



83,389

**Extension Master Gardener volunteers**

Extension Master Gardener is one of the largest volunteer organizations in the country.

5,293,130

**volunteer hours**

The average Extension Master Gardener volunteers an average of 60 hours a year.

\$122,112,509

**value of volunteer hours**

The national estimated value of volunteer time is \$23.07 an hour according to Independent Sector. ([www.independentsector.org](http://www.independentsector.org))

14,256

**newly trained Extension Master Gardeners**

On average, each state trains nearly 400 Extension Master Gardeners every year.

629,327

**hours completed in training**

On average, each Extension Master Gardener has over 40 hours of training before becoming certified.

846,431

**pounds of produce donated**

Fifteen states reported data on food donations. It is estimated nationwide that Extension Master Gardeners donate 1,382 tons of fresh produce to food banks and pantries yearly.

1,047,037

**direct contacts**

Direct contacts include hotline/helpline calls, emails, live presentations, site visits, events such as farmer's markets, plant clinics and county fairs, and eXtension Ask an Expert responses.

51,051,383

**yearly media reach**

Yearly media reach includes state and county websites, radio, tv, newspaper, Extension publications, and social media including Facebook, Pinterest, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

981,603

**continuing education credits earned**

Extension Master Gardeners often continue their education to remain certified.

2,026

**community gardens**

Seventeen states reported. It is estimated that there are nearly 6,000 community gardens nationally that involve Extension Master Gardeners.

1,001

**community gardens with youth involved**

Eleven states reported. It is estimated that there are over 4,400 community gardens with Extension Master Gardeners working alongside youth.

38 **states reporting**

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| Alabama    | Indiana     | Nevada         | Tennessee  |
| Arizona    | Iowa        | New Mexico     | Texas      |
| Arkansas   | Kansas      | New York       | Utah       |
| California | Kentucky    | North Carolina | Vermont    |
| Colorado   | Louisiana   | North Dakota   | Virginia   |
| Delaware   | Michigan    | Ohio           | Washington |
| Florida    | Minnesota   | Oklahoma       | Wisconsin  |
| Georgia    | Mississippi | Oregon         | Wyoming    |
| Hawaii     | Montana     | Pennsylvania   |            |
| Illinois   | Nebraska    | South Carolina |            |

The information provided was compiled from data collected by the Extension Master Gardener National Committee in 2015. The numbers reflect data collected in 2014. 38 of 49 states that currently have Master Gardener programs reported information about impacts of their program. The overall national impact of the program is significantly higher.