

# LOUISIANA AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

The Leader of Career and Technical Education



# OUR MISSION AND WHO WE ARE

The National FFA Organization makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

- FFA is the largest Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) in the United States
  - Over 760,000 members in 52 states and territories
  - Provides students with diverse opportunities in agriculture, business, science, education, communication, and technology
  - Blends career readiness and leadership
  - Students become better prepared for their future careers









# WHAT IS AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION?

- School-based education program that teaches agriculture, food, and natural resources
- In this context, students learn and strengthen skills in
  - Science
  - Mathematics
  - Communication
  - Leadership
  - Management
  - Technology
- Based on the three-circle model of education

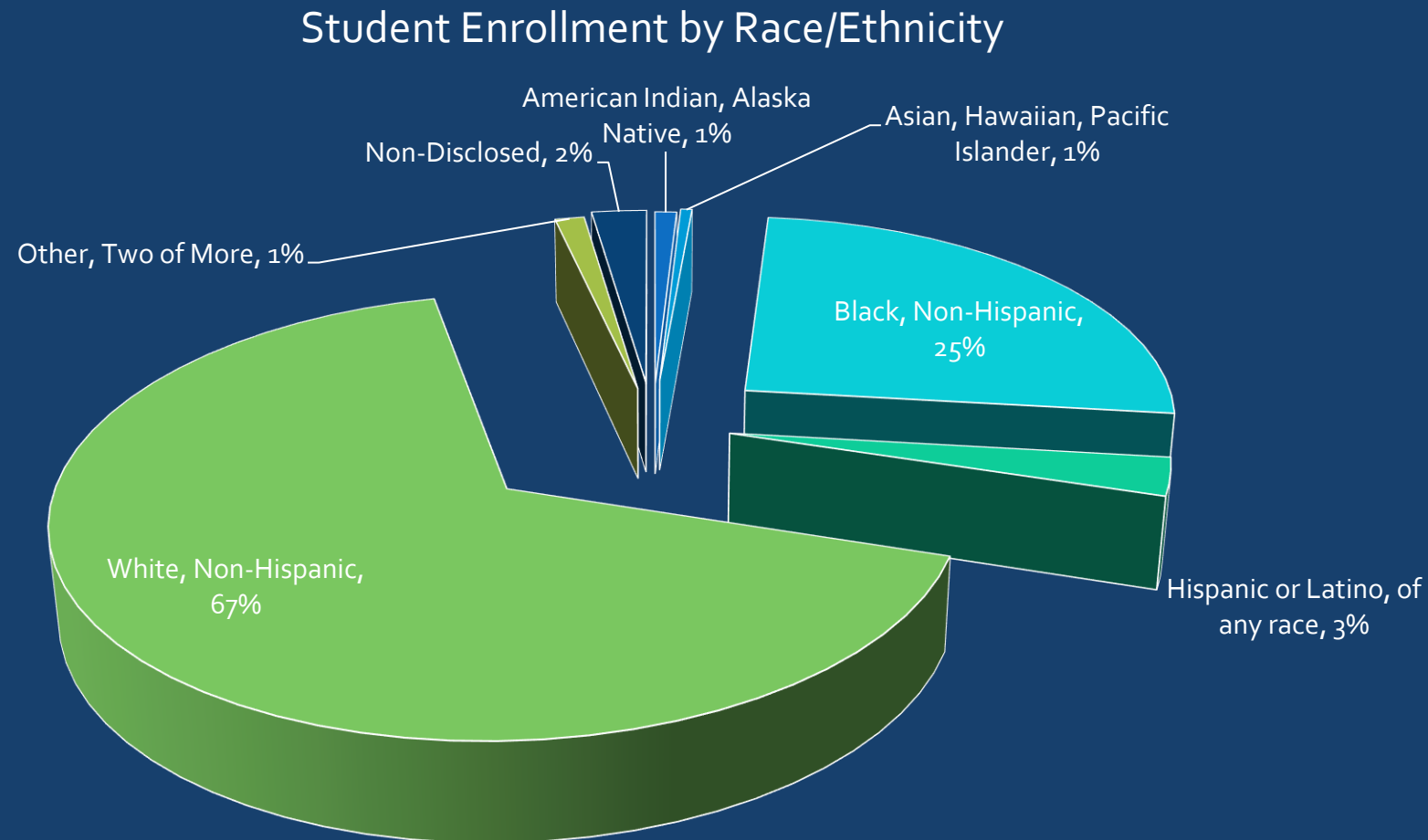


# WHAT IS THE SCOPE OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION IN LOUISIANA?

- Over 25,000 students in grades 7-12
  - One of the largest CTE programs in the state
  - 20% membership growth since 2016
  - Over 11,300 of these students are FFA members
- 203 programs in 51 parishes
  - Urban, suburban, and rural
    - Programs in Monroe, Alexandria, Lake Charles, Lafayette, Baton Rouge with interest in Shreveport and New Orleans
- Blends academic and technical education
- Fully integrated with Jump Start
  - IBCs in AgriTech, Forestry, and NCCER Welding, Carpentry, and Electrical

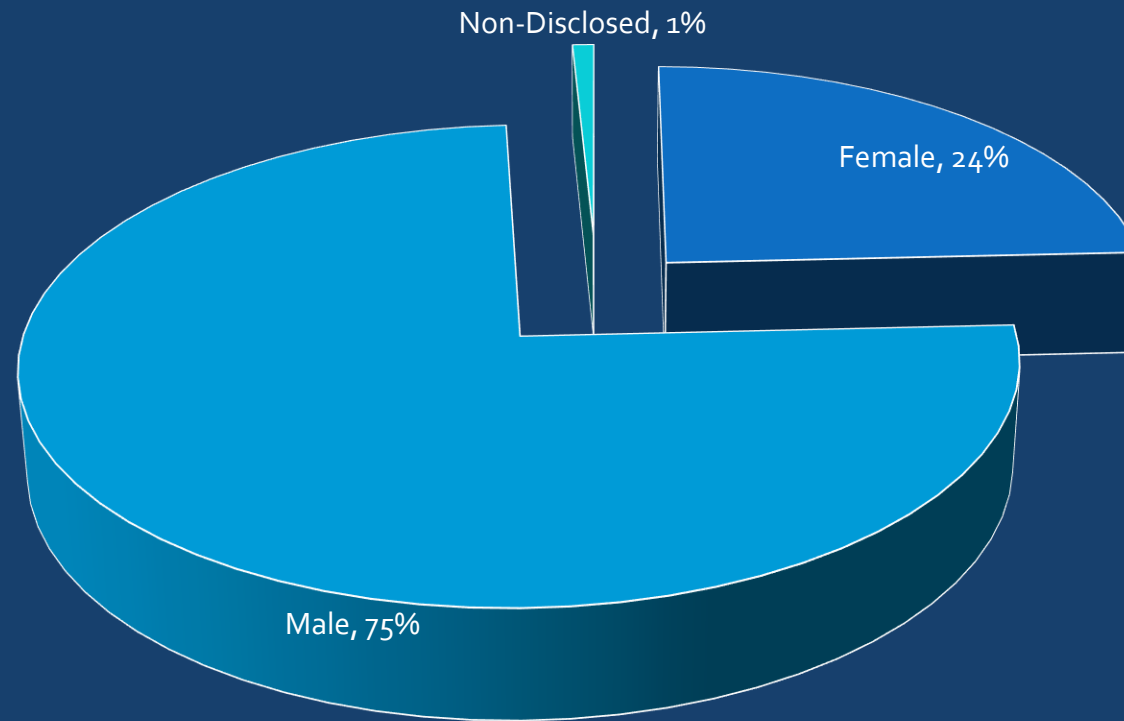


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Student Enrollment by Gender





# AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM

- AgriTech is based on Agriscience I, II, and III
  - These courses include:
    - Mechanics (welding, small engines, electricity)
    - Animal science
    - Plant and soil science
    - Environmental science
    - Entomology
    - Food science
    - Business management and marketing
    - Leadership





# AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION IS ESSENTIAL

- Directly training the state's future workforce
- Less time for turnover
  - A workforce already equipped with the fundamental knowledge and skills to be successful
- 3,000 students graduate from the program each year
- Teaches combination of technical and soft skills
  - Leadership, time management, character, dependability, work ethic



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF LOUISIANA FFA!



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