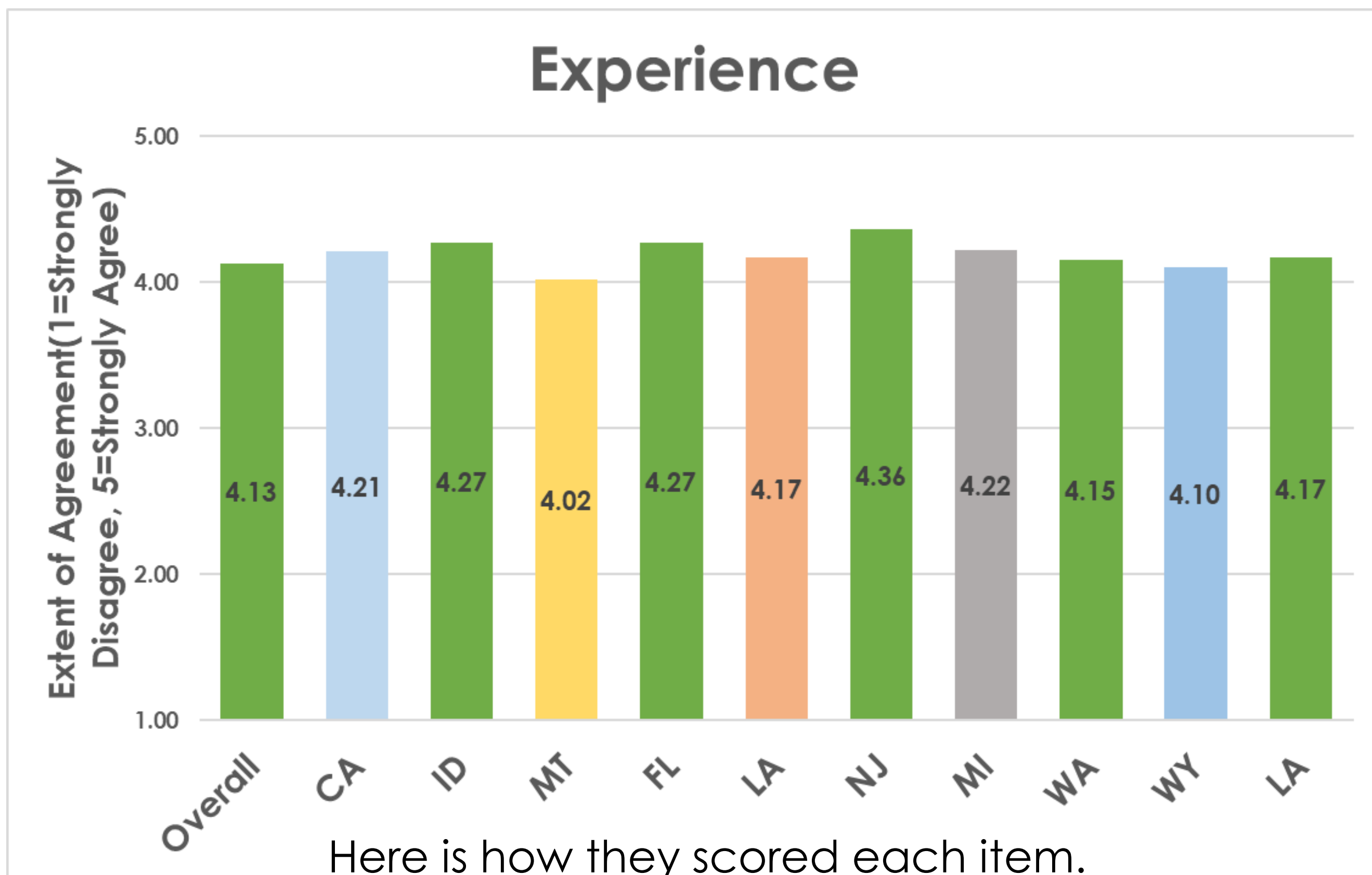


EXPERIENCE IN 4-H

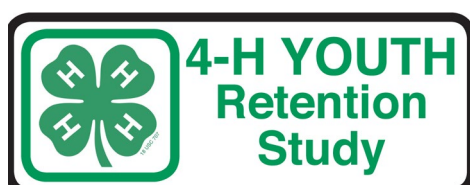
We asked youth to tell us how they felt about their experience in 4-H using the items below. They scored each statement on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 indicating strong agreement with the statement. These 10 items make up what we call an “experience” scale. Overall, youth report a positive experience in the program.



	% Agreed/Strongly Agreed
1. The adults who worked with me were caring	91%
2. Club leaders helped me figure out what was going on in my club	81%
3. My club made them feel important	80%
4. My project leaders were helpful	84%
5. I made new friends	80%
6. I learned new things in their 4-H project(s)	87%
7. I found my project meetings interesting	86%
8. I enjoyed club meetings	78%
9. Other members listened to what I had to say	81%
10. Adults listened to what I had to say	83%
11. I had the opportunity to serve my community	82%

Discuss with your walking partner:

1. Where is improvement most needed to create a positive experience for youth?
2. Do youth responses to these questions **surprise** you? **Why?**
3. Did you expect to see **higher scores** on certain items? Which ones & **why?**



The 4-H Youth Retention Study (YRS) is a multi-state project involving 8 states (CA, FL, ID, LA, MO, NJ, WA and WY). The goal of this research is to retain more youth in the 4-H program nationwide, as well as to recruit more youth to the program annually. This study surveys first-year members and their parents (adults) to better understand their experiences in the 4-H program and their intent to re-enrollment in the program for a second year. For more information, visit ucanr.edu/4-youthretentionstudy

