FFA Statistics

**MEMBERSHIP​**

Today, there are 579,678 FFA members, aged 12‒21, in 7,570 chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

* 44% of FFA members are female; women hold approximately 50% of state leadership positions.
* 67% of our membership is White; 22% is Hispanic/Latino; 8% is Black/African-American or American Indian; and 3% Asian, Pacific Islander or two or more races.
* 5% of FFA members are currently enrolled in grades 7-8; 91% of FFA members are currently enrolled in grades 9-12; 4% have already graduated from high school and may be engaged in postsecondary studies.
* FFA chapters are in 18 of the 20 largest U.S. cities, including New York, Chicago and Philadelphia.
* The top five membership states are Texas, California, Georgia, Missouri and Oklahoma.
* The 2012 National FFA Convention was host to 56,167 members, FFA advisors and FFA supporters.
* 2012-13 National FFA Organization membership by states: ([English](https://www.ffa.org/documents/ffa_membership_2013_eng.pdf)) ([Spanish](https://www.ffa.org/documents/ffa_membership_2013_esp.pdf))

**EDUCATION**

More than 11,000 FFA advisors and agriculture teachers deliver an integrated model of agricultural education providing students with innovative and leading-edge education, enabling them to grow into competent leaders.

* 92% offer agriscience; 71% offer advanced agriscience and biotechnology; 59% offer agricultural mechanics; 49% offer horticulture; 43% offer animal science; and 24% offer environment-related
* 23% of teachers have five or fewer years of teaching experience
* The shortage of qualified agriculture teachers is the greatest challenge facing FFA and agricultural education

**CAREER EXPLORATION**

FFA classroom activities include math and science as well as hands-on work experience and the development of life skills, helping members discover their career path and realize success.

* Collectively, FFA members earn more than $4 billion annually through their hands-on work experience.
* Members participate and learn advanced career skills in 49 national proficiency areas based on their hands-on work experiences ranging from agricultural communications and food science and technology to turf grass management and wildlife production and management.
* According to the student magazine readership study, 87% of our students are interested in learning about career exploration, 81% about college preparation and 81% about technology.
* Through 24 national career development events and one activity, FFA members are challenged to real-life, hands-on tests of skills used to prepare them for more than 300 careers in the agriculture industry.

**INDUSTRY SUPPORT**

Agriculture is the nation’s largest employer, with more than 23 million jobs (17 percent of the civilian workforce) involved in some facet of American agriculture.

* The National FFA Foundation has raised more than $249 million for the National FFA Organization since 1944.
* Over 3,000 sponsors provided more than $17 million for FFA and agricultural programs and activities in 2012.
* In 2013, 127 sponsors provided 1,726 individual scholarships worth over $2.1 million through the National FFA Organization.
* To date, more than $36 million in FFA collegiate scholarships have been awarded to students pursuing higher education.
* In 2012, American FFA Degree recipients earned and productively invested a total of $103 million through their supervised agricultural experience programs.
* At the National FFA Convention and Expo, the exhibit halls utilize more than 225,000 net square feet, attracting more than 400 exhibitors and vendors.

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