Did you know?

Through campus and regional specialists and staff in 100 county extension offices, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach builds a strong Iowa by connecting Iowans to the resources of Iowa State. We engage Iowans and strengthen communities and their local economies by enhancing leadership capacity, creating partnerships, teaching best practices, and delivering research-based education and information to address current and emerging real-life challenges.

TOTAL NUMBER OF ADULT AND YOUTH DIRECT EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES WITH IOWANS(1)

In addition to these county contacts, 217,892 contacts occurred during statewide and/or regional educational events, totaling more than 871,000 educational contacts across the state.

(1) In these exchanges, ISU Extension and Outreach assisted Iowans through educational programming or by connecting them to ISU expertise and resources.
ISU Extension and Outreach enabled 16,785 Iowa farmers and 2,756 companies to receive necessary certifications.

Our Agriculture and Natural Resources extension education was delivered through 124,806 contacts at in-person and virtual events with farmers and agribusinesses, providing research-based information to help Iowans grow the economic base of Iowa agriculture.

6,697 early child care and education professionals completed our online courses, and now provide high-quality care for children throughout the state.

Our 4-H Youth Development programs reached more than 123,000 Iowa youth in 2021-22, preparing these young people to actively pursue careers and education beyond high school and build skills.

Community and Economic Development extension staff offer instruction to assist municipal professionals in their daily duties and become certified. In a 2021 survey, 69% of respondents reported a salary increase, contract extension, job title change, or improved benefit package as a result of Iowa Municipal Professionals Institute certification.

952 Iowans who have been trained in “Mental Health First Aid” and “Question. Persuade. Refer.” are better able to recognize when someone is hurting and help them find resources.

900 elected county extension council members work with decision makers, build relationships, and help select extension educational opportunities to address local issues.

5,801 volunteers supported our educational opportunities for youth, environmental stewardship, and health and wellness. For example, this year our Growing Together Iowa volunteers harvested and donated 114,793 pounds of fruits and vegetables to Iowa food pantries – providing fresh produce to people in need.

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