Cost Benefit Analysis
Missouri 4-H Youth Development Programs
University of Missouri Extension
July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012

Return on Investment

Public Investment in University of Missouri Extension: $ 6,395,918
4-H Youth Development faculty and staff; administrative support

Other Investments: External Funding and Leveraged Resources:
Missouri 4-H Foundation $ 587,494
Grants and Contracts $ 1,642,359
10,145 volunteers @ 200 hours @$18.70/hr $ 37,530,000 (leveraged)

Total External/Leveraged $ 39,759,853

For every $1.00 invested from public resources to support University of Missouri Extension, Missouri 4-H leveraged $6.20 to serve the youth and families of Missouri.

Total Annual Investment: $ 46,155,770

This is an average annual investment of $641 for each of the 71,996 young people enrolled in Missouri 4-H in 2012.

Program Value

For every $1 from public resources invested in University of Missouri Extension, Missouri 4-H provided programming valued at a return of $1.64 in program value to young people parents, communities and funders.

In “A Matter of Money: The cost and financing of youth development,” the Center for Youth Development and Policy Research calculates the average cost of youth development programs as $4.20 per hour. For the 71,966 youth enrolled in 4-H programs in 2012, the estimated value is:

25,329 youths in 4-H clubs @ 60 hours x $3.92/hour $ 6,382,908
16,614 youths in 4-H special interest @ 30 hours x $3.92/hour $ 2,093,364
41,703 youths in 4-H school enrichment @ 12 hours x $3.92/hour $ 2,011,752

Total 4-H Program Value $ 10,488,025