2024 NCR Volunteer Survey

Summary Report | All States



2252 completed responses across the 12 states of the North Central Region. An electronic survey was sent to a sample of 1,000 volunteers from each of the 12 NCR states, representing an overall 18.8% response rate.

There were also 140 total responses from the target population (Hispanic and /or not White/Undetermined/Prefer not to State).

For the region, participants averaged 13.5 years of service to 4-H

Years	Max	Mean	Median
Years served as a 4-H Volunteer	50.00	13.56	10.00

2/3 of all respondents were 4-H'ers as youth



Across the region, volunteers spent on average 9 hours per month for 4-H

Field	Min	Max	Mean	Median
Average hours per month volunteering with 4-H (active and preparation/planning)	1.0	320.0	8.8	5.0

None identified as nonbinary or another gender not listed

Field	Percentage
Female	78%
Male	20%

Gen X continues to represent the majority, though Millennials are growing.



4-H Volunteers continue to give their time and resources to help youth and make a difference in their communities



When asked, "Why do you volunteer?" respondents primarily looked to others.

Most volunteers in our survey give their time regularly throughout the year.



Most survey respondents feel they are very involved in 4-H programs



Most volunteers continue to primarily serve locally



Volunteers spend their time in a variety of ways, not only teaching skills and facilitating learning experiences, but connecting youth to their communities.



Yes, I have done this ONO, I haven't done this

In addition to time, volunteers provided other resources and connections.



🛡 Yes 🛛 🗧 No

Volunteers continue to personally benefit from their involvement in 4-H

I had fun. I built new relationships with ... I made a diff. in the lives of youth. I impacted my community. Helped youth gain leadership ... Thought how to include all youth. Shared decision-making with ... Gained skills I can use in other ... Know more re: working with youth Imp. planning experiences for ... Worked with youth diff. from me. Better connected to my community. Increased confidence as a leader. Increased ability to lead meetings. Increased problem solving skills. I improved in recruiting new youth Improved public speaking. I volunteered for other orgs I am a representative of [university]

6%		42%	52%			
9%		40%		51%		
12%		46%		41%		
14%		47%		38%		
12%		45%		42%		
12%		44%		42%		
179	%	51%		30%		0%
16%	6	47%				%
17	%	46%		34%		%
1	9%	44%)	33%		3%
15%	6	46%		36%		%
	22%	4	6%	29%		29%
6%	19%	42	%	32%		2%
7%	20%	41	.%	<mark>6</mark> 32%		2%
7%	21%		44%		28%	
7%	28%		42%		23%	
10%	24%	%	38% 28%		28%	
23	%	26%		31% 20%		20%
	30%	319	6	25% 14%		14%

🜒 Not True 🛛 😑 Somewhat True 🔍 True 🔍 Very True

Volunteers shared their most significant 4-H volunteer experience:

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Volunteers overwhelmingly feel they help youth gain learning and leadership skills as they prepare for careers and engage in communities.

"My volunteer work helps youth..."



Volunteers impact the communities where they live and work. Their value goes beyond the scope of the program and leads to changes in community conditions. These responses saw the greatest change since the 2019 survey, indicating a significant increase in the perceived public value of volunteering with 4-H.

"Volunteering with 4-H..."

