

TEXAS 4-H: A YEAR OF CHANGE

2009 Year-End Report



Texas 4-H and Youth Development

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program has been providing educational opportunities and experience to youth from the ages of five to eighteen for more than 102 years. From the very beginning to today, the premise of 4-H has remained the same, teaching life skills to young people to prepare them to be engaged, active citizens in their community. Today, more than half a million youth are involved in Texas 4-H annually. These youth are developing skills in the areas of science, engineering, and technology, they are learning about healthy lifestyles, they are becoming more engaged as citizens, and they continue to give back to those in their communities.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service, the Cooperative Extension Program at Prairie View A&M and the Texas A&M System conducts the 4-H program. 4-H is one of the largest youth organizations in Texas with 35,400 youth and adult volunteers and more than 593,128 participants. To learn more about the 4-H program in Texas, or how to get involved, visit texas4-h.org.

How Texas youth participate in 4-H *

Agriculture in the Classroom	28,753
Animals	239,017
Civic Engagement	15,236
Consumer & Family Science	71,729
Communication & Expressive Arts	15,062
Environmental Education	71,227
Foods & Nutrition	120,297
Health	13,366
Leadership & Personal Development	48,566
Plant Science	103,705
Technology & Engineering	48,342

* many youth participate in multiple project areas

The Diversity of Texas 4-H *

African American	77,278
American Indian/Alaskan Native	11,633
Asian	9,644
Caucasian	442,431
Hispanic/Latino	251,295
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1,368

* some members indicated multi-ethnicity backgrounds

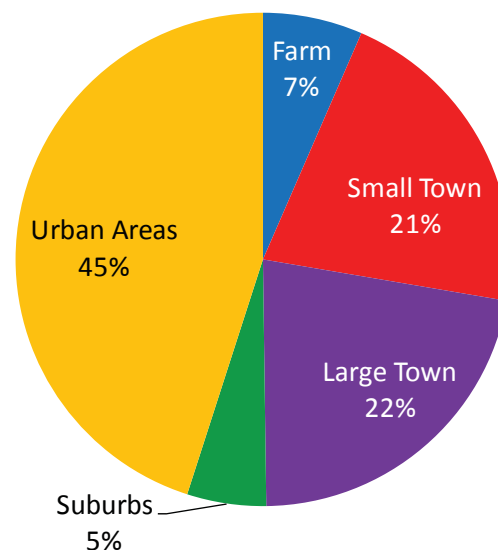
Volunteer Participation in Texas 4-H

Adult Volunteers	25,644
Youth Volunteers	9,756
Total	35,400

Who Participate in 4-H

Community Clubs	53,063
In-School Clubs	1,478
Military Youth Clubs	2,973
After-School Clubs	27,348
Special Interest Program	148,233
School Enrichment Programs	360,033
Total	593,128

Where do Texas 4-H'ers live?



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