4-H’ERS!
Who they are and how they participate in 4-H

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2016-2017 4-H Statistics
Data collected from the 2016-2017 Virginia 4-H ES-237 Report

- 47% of 4-H youth are from minority racial-ethnic groups
- 51% of all 4-H’ers are girls and 49% are boys
- 14,900 adults and teens volunteer to help 4-H’ers “Make the Best Better”
- 54% of all Virginia 4-H youth are enrolled in a Science, Engineering, and Technology Project
- 56% of all Virginia 4-H youth are enrolled in a Citizenship Project
- 32% of all Virginia 4-H youth are enrolled in a Healthy Living Project
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**Participation**

- 45,487 youth were members of 4-H clubs (community, in-school, after-school, & military)
- 101,112 youth were involved in 4-H through school enrichment programs
- 28,853 youth participated in 4-H special interest/short-term programs
- 4-H summer overnight camping programs involved 13,319 youth

**Age**

- 37% of Virginia 4-H members are between the ages of 5 and 8
- 40% are pre-teen ages 9 to 11
- 12% are early teens age 12 & 13
- 10% are mid to upper teens age 14 to 19

**Geography**

- 4% of 4-H members live on farms
- 62% live in towns and cities with populations of less than 50,000
- 34% live in suburbs or central cities with populations of over 50,000

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