

University of Nevada, Reno Extension

Washoe County FY2024-2025 Annual Report

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4-H Youth
Development

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Gardeners

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- Extension **identifies critical community needs** and designs educational programs and activities to address those needs.
- Extension implements ongoing **program evaluation** to ensure educational offerings impact and improve the lives of Washoe County residents through the planned educational process.
- Extension funds from the ad valorem tax are appropriated for educational programs on:
 - **Community and Economic Development**
 - **Health and Nutrition**
 - **Agriculture**
 - **Youth, Personal and Family Development**
 - **Horticulture**
 - **Natural Resources**



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4-H Youth Development

4-H is a learning-by-doing youth development program. Youth ages 5-19 participate in hands-on projects in a variety of delivery modes to support curiosity, skill development, and lifelong learning.

- **9,840** total youth were engaged in 4-H Youth Development programs
- **6,021** youth in **In-School Enrichment Programs**
- **3,217** youth in **After School STEM Programs** in Washoe County Title I schools
- **35** youth in 4-H **Overnight Camp Programs**
- **266** youth in **STEM/STEAM Day Camps**
- **307** youth in **4-H clubs** facilitated by club volunteers



Living With Fire

- Extension's Living With Fire program (LWF) provides practical, research-based recommendations on preparing for wildfire and reducing wildfire threats to homes and communities in Northern Nevada.
- LWF shared educational resources at **43 events** in Washoe County, including contractor trainings, community workshops, and resource tabling. They directly engaged with **928 community members**.
- The **2025 Fire Adapted Nevada Summit** brought together over **200 attendees** representing a broad network of government agencies, nonprofits, and community leaders to strengthen partnerships, share knowledge, and equip Nevada communities with actionable wildfire adaptation strategies.



Master Gardeners



- Extension Master Gardeners are trained volunteers who support successful home gardening in Washoe County. In FY25, they provided research-based answers to home horticulture questions from **1,865 Washoe residents**.
- The **Gardening in Nevada** Bartley Ranch series reached over 1,000 participants and collected 400 pounds of food!
- The **Junior Master Gardener Program** took root in the Lemelson STEM academy, providing weekly science-based horticulture activities for grades PreK-5. They hosted a field trip to the MG greenhouse.
- The **“Grow Your Own, Nevada”** training provided practical information on growing food at home to **551 Washoe residents**.



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Strengthening Civic Engagement

- Extension partnered with Washoe County to deliver the **Washoe County Leadership Academy**, a nine-month journey to experience a behind-the-scenes view of government in their community while developing leadership, civility, and conflict management.
- **15 newly elected city council members and county commissioners** from across Nevada participated in the "Newly Elected Local Officials Training," an educational summit to support effective and confident leadership.
- **32 youth** from across the state participated in **4-H Day at the Legislature**, where they learned about their state government, met legislative representatives, and visited with University of Nevada President Brian Sandoval.





Healthy Eating and Living

Extension's SNAP-Education program hosted the first **Washoe Healthy Kids Festival**. Over **250 families** with children ages 3-8 explored the festival stations, learning about how vegetables grow, picking foods to take home at the farmer's market, tasting a delicious sweet potato smoothie, and learning about nutrition at a MyPlate demonstration station.

The SNAP-Education program provided nutrition education in Washoe schools, early childcare centers, and community sites, reaching **156 Pre-K children, 1,688 K-12 students, and 358 adults**. They also directed **46 Policy, System, and Environment changes** at community resource sites to make the healthy choice the easy choice.



Workforce Development

Radon Education for Realtors

181 realtors educated on the importance of testing for radon during the home buying process.

Pesticide Safety and Weed Warriors

65 pesticide applicators received training to maintain their certification. **35 weed management professionals** trained in identifying and managing noxious weeds.

Early Childhood Education

Over 100 early childhood educators trained in best practices for childhood development and received the Child Development Associate credential.

2024-2025 Fiscal Report

FY25 Expenses by Revenue Source

State	\$1,316,706
Federal	\$194,013
County	\$2,043,121
Grants	\$2,554,135
Gifts	\$235,226
Total	\$6,402,826

FY25 Washoe County Extension Funds Summary

Opening Balance	\$2,485,568
Revenue	\$2,353,696
Expenses	\$2,043,121
Ending Balance	\$2,796,143



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