



4-H IMPACT!



HAWAII
4-H YOUTH
DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM

The Value of the Hawai'i 4-H Volunteer

Primary Role of 4-H Volunteers

First and foremost, the value of a 4-H volunteer is as a key figure in the life of a young person. The 4-H volunteer leader is an essential element in the positive youth development of a 4-H member.



In recent years, states have experienced increased competition for limited resources to fund 4-H professional positions. Because of this, 4-H volunteers have become more and more critical in the delivery and management of 4-H programs at the local level. In Hawai'i, there are 270 4-H volunteers who serve in this vital role.

Monetary Value of 4-H Volunteers

It has been estimated that the average 4-H volunteer provides 128 hours of volunteer service to the program on an annual basis.* When you multiply that figure by the current value of volunteer time in Hawai'i (\$23.80 per hour**), the monetary value of 4-H volunteers to the State of Hawai'i and to University of Hawai'i educational programs reaches **\$822,252 per year.**



* Volunteer Research, Knowledge Competency (VRKC): Taxonomy for 4-H youth development (2004).

** Source: Latest figure for the value of volunteer time from the 2015 Bureau of Labor Statistics, indexed by Independent Sector in April 2016.

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