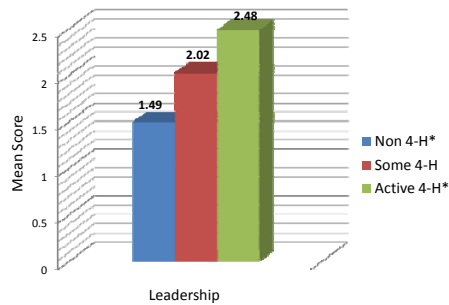


The 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development

In 2007, Missouri joined the 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development. This national study, sponsored by the National 4-H Council, included 4793 youth both 4-H and non 4-H from 34 states. In Missouri, 338 youth took part in the survey. Many of Missouri's results were consistent with the findings at the national level.

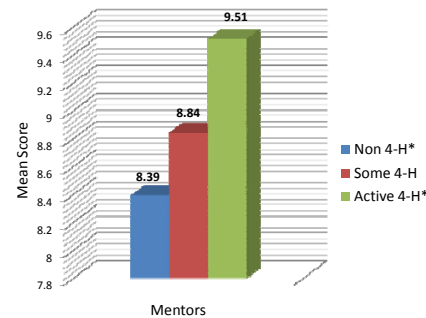
4-H Participation Makes a Difference

Active 4-H'ers have more leadership experiences



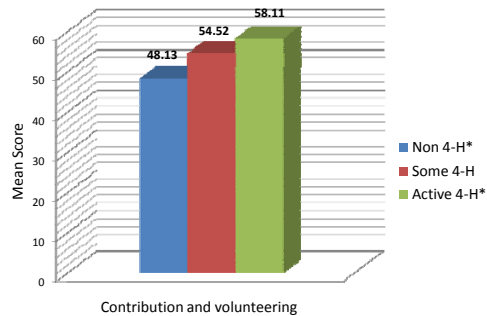
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Active 4-H'ers have more positive adult mentors



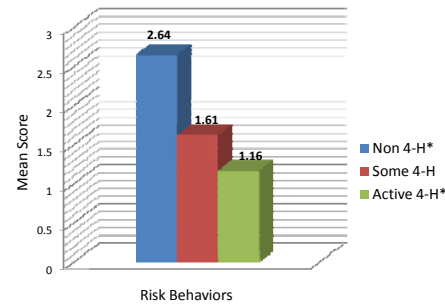
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Active 4-H'ers volunteer and contribute more



Statistically significant differences: *p<.05

Active 4-H'ers make better choices



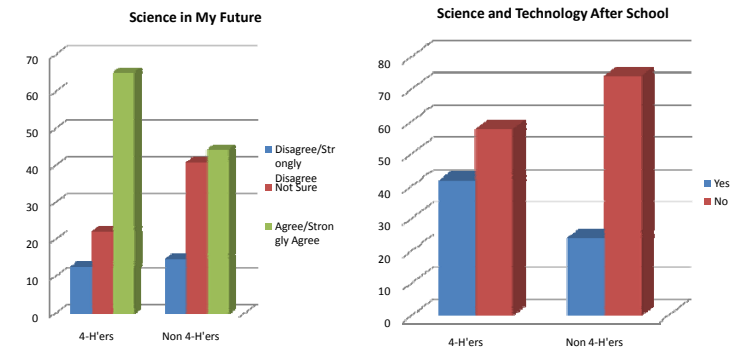
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**Risk behaviors include smoking cigarettes, drinking alcohol, using illegal drugs, and using illegal inhalants.

Non 4-H = 81 youth
Some 4-H = 63 youth
Active 4-H = 104 youth
***Active 4-H'er's are those who participated in 4-H activities 2 or more times a month

Youth Attitudes Towards Science and Technology

Missouri 4-H members were more likely to believe that science would be very useful in their future. They were also more likely to spend some of their out of school time learning about or working with science or technology.



Thank you to 4-H faculty who surveyed students.

