



OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Ohio 4-H Youth Development

Ohio 4-H **empowers youth** with the skills they need to lead for a lifetime. 4-H **inspires curiosity, builds lifelong skills, fuels adventure, and grows leaders** through fun, hands-on activities, that include clubs, projects, service, and camps. 4-H is a nonformal educational youth development program offered to youth ages 5 to 19. 4-H project members can participate in competitive events like project judging at county fairs. 4-H project members select from **200+ projects** based on their interest — what we call sparks in 4-H.

Skills Learned in 4-H Last a Lifetime

*“Ohio 4-H is the reason I am **living and thriving**. It fueled my curiosity from a young age and taught me lifelong skills.”*

*“I learned how to **see a project through from start to finish**, and how to pace myself with an endeavor that took longer than just a few weeks. I am grateful for the lessons from my long-ago 4-H experiences.”*

*“I learned the value of **healthy competition**, what it felt like to win, and what it felt like to not do as well as I hoped.”*

*“Through 4-H, I gained incredible **transferable skills** that will enhance my ability to **lead, communicate, set goals, and collaborate** with teams.”*



154,687

Youth Participated
in 4-H clubs, camps, schools, and after-school programs in 2024.

13,433

Adult Volunteers
carry out 4-H youth development programming across Ohio.

220+

4-H Projects
are available to Ohio's youth featuring a variety of topics.



Camps

From day camps to specialty camps, we offer more than 100 camp opportunities to youth every year. These opportunities bring together youth, counselors, adult volunteers, and 4-H professionals for **learning and life skills development** opportunities.



Ohio State Fair

In 2024, more than 9,200 youth participated in Ohio State Fair events. During the two-week fair, youth practiced and further developed their skills by way of **exhibiting livestock, competing in skillathons, and participating in state project evaluations.**

PROJECTS* BY THE NUMBERS

78,595

animal projects
(i.e. hog, chicken, rabbit)

8,140

natural resources (i.e.
trees, birds, gardening)

5,457

creative arts
(i.e. genealogy, photography)

5,439

STEM

**Science, Technology,
Engineering, and Math**
(i.e. aerospace, food science)

4,071

food and nutrition
(i.e. grilling, bread making)

3,067

Self-Determined (youth
determine project topic)

5,102

all other projects
(i.e. healthy living, leadership)

*number of projects
completed in 2024



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