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More than 100,000 youth in 4-H nationwide are currently engaged in the 4-H program to learn to help solve problems in the U.S. through the 4-H program. The 4-H program is the largest youth organization in the world.

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Nationwide, youth in 4-H numbered nearly 5.5 million. The 4-H program is conducted in 3,150 countries in the U.S., District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam.

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### 4-H CONTRIBUTES TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES.

More than 15,500 adults and teens had an opportunity to learn leadership skills through 4-H. An additional 2,200 experienced leadership through EFNEP. The value of 4-H volunteer time exceeds \$10 million (\$12.7 million with EFNEP).

A recent Kentucky study of 4-H volunteers revealed that the 4-H leadership development experience contributed to 86 percent of the 4-H volunteers holding positions of leadership in other county organizations. We believe a similar pattern would be found in North Carolina.

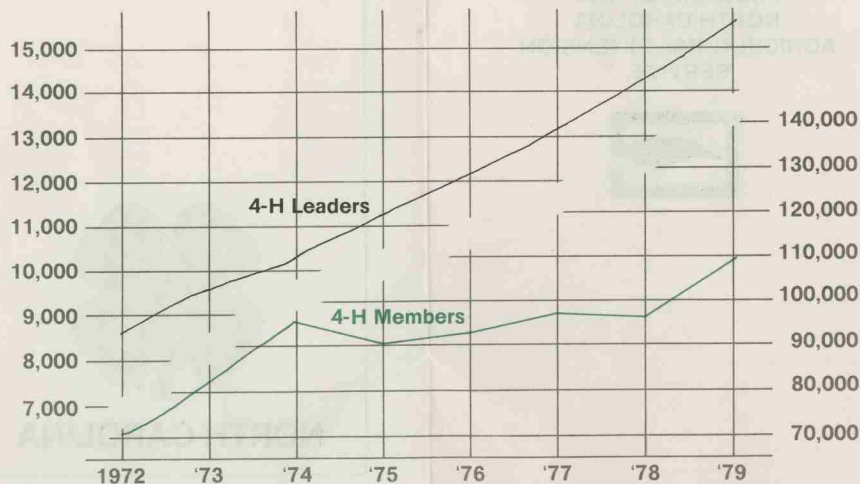
### 4-H PROVIDES LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN MORE THAN 50 CATEGORIES OF SUBJECT MATTER.

Subject matter specialists in university departments have prepared more than 300 publications used by agents, volunteers and youth in the 4-H Program. The 110,000 youth participating in 4-H undertook 170,000 projects in 1979. Some popular projects were:

Safety	14,776
Foods and Nutrition	10,359
Creative Crafts and Hobbies	7,292
Health and Physical Fitness	6,898
Bicycle	6,873
Clothing	6,821
Community Service	6,085
Horses and Ponies	5,694
Community Development	4,875
Forestry	3,347
Ecology and Environment	2,199
Plant Science	2,098
Home Gardens	1,805

### NEARLY 5,000 4-H AND OTHER YOUTH ARE PROVIDED A CAMPING EXPERIENCE EACH YEAR IN THE STATE 4-H CAMP SYSTEM.

The camping experience provides young people with an opportunity to live and work together in groups, develop their physical capacity and manual skills through activities like canoeing, sailing, archery and crafts and to learn to appreciate the out-of-doors through hiking, nature trails and other nature interpretation activities.



## **4-H IS A UNIQUE YOUTH-SERVING PROGRAM.**

1. 4-H is a distinctly American institution. Most other major youth serving programs originated in other countries, primarily Great Britain.
2. 4-H is the only informal youth education program administered through a university.
3. 4-H is the only informal out-of-school youth program for which public money is appropriated. Other youth serving programs use public funds but none receive direct appropriations.
4. 4-H generates \$4 to \$5 of private support for every \$1 in public funds appropriated.
5. 4-H is under the supervision of a professional staff member in every county.
6. 4-H is owned by the people. The public funding, a philosophy of local program determination and the intense involvement of citizens in program delivery produce a sense of personal and public ownership of 4-H.

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