



# 4-H Today | An Overview



## Our Background

For more than 100 years, 4-H has stood behind the idea that youth are the single strongest catalyst for change. What began as a way to give rural youth new agricultural skills, today has grown into a global organization that teaches kids life skills.

4-H is dedicated to positive youth development and helping youth step up to the challenges in a complex and changing world. 4-H is dedicated to helping cultivate the next generation of leaders and tackling the nation's top challenges such as the shortage of skilled professionals, maintaining our global competitiveness, encouraging civic involvement, and becoming a healthier society.

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OF RESPONSIBILITY**



## Most Effective Youth Organization

According to an in-depth, longitudinal study conducted by the Institute for Applied Research in Youth Development at Tufts University, **4-H youth are three times more likely to actively contribute to their communities and have higher educational achievement.**

## 4-H In Numbers

**7,000,000**

Youth Served

**3,068**

U.S. Counties

**71**

Countries

**3,500+**

Educators

**500,000+**

Volunteers

**60,000,000**

Alumni

## Largest Youth Organization\*

**4-H** **6M**

Boys & Girls Club 4.8M

Junior Achievement 4.2M

Boy Scouts 2.8M

Girl Scouts 2.7M

Girls Inc. 0.9M

National FFA 0.5M

Big Brothers 0.25M

Big Sisters 0.25M

*U.S. Numbers*

## High Quality Positive Youth Development=

Competence+  
Caring+  
Character+  
Confidence+  
Connection.

Ultimately the 4-H youth makes a **Contribution** to his/her community.

# What Does 4-H Offer Youth Today?

**4-H Science** explores such relevant and cutting-edge topics as climate change, water quality and usage, alternative energy, robotics, scientific and technology literacy and sustainable agriculture.



**4-H Healthy Living** is a holistic approach that includes encouraging healthy eating habits, physical fitness, the capacity to recognize and direct emotions and the ability to develop and maintain positive social interactions and relationships.

**4-H Citizenship** concentrates on community action, leadership and personal development, and communication and expressive arts. Through Citizenship programs 4-H youth develop concrete skills to become capable, confident and contributing citizens.



## Life Skills

The life skills that 4-H kids learn are as diverse as the kids themselves.

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| Rocketry             | Public Speaking   |
| Robotics             | Photography       |
| GPS Mapping          | Nutrition         |
| Agricultural Science | Community Service |
| DNA Analysis         |                   |

## How Do We Reach Youth?

Number of U.S. Participants in:

4-H Clubs <b>1,700,000</b>	4-H Camps <b>475,000</b>
4-H Afterschool Programs <b>400,000</b>	4-H School Enrichment Programs <b>3,400,000</b>

## Our Partners

Past and current partners include:

