

OTHER INFORMATION

We asked adults to tell us about their history with the 4-H program. This will help us in assessing if experiences for youth (or from the adult's perspective) differ depending on whether the adult had prior experience and/or knowledge of the program. Percentage indicates the percent that responded "yes".

	% "yes"
Were you in 4-H as a child?	35%
Do you have other children in 4-H?	37%
Do you have other children that will join 4-H when they are old enough?	43%
Do you have other children that were previously in 4-H but left for reasons other than aging out?	7%

We asked youth and adults if they planned to join 4-H the following year. Below is the percent of chosen for each response. *Adults were not given the "I don't know" option.

	Youth	Adults
Yes	78%	86%
No	7%	14%
I Don't Know*	14%	--

We asked families to give an approximate number of hours per week spent on 4-H activities.

	Youth	Adults
0-5 hours per week	68%	69%
6-10 hours per week	19%	20%
11 or more hours per week	13%	11%

Discuss with your walking partner:

1. Do any of the findings here **surprise** you? Why or why not?
2. Do any **questions or thoughts** come to mind as you look at these findings? Jot these down to share with the group!



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-hyouthretentionstudy

