

UConn EXTENSION by the Numbers 2021

UConn Extension programs reach individuals, students, communities, and businesses in each of the 169 municipalities across the state. *By the Numbers 2021* highlights some of our key impacts from these initiatives.



157,653
citizens engaged in UConn Extension programs.

*"Tratar de integrar a mis comidas todos los consejos que aprendí en esta clase ya que son muy productivos gracias por compartir con nosotras todos sus conocimientos de cocina."
("It was very helpful and now I put it into practice, it helped me a lot to eat healthier and spend less money buying food on sale.") - EFNEP Participant*



HEALTH & WELL-BEING



26,875 low-income families served through community nutrition programs.

80% of children who participated in the pediatric-adapted liking survey (PALS) are willing to try and make the recommended healthy behavior change.

24.4

million in active grants



4.4

million: value of 156,597 volunteer hours across all programs

According to the Independent Sector



AGRICULTURE & FOOD

300 jobs supported by CT Sea Grant through **46** aquaculture companies involved in shellfish restoration work.

208 plant samples diagnosed at the UConn Lab.

1,644 participants in the Solid Ground program since its inception have produced **\$1.3** million in crop value.

MASTER GARDENERS

1,508 class participants

120,640 hours of learning

35,267 hours volunteering

102 classes



*"Climate change is challenging so many aspects of our lives. Working with Avalonia Land Conservancy on the Hoffman Evergreen Preserve is an opportunity to look forward and plan for healthy coastal forests for generations to come."
- Extension Educator, on developing the Stonington coastal forest management plan*



4-H YOUTH

13,177 participants

1,925 volunteers



(1 clover = 1,000 people)

CLIMATE RESILIENCE & ADAPTATION



8 independent study students completed **1,008** hours on climate resilience and adaptation projects.

Developing a plan for a **198-acre** forest preserve in Stonington to improve forest health and adapt to climate change.

"Now people call Extension and ask us for assistance and advice and that has been very helpful for the community. I see a lot more tribal members gardening throughout the community." - Executive Director of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation's Department of Agriculture.



SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPES

37,461 visitors to the Connecticut Trail Finder website where they explored over **100** trails statewide.

58 towns have conducted Green Snow Pro training to reduce the road salt use and improve environmental water conditions.

391 virtual attendees at the UConn Native Plants and Pollinators Conference.

"Today's conference was a HOME RUN! Great information. Stimulating. ... Thanks for all you do to educate and minister to the green industry. I'm psyched to go out and save the world. Rejuvenated and inspired!" - Glastonbury Parks & Recreation Supervisor





national and state awards and honors received by Extension specialists

8,859

hours of instruction by Extension specialists across all programs

138

municipalities and 23 states and territories served by the CT Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory

156,597

volunteer hours across all program areas

2,864

volunteers across all program areas

79,500

viewers of Extension videos on YouTube

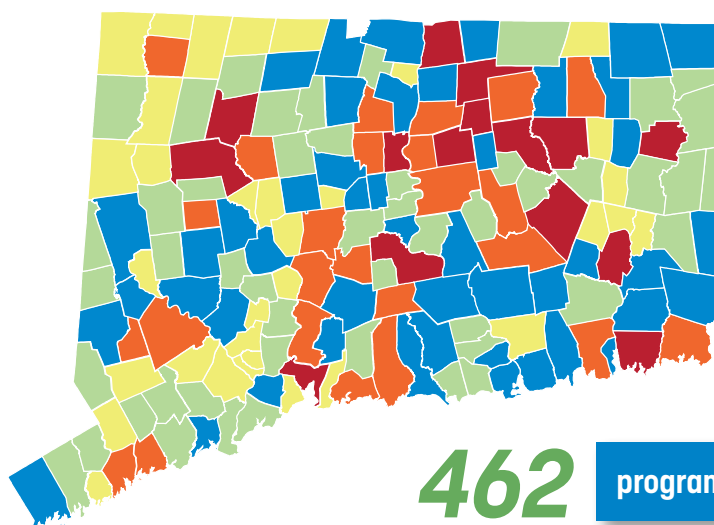
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consultancies on the local, state, and national levels by Extension specialists

149

donors to UConn Extension programs statewide

ACTIVE EXTENSION PROGRAMS IN CONNECTICUT



Number of Programs

- 7-10
- 11-14
- 15-18
- 19-21
- 22-33

462

programs provided statewide

733

learning events statewide

220

UConn Extension publications



JUSTICE, EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

Extension is part of the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources (CAHNR), and together, we firmly believe that our institution is enriched by the diversity of our community. Our commitment to actively fostering inclusion and equity is founded on a deep respect for the experiences, challenges, and realities of individuals. It is also based on a recognition that systems and structures have historically privileged certain groups and hindered or harmed others. Efforts to address these systems are the joint responsibility of all of us at CAHNR, and we are dedicated to working together to build a welcoming, equitable community where all can thrive.

Extension is actively increasing justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion initiatives across all of our program areas. It is one of the five CAHNR strategic initiatives that all our programs align with. We are working with community members, stakeholders, and advisors to provide greater access and accessibility.