

4-H Enrollment What and Why



ES-237 Enrollment Report is the report provided yearly to the federal government. The ES-237 report is important because:

- It serves as a primary accountability measure to our Federal partner for dollars we receive to support 4-H.
- It allows USDA/CSREES to argue for federal allocations from Congress.
- It serves as a data and research base about 4-H Youth Development Work. ES-237 reporting is based on the Federal definition of 4-H:

“4-H is ALL the youth development work done in the Cooperative Extension System. Hence, this includes ALL youth development work done, whether specifically labeled in a given instance as 4-H or not: Master Gardener, EFNEP, FSNEP and other Extension work done with youth is therefore counted for the ES237 and needs to be recorded in the Maryland 4-H database.

Maryland’s ES-237 data is collected through the Maryland 4-H Enrollment System. The data collected in the Maryland 4-H Enrollment System supports the purposes outlined above and:

- Serves as a program planning and evaluation tool for county/city 4-H programs.
- Provides information for funders, EACs, community collaborators, elected officials, media relations.
- Serves as a data and research base for 4-H county/city program assessment and review. 4-H enrollment in Maryland takes two primary forms:
 - 4-H Members – ALL youth who can be identified with a name, address home, school, or other), race, gender and age.
 - 4-H Bulk Enrollment – Enrollments that cannot be identified by name. Bulk (or group) enrollment is generally for programming involving youth where the primary purpose of the event is educational.

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