	382
Somerset	1,933	3,294
Sullivan	246	1,458
Susquehanna	635	635
Tioga	1,474	2,740
Union	388	421
Venango	470	1,345
Warren	1,354	1,358
Washington	3,389	3,389
Wayne	908	1,088
Westmoreland	6,264	7,662
Wyoming	521	2,014
York	4,889	3,775
Totals	127,667	192,652

*Source: FY2007-2008 Pennsylvania Youth Development Annual Report*