

EXPECTATIONS

We wanted to know if the family had expectations about 4-H upon joining. Fifty-four (54) percent of adults said they or their child had expectations of the program when they joined 4-H. Of those, 56% said their expectations were met. Below is a “Word Cloud” of the responses; the words here represent the responses. The larger the word, the more responses were related to that word. Below the word cloud is a table with the codes used to analyze the responses and the percentage breakdown.

Did you or your child have expectations of the program?

learning

friendship

belonging leadership
fair

service

mentoring growth structure

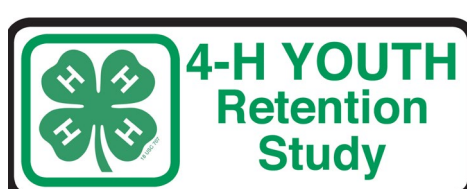
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Code Key	% of responses with this code
Fair (showing, ag connections, animals)	9%
Relationships with adults (guidance, mentoring)	8%
Learning and instruction (learning new things)	66%
Fun/enjoyment	19%
Friendship/social (meeting new people, friends)	16%
Personal/character development	8%
Community service	5%
Sense of belonging (feeling welcomed)	6%
Competition	2%
Club organization/structure	5%
Leadership opportunities	4%
Past experiences (family history)	1%
Others/misc.	14%

The total number of responses is 385. Responses could have more than one “code” the percentages add up to over 100%

Discuss with your walking partner:

1. Have you heard about similar **expectations** in your region/counties?
2. What do you think we need to do to **better meet** the expectations of our 4-H members and families?



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

