In Nebraska, 1 in 3 age eligible youth across all 93 counties are enrolled in 4-H, for a total enrollment reaching approximately 140,000 youth. This report will provide a glimpse into the growth and impact the Nebraska 4-H program has had on our youth participants. In 2011, a mixed methods study was conducted with approximately 1,200 youth from across Nebraska contributing their responses.

4-H in Nebraska

- 1 in 3 age-eligible youth in all 93 counties in Nebraska are 4-Hers.
- Nearly 70,000 youth participated in school enrichment experiences.
- Over 42,000 Nebraska youth were members of a 4-H club.
- Nearly 10,000 youth and adults participated in 4-H camping programs.
- 11,000 volunteers share their time and resources with Nebraska 4-H.

2011 FINDINGS OVERVIEW
As a result of participating in their 4-H program or project in:

4-H Science
- 91% think a career in 4-H Science would be exciting.
- 80% understand how 4-H Science relates to their 4-H program or project.
- 81% I think 4-H Science will be important in their future job.
- 83% apply 4-H Science to their 4-H program or project.
- 82% get to do hands on 4-H Science related activities in their 4-H program or project.
- 73% could explain to others how they use 4-H Science in their 4-H program or project.
- 68% are exploring a career in a 4-H Science related field.
- 72% have or will talk to someone who works in a 4-H Science career they are interested in.

Career Development
- 87% know a college major related to their 4-H program or project.
- 79% might choose a college major related to their 4-H program or project.
- 88% can think of ways my 4-H program or project could be a business.
- 97% are learning skills through 4-H that they could use in a future job.
- 93% know careers that are related to their 4-H program or project.
- 63% are exploring a career related to my 4-H program or project.
- 72% have talked to someone in a career related to their 4-H program or project.

Post-Secondary Education
- 82% of youth are or will attend a college or University in Nebraska.
- 33% of youth are or will attend the University of Nebraska–Lincoln.
- 57% of youth say 4-H staff or volunteers talked to them about their college decisions.
- 48% say their 4-H project area impacted their college decision.
- 74% of youth pursuing post-secondary education were enrolled in 4-H for 10-12 years.
- 93% of youth pursuing post-secondary education were a member of a 4-H Club.
- 97% of youth pursuing post-secondary education participated at the county fair.

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The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.
The projects offered through 4-H often serve as a catalyst in assisting youth discover and make decisions about their post-secondary education. Providing Nebraska youth opportunities to develop the knowledge and skills required to adequately pursue post-secondary education choices has and will continue to be a top priority of the organization. Annually 4-H seeks to document the post-secondary plans of graduating youth. Consistently, more than 95% report plans to pursue higher education; approximately one-third choosing UNL.

“4-H helped me learn that I love working with children and that I am competent when speaking in front of groups. I decided to mold these two areas into my plans for the future, as I study elementary education.”

“4-H helped me discover a love of photography and helped me decide that my career will be in the photography field. I am now attending college pursuing a degree in Business Management with a minor in Photography with the hopes of opening my own studio.”