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In Nebraska, 1 in 3 age-eligible youth across all 93 counties were enrolled in 4-H, for a total enrollment of approximately 140,000 youth.

Turning ideas into action, 4-H youth are becoming everyday heroes who persevere through challenges to leave lasting, positive impacts on their communities. Through the work of caring mentors, 4-H is cultivating a growing number of America’s youth to lead us in a Revolution of Responsibility. Their commitment challenges us all to join the movement toward meaningful change.

By taking part in the Nebraska 4-H Revolution, youth are preparing for a successful future by focusing on 4-H Science, Agricultural Literacy, Career Development and College Readiness, Citizenship and Leadership, and Healthy Living. The following impact statements represent responses collected from 4-H youth at many county, district and state programs. Approximately 1,400 responses were collected.

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- 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.
- Approximately 11,000 volunteers shared their time and resources with Nebraska 4-H.

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A REVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY

did you know ...
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Nebraska 4-H is developing science interests, skills and abilities in the areas of agriculture, energy, environmental stewardship and technology.

- Eighty-eight percent of 4-H’ers agreed or strongly agreed that they can explain their science-related decisions to others.
- Eighty-nine percent agreed or strongly agreed that science is important in solving everyday problems.
- Ninety-nine percent agreed or strongly agreed that good scientists work together to solve problems.
- Sixty-nine percent felt they learned skills they could use to solve problems in school.

Nebraska 4-H is committed to preparing youth to pursue a post-secondary education.

- Ninety-two percent of 4-H members who graduated from high school in 2012 are pursuing post-secondary education.
- Thirty-three percent of 2012 4-H graduates are attending the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, with approximately 45 percent enrolled in a CASNR major.

Lisa Phillips, 4-H Youth Development Educator

Nebraska 4-H ensures that youth have knowledge and an appreciation of Nebraska’s largest industry.

- Ninety-seven percent of youth knew where their food comes from.
- Eighty-three percent of youth knew agriculture is the largest industry in Nebraska.
- Thirty-eight percent of youth will be careful about how they use water.
- Twenty-five percent of youth will grow a garden with their family.

Nebraska 4-H helps youth understand the impact of personal decisions.

- Seventy-six percent reported knowing the amount of physical activity they need each day.
- Eighty-eight percent said they understand the importance of limiting their screen time.

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