



2025 Kansas 4-H Thriving Model Survey

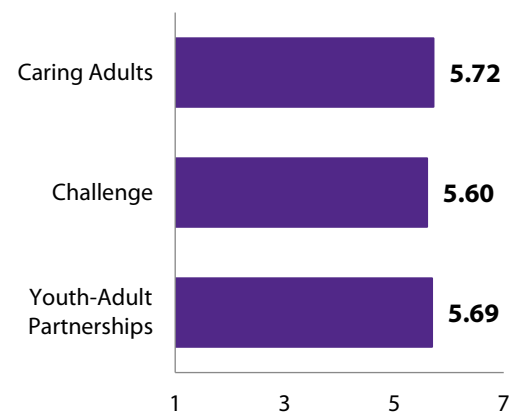
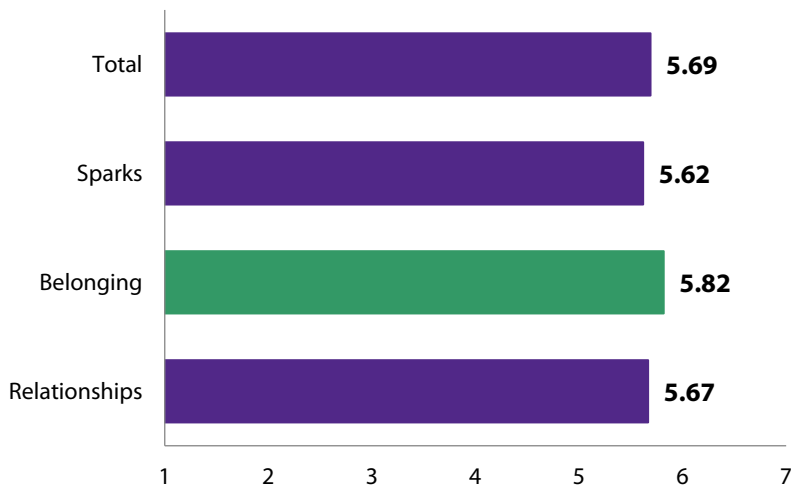
Kansas 4-H conducted an evaluation of youth programming in the summer of 2025, using the research validated 4-H Thriving Model Program Evaluation Instruments. Youth thrive when they have the chance to develop and practice skills which lead to social, emotional, and cognitive growth.

Overall 480 youth completed the survey. A total of 259 youth ages 10-12 completed the survey, and 221 youth ages 13 and older completed the survey.

In 4-H, youth are experiencing **high-quality learning environments.**

For youth to thrive, they need to be part of high-quality programs that give youth opportunities to explore their sparks, experience a sense of belonging, and develop supportive relationships. Developmental relationships are built with caring adults who challenge youth to grow together with the support of a youth-adult partnership.

Kansas youth reported being in high-quality programs, with **belonging as the highest rated component.** Experiences rated 4.9 or above are considered high quality.

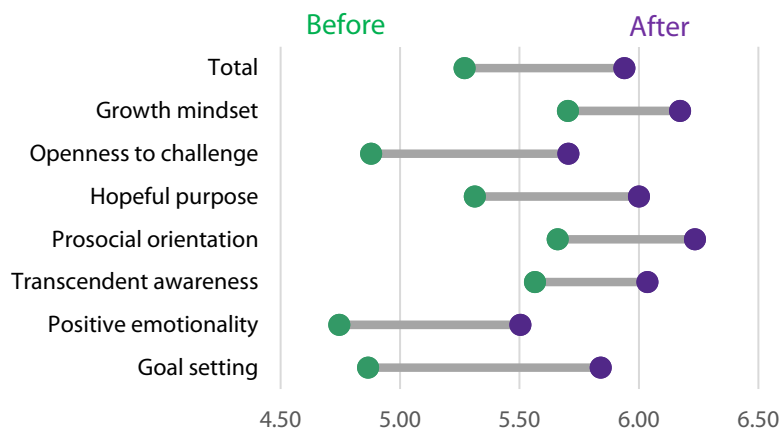


All items were scored on a 7-point scale, with 1 (not true at all) to 7 (very true). All component average scores fall into the 'high quality' category, which ranges from 4.9-6.1.

Youth are growing their thriving skills.

Thriving youth build their skills in seven areas: ● growth mindset ● openness to challenge and discovery ● hopeful purpose ● prosocial orientation ● transcendent awareness ● positive emotionality and ● goal setting. (Note: a single green dot notes the same before and after score.)

Results below show reported growth before and after 4-H. Youth grew in all areas, and top areas of growth for Kansas youth were **goal setting** and **openness to challenge and discovery**.

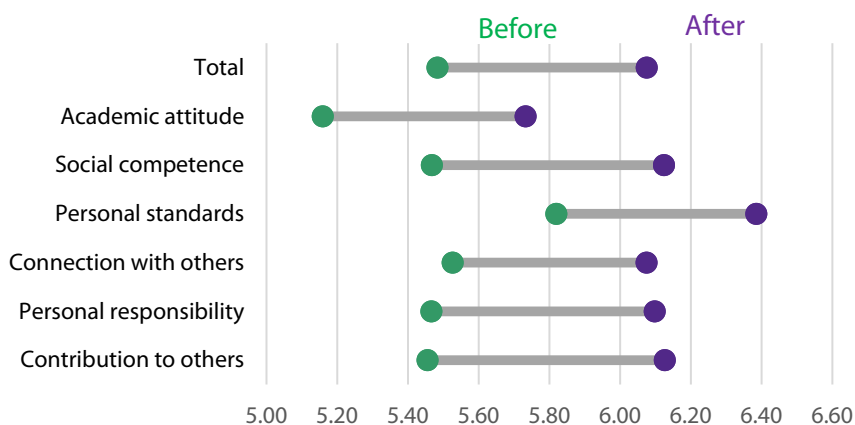


Youth are reaching thriving outcomes.

Kansas youth are achieving long-term thriving outcomes. The evaluation assessed six developmental outcomes:

- academic attitude ● social competence ● personal standards ● connection with others
- personal responsibility and ● contribution to others.

Kansas youth grew most in **contribution to others**.



I have built my business from my 4-H experience

~Kansas youth, age 15



I have helped start and maintain the community garden in my town for 4 years.

Kansas youth, age 17

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