NC State Extension is a bridge between North Carolinians and our state’s preeminent research university. We transform science into everyday solutions across the state, extending knowledge through programs and partnerships focused on agriculture and food, health and nutrition, and 4-H youth development.

In 2019, we connected with 1.5M people via 13,000+ programs. 

$2.1B Impact
Annual economic impact on North Carolina.

27-to-1 ROI
Extension generates a 27-to-1 return on government investments.

2.6M
Unique visitors to Extension site
8.1M
Total pageviews

$117.6M Expenses
State of N.C. $42.9M
N.C. Counties $29.1M
Other $29.2M
Federal $16.4M

1,058 Professionals
101 Local Centers
County centers are staffed by 619 NC State employees, while another 439 faculty and staff work on campus with Extension in some capacity.
NC State Extension keeps North Carolina’s agriculture industry – the state’s leading economic sector – growing and sustainable by connecting growers with research-based information and technology.

248 county employees
542,507 face-to-face contacts
124,521 participants attended programs
96,792 farms adopted our best management practices
$92B – value of N.C. agriculture industry

NC State Extension helps people make healthier decisions and live better lives through programs that range from home gardening and healthy eating to local food systems and food safety.

112 county employees
219,860 face-to-face contacts
71,973 participants attended programs
4,646 food service employees trained
13,313 adults and 33,241 youth increased their consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables

Extension’s 4-H program addresses the diverse issues and backgrounds of today’s youth, helping to grow more than 260,000 young people into healthier, more involved citizens and future leaders.

109 county employees
591,854 face-to-face contacts
261,210 total 4-H’ers
8,400 youth attended 4-H camp
16,789 volunteers supported 4-H programming

Note: An additional 20 NC State county employees are affiliated with other/multiple program areas (not included in figures above), as well as another 130 county Extension employees that are funded entirely by county governments.