

Master Gardener

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Master Gardener Volunteer Program of New York State January 2006 - December 2006

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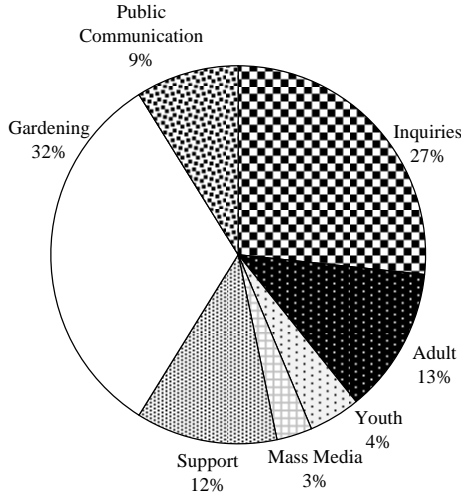
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New York State Summary

In 2006, over **2,200 active Master Gardener Volunteers (MGV)** spend more than **102,000 hours** working to bring gardening success to New York State citizens and communities. That volunteer time is equal to **56 FTEs** (full time equivalents) and is estimated to be worth more than **\$1.8 million** to the outreach effort of Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE).

Through their service MGV helped CCE make more than **156,000 direct citizen contacts**. That averages out to 70 direct citizen contacts per MGV.

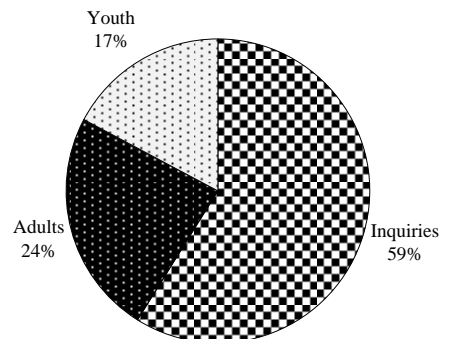
What work did Master Gardener Volunteers do in our NYS communities in 2006?



- 32% of MGJV hours are spent gardening to create and maintain educational demonstration gardens or public green spaces.
- 27% of MGJV hours are spent researching and answering inquiries or advising community members via phone, email or face to face in the office or in public settings.
- 13% of MGJV hours are spent preparing and leading or co-leading educational garden-related programs targeted at adults; including talks given through a speaker’s bureau as well as workshops, tours or presentations at events like a garden show or fair.
- 9% of MGJV hours are spent in CCE public communication by assisting with community activities such as county fair, garden events, fundraisers (e.g. plant sales) and PR events.
- 12% of MGJV hours are spent supporting CCE community horticulture programming by assisting with the organization and implementation of educational garden-related programs for the community or other MGJV; including meeting with others to plan educational activities or helping with office work.
- 4% of MGJV hours are spent preparing and leading or co-leading educational garden-related programs targeted at children, youth or families; including programming in schools or informal settings like 4-H Youth Development programs (e.g. Junior Master Gardener clubs) or those associated with a larger event such as a fair or family day events.
- 3% of MGJV hours are spent researching, preparing and providing educational gardening material via TV, radio, newspaper or other mass media.

Where did Master Gardener Volunteers directly reach citizens in our communities in 2006?

- 59 % of MGJV direct contacts occur while answering inquiries or advising community members via phone, email, or face to face in the office or at public events or settings.
- 24% of MGJV direct contacts occur while leading or co-leading educational garden-related programs targeted at adults.
- 15% of MGJV direct contacts occur during while leading or co-leading programs targeted at children, youth or families.



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Master Gardener Volunteer Contribution in NYS Counties

County (Grouped most to least populated)	New MGV	Active MGV	Service Hours	Contacts	Hrs/ MGV	Contacts/ MGV	FTEs	Value of MGV
Erie		54	3,885	5,295	72	98	2.1	\$69,075
Monroe		143	7,203	8,354	50	58	3.9	\$128,069
Nassau		136	3,436	12,425	25	91	1.9	\$61,092
Suffolk	43	396	13,530	8,000	34	20	7.4	\$240,555
Westchester	35	110	7,927	3,837	72	35	4.3	\$140,942
Albany	14	70	4,131	6,587	59	94	2.3	\$73,454
Broome	15	60	8,466	4,086	141	68	4.6	\$150,517
Dutchess	22	45	4,195	2,837	93	63	2.3	\$74,587
Fulton/Montgomery	3	14	956	1,719	68	123	0.5	\$16,998
Jefferson		17	827	1,169	49	69	0.5	\$14,704
Niagara		32	508	1,307	16	41	0.3	\$9,032
Oneida		78	2,378	2,930	30	38	1.3	\$42,281
Ontario		35	1,159	6,299	33	180	0.6	\$20,607
Orange	19	52	4,732	4,725	91	91	2.6	\$84,126
Oswego		8	396	436	50	55	0.2	\$7,041
Rensselaer	9	72	2,833	2,979	39	41	1.6	\$50,371
Rockland		31	878	1,184	28	38	0.5	\$15,611
Saratoga	25	211	8,079	34,838	38	165	4.4	\$143,645
Schenectady	8	53	1,111	3,700	21	70	0.6	\$19,754
St. Lawrence		4	39	80	10	20	0.0	\$693
Ulster		35	1,607	5,500	46	157	0.9	\$28,572
Allegany/Cattaraugus		16	840	2,336	53	146	0.5	\$14,935
Cayuga		13	238	321	18	25	0.1	\$4,232
Chemung		29	1,668	1,426	58	49	0.9	\$29,653
Chenango		13	695	365	53	28	0.4	\$12,348
Clinton	12	22	1,674	2,609	76	119	0.9	\$29,764
Columbia	4	18	1,638	11,044	91	614	0.9	\$29,124
Essex	10	30	1,526	3,291	51	110	0.8	\$27,132
Genesee	10	67	2,641	940	39	14	1.4	\$46,957
Greene		18	573	576	32	32	0.3	\$10,188
Herkimer		1	6	75	6	75	0.0	\$107
Livingston	1	10	606	438	61	44	0.3	\$10,775
Orleans	7	23	566	1,133	25	49	0.3	\$10,063
Otsego		16	1,295	1,455	81	91	0.7	\$23,025
Putnam		64	1,241	1,613	19	25	0.7	\$22,065
Schoharie	5	10	675	715	68	72	0.4	\$12,002
Seneca		22	453	763	21	35	0.2	\$8,054
Steuben		14	219	169	16	12	0.1	\$3,894
Sullivan		12	482	1,058	40	88	0.3	\$8,570
Tioga		24	1,936	535	81	22	1.1	\$34,422
Tompkins		42	1,402	1,295	33	31	0.8	\$24,928
Warren		18	405	635	22	35	0.2	\$7,192
Washington	8	52	1,253	3,080	24	59	0.7	\$22,278
Wayne		20	768	1,233	38	62	0.4	\$13,655
Wyoming	5	9	149	132	17	15	0.1	\$2,649
Yates		14	1,126	1,055	80	75	0.6	\$20,011
All Counties with MGV	255	2,233	102,348	156,579	46	70	56	\$1.8 million

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Additional Community Horticulture Volunteers

County	new volunteers	active volunteers	hours of service	contacts*
Onondaga	53	60	844	39
Tompkins				
Citizen Pruners		25	240	n/a
Master Composter		12	336	n/a
Community		30	900	n/a
TOTALS	53	127	2320	39

Notes:

The Master Gardener Volunteer Contribution table includes all 46 county units that support a MGV program.

Counties are grouped in these three size categories based on U.S. Census Bureau's Annual Estimates of Populations for Counties of N.Y.:

Most Populated Counties have >500,000 people

Medium Populated Counties have >100,000 <500,000 people

Least Populated Counties have <100,000 people

Contacts include county individuals, with whom Master Gardener Volunteers have directly advised via phone, mail, email, diagnostic clinics or workshops. It does not include all the additional citizens reached via mass media, community events and demonstration or beautification gardens.

FTE means Full Time Equivalent. 1.0 FTE works 228 eight-hour days per year for a total of 1824 hrs of work per year.

The Value of MGVs was calculated by multiply hours of service by \$17.78. This hourly value of Master Gardener Volunteer service was determined by reviewing the CCE Program Family Job Profiles, selecting the Extension Program Educator II position as the one most equivalent to the Master Gardener Volunteer position, determining the average minimum hourly earnings paid for this position and adding a fringe benefit package of 33% to get a total compensation package. For additional details contact LJB7@cornell.edu.

Volunteers are keeping up to date.

The total number of hours all active volunteers spent advancing their Master Gardeners Volunteer work through participating in professional development, trainings or educational meetings was about **31,000 hours in 2006**. That averages out to approximately **14 hours per Master Gardener Volunteer**.

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County Summaries:

Individual County's Distribution of Master Gardener Volunteers' activity and contacts are displayed on the following pie charts. Counties are grouped by population category (Most Populated (>500,000 people), Medium Populated (>100,000 <500,000) and Least Populated Counties (<100,000)) and within groups they are alphabetized. A program highlight is included if submitted by the county.

Key to Pie Chart Categories:

Inquiries: Time spent researching and answering inquiries or advising community members via phone, email or face to face in the office or at public events or settings; including diagnostic clinics and time testing soil or answer home garden-related questions at a table or booth at fair, farmer's market, library, garden center, any public event.

Adults: Time spent preparing and leading or co-leading an educational garden-related program targeted at adults; including talks given through a speaker's bureau to local community groups as well as individual workshops/presentations/tours or those associated with larger community events such as a garden show or fair.

Youth: Time spent preparing and leading or co-leading an educational garden-related program targeted at children, youth or families; including programming in schools or informal settings like 4-H Youth Development (e.g. Junior Master Gardener clubs) or those associated with a larger event such as a fair or family day events.

Mass Media: Time spent researching, preparing and providing educational gardening material via TV, radio, newspaper or other mass media.

Support: Time spent assisting with the organization and implementation of educational garden-related programs for the community in general or other Master Gardener Volunteers; including meeting with others to plan educational activities, registering program participants, helping with office work such (e.g. entering data for MGV report).

Gardening: Time spent creating and maintaining educational demonstration gardens or community public green spaces; including caring for natural areas, street tree care and community beautification projects.

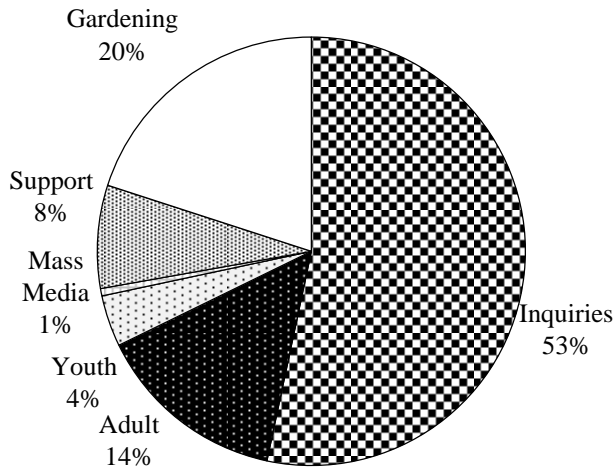
PC: Public Communication. Time spent assisting with community activities associated with county fair, garden events, fundraisers (e.g. plant sales) and other public relations events. Time spent advising face to face at these events is recorded under responding to inquiries and time leading specific programs at these events is recorded under adults or youth.

Direct contacts include county individuals, with whom Master Gardener Volunteers have directly advised via their activity in these three areas: Inquiries, Adults and Youth. See full descriptions of these activities above. Direct contacts are not tracked for mass media, support, gardening or PR categories.

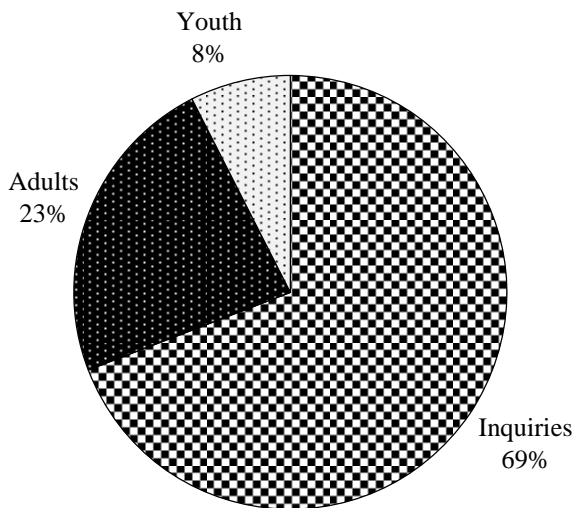
Most populated (> 500,000 residents)

Erie County

Distribution of Master Gardener Volunteers' activity



Distribution of Master Gardener Volunteers' direct contacts



Providing Education to Promote Beautification

Master Gardener Volunteers (MGV) in Erie County CCE developed and implemented a garden school for residents in the city of Buffalo called "Communities in Bloom." The program is held over two days and covers a wide range of gardening topics with many MGV leading the educational sessions. Graduates of the garden school are encouraged to create gardens in their front yards to beautify neighborhoods.

A MGV with a Mission

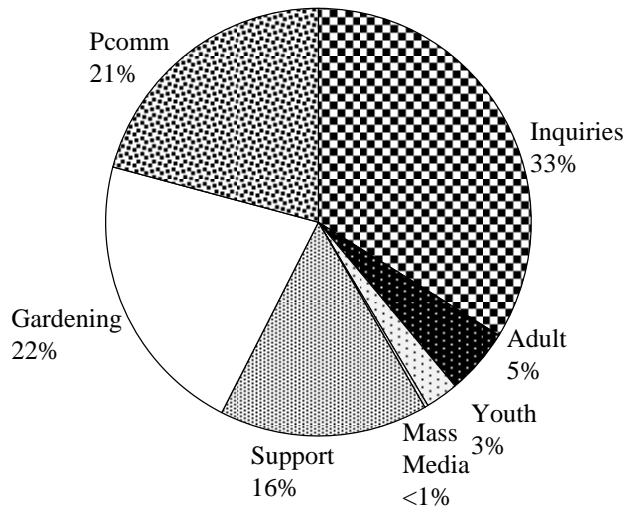
As the Volunteer Garden Hotline Coordinator in 2006 Mary Ellen Roemer help transform the hotline office into an efficient, state of the art resource library with computers, Internet access, a hotline email account, organized files with up to date fact sheets and reference materials as well as subject matter notebooks with pictorial references.

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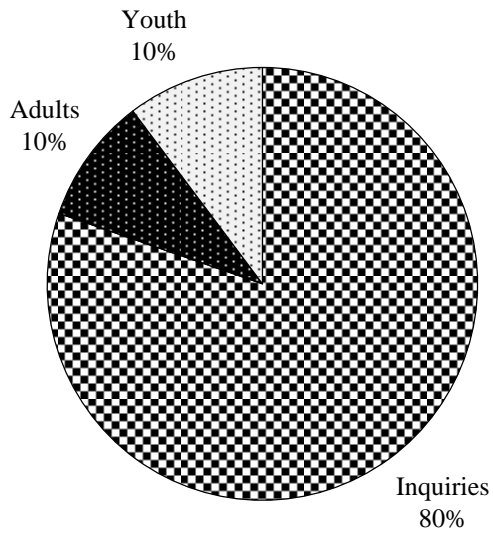
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Monroe County

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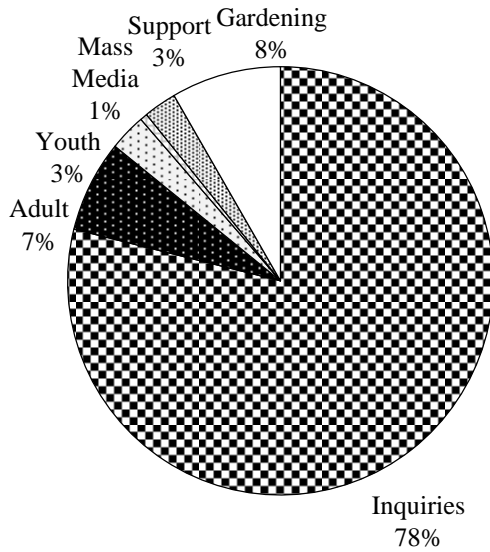


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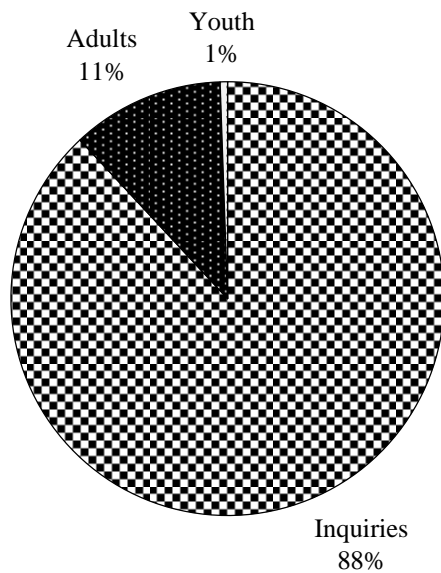
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Nassau County

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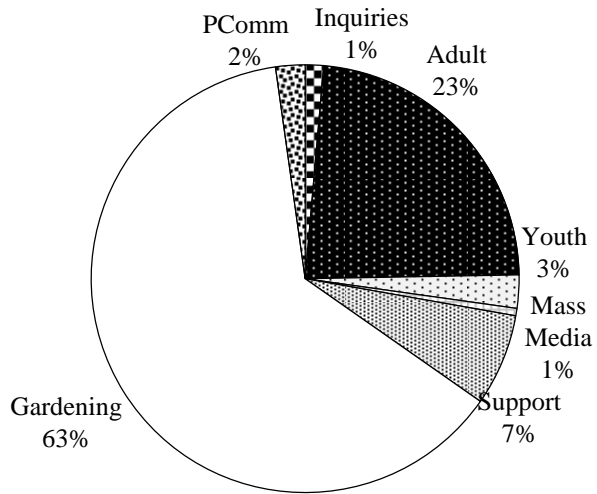


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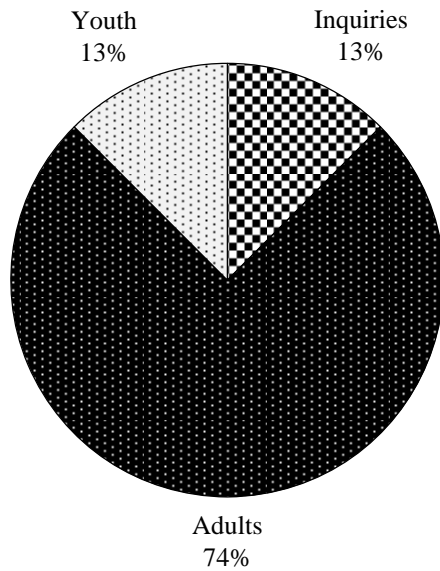
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Suffolk County

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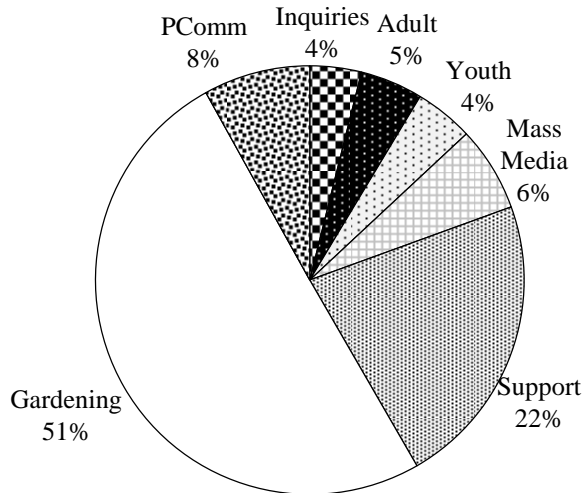


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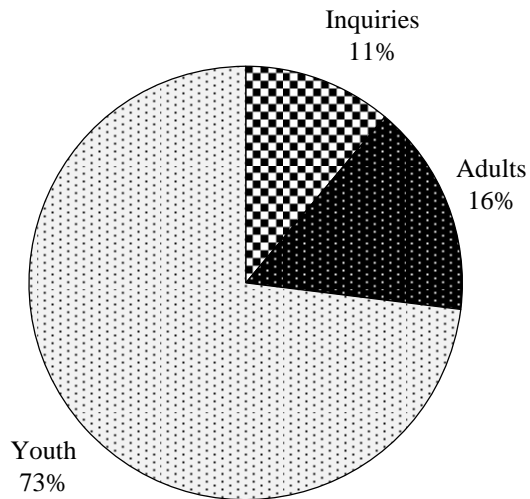
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Westchester County

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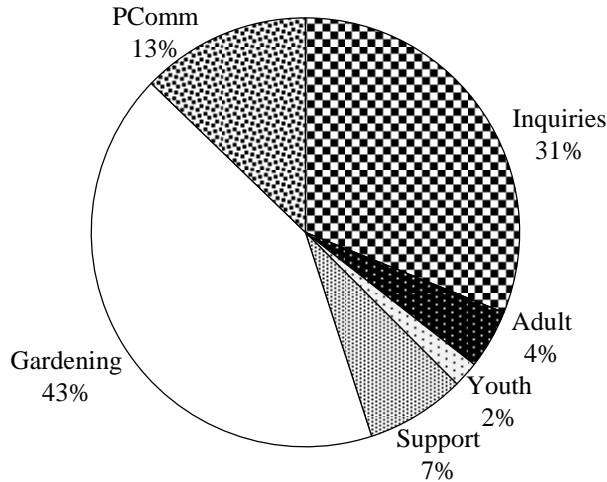


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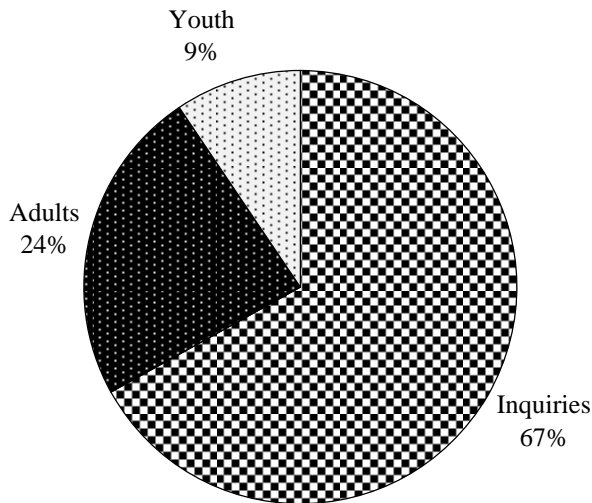
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Albany County

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Volunteers: An Investment that Yields

Alfred D'Alauro is an avid gardener that join the MGV program in 2002 after retiring from a long career in public service. His public service commitment has extended into his MGV work. In 2006 he gave 239 hours of service to advance the educational mission of CCE. The skills he brings from his career are assets in his volunteer efforts including; managing a Zen garden, restoring a garden at Historic Cherry Hill, coordinating the 2006 Garden Education Day and serving on the MGV advisory board.

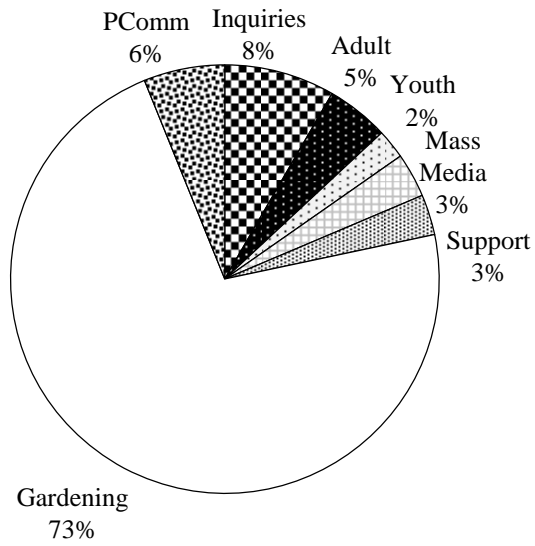
Phyllis Rosenblum was in the first Albany County MGV class in 1977. Each member of this first class committed to work on full day a week answering the garden-related phone inquiries that came into the Albany County CCE office. Today, Phyllis continues answer the phone as she says it keeps her in tune with emerging issues. In addition over the years she has contributed articles for extension publication, taught classes to new MGV trainees, served on extension boards and much more. But what keeps her most engaged as a volunteer is the fact that her life has been made richer by the experiences and friendships within cultivated in the MGV program.

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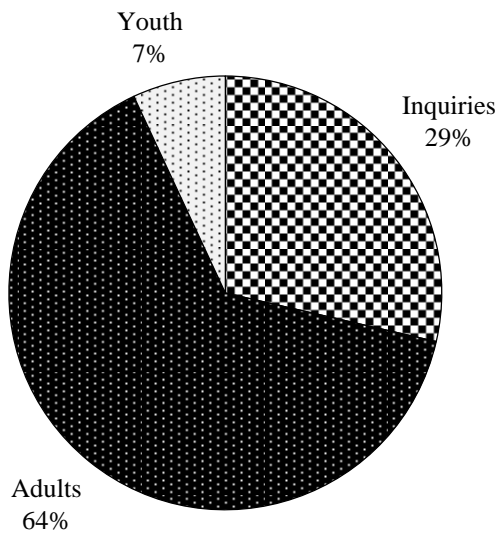
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Broome County

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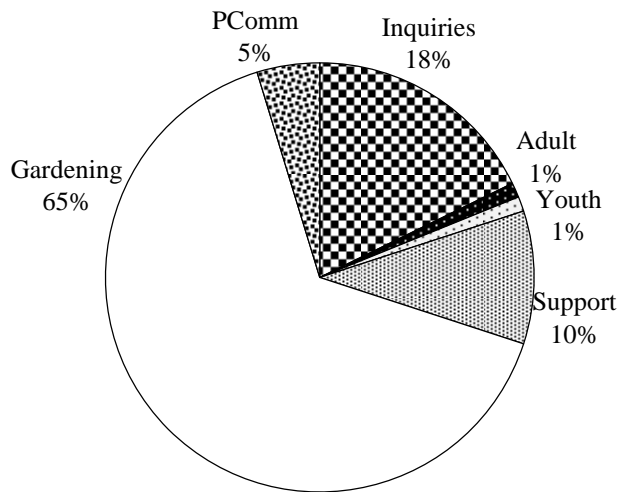


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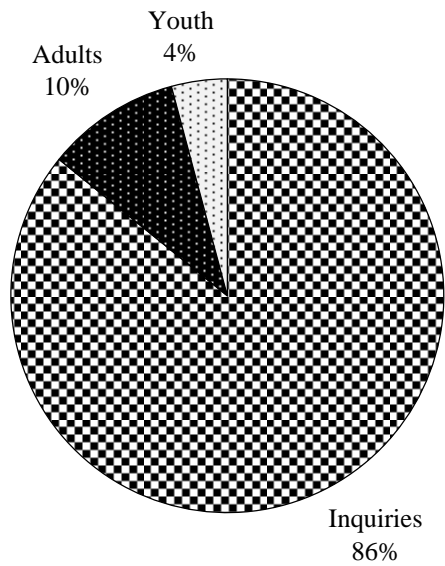
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Dutchess County

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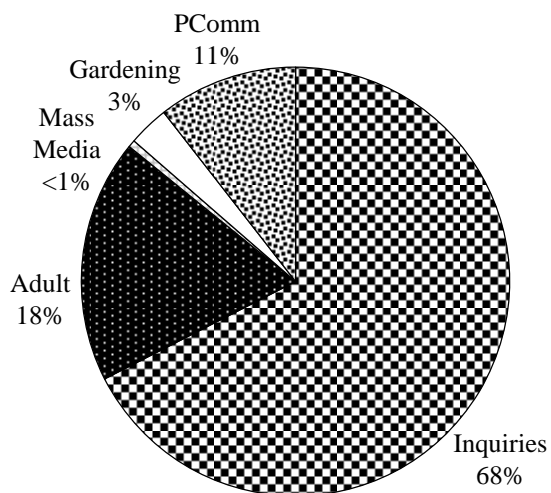


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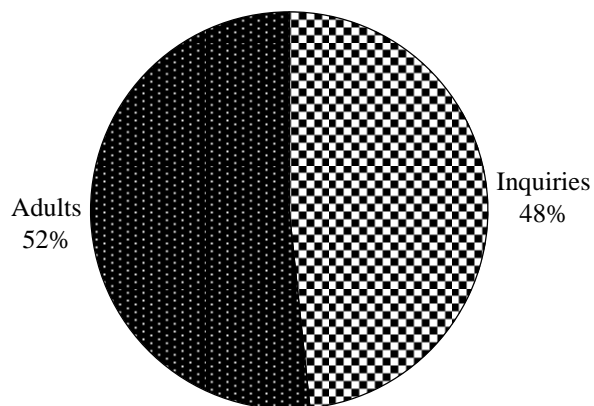
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Fulton-Montgomery County

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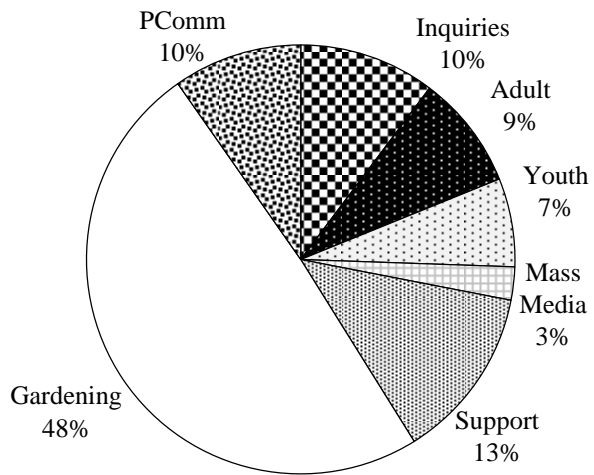


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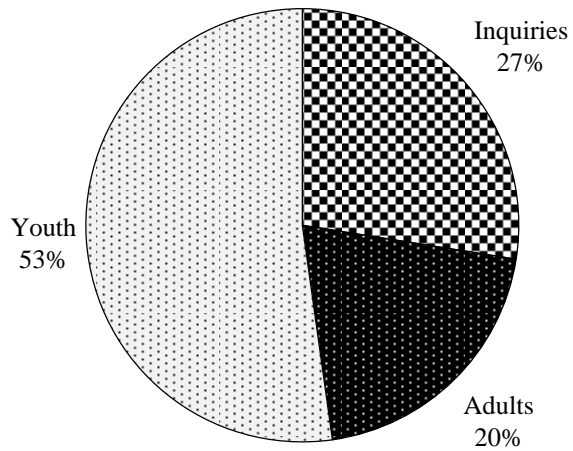
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Jefferson County

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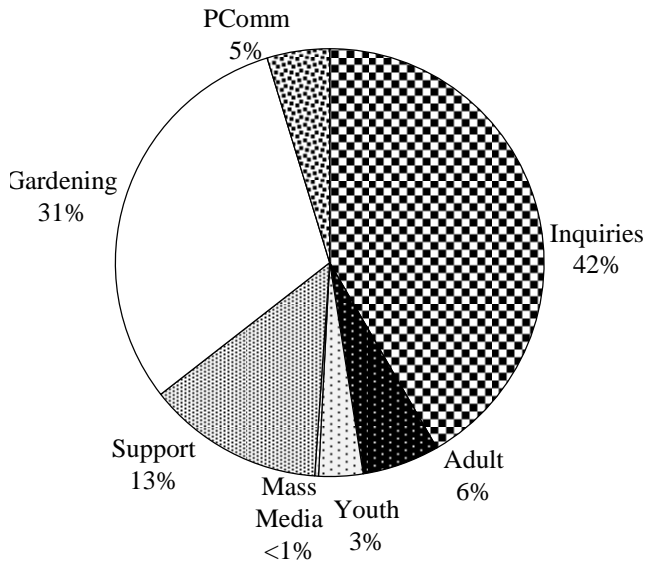


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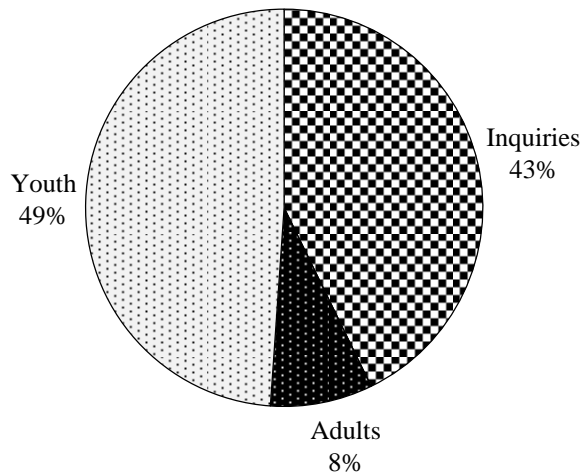
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Niagara County

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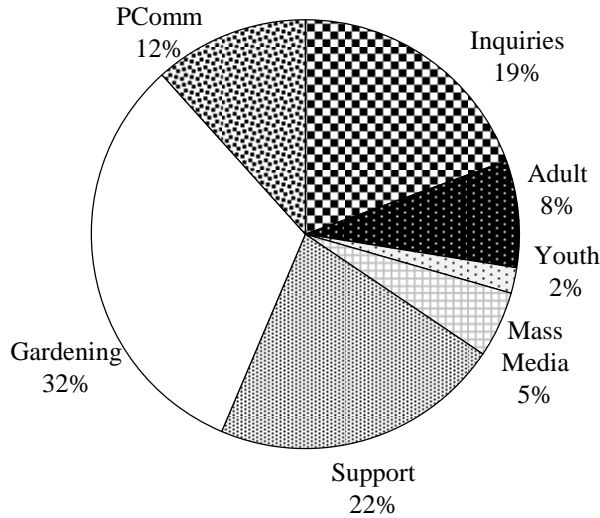


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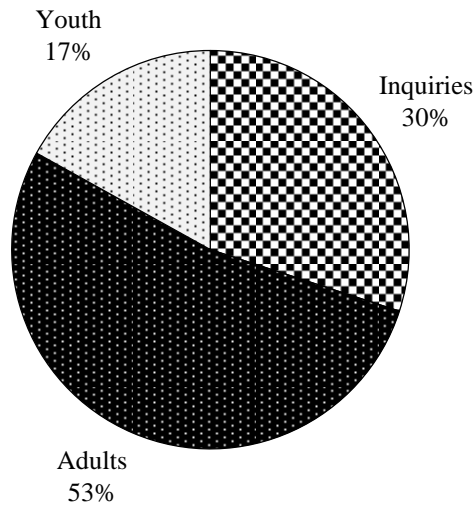
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Oneida County

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Annual Community Event

A total of 1,400 people attended the 10th Annual Herb & Flower Festival held by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Oneida County's Master Gardeners on Saturday, June 24th. This event was dedicated in memory of Master Gardener Volunteer Dawn Sears ("Herb Lady") who passed away December of 2005.

Over 500 people attended the various gardening classes throughout the day. The classes included: Make Meals Healthier with Herbs; Botanicals for Better Bodies; Gardening to Attract Birds; Landscaping with Native Plants; and Gardening with Guinea Hens. Keynote presentation on Observing Butterflies was given by local author and professor, Ernst Williams, Jr.

Over 870 people viewed monarch butterflies and the plants that attract butterflies in the butterfly house.

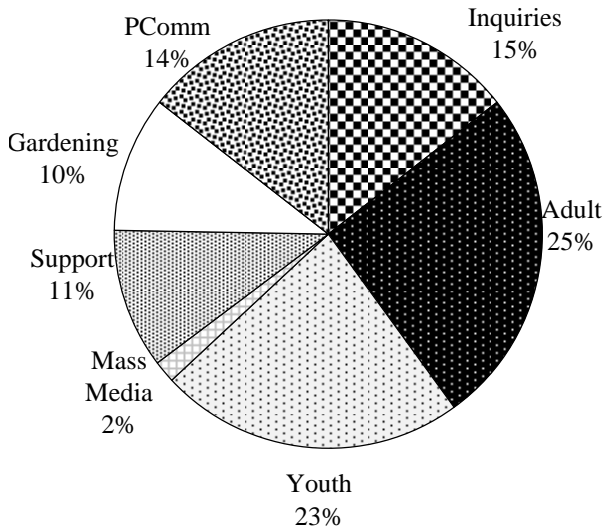
The Extension's Parker Scripture Botanical Gardens designed and maintained by Master Gardener Volunteers were on view. These gardens show various annual and perennial plants that can be grown in the area. The gardens have been nationally recognized again this year by All America Selections as a Display Garden.

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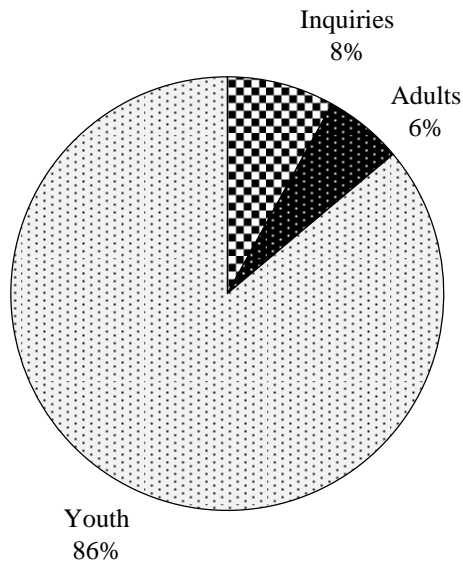
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Ontario County

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Bringing the Benefits of Gardening to Youth

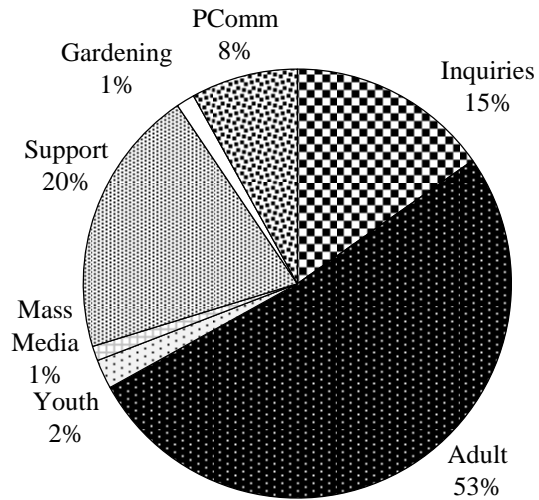
In its third year, the North Street School youth program lead by Master Gardener Volunteers (MGV) is already seeing success. Three of the six youth who started the program are still active along with an additional six who joined this year. Participating youth have improved grades, enhanced self-confidence and developed better social skills as they have learned about the care and maintenance of plants. Youth have created a butterfly garden at their school which has added beauty and visual warmth to the landscape and offered a sanctuary for students needing to diffuse emotional energy. Youth have also created and cared for pizza gardens which green supplies for pizza feasts. They have also performed numerous community service projects as a thriving 4-H club.

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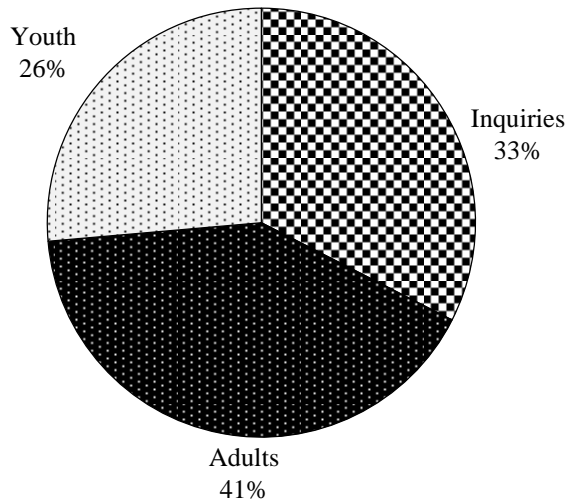
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Orange County

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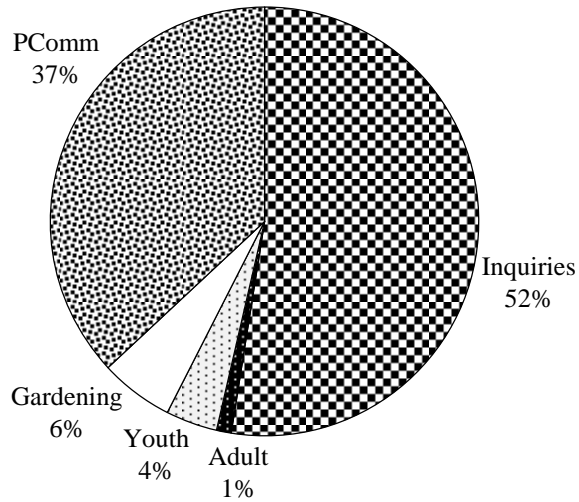


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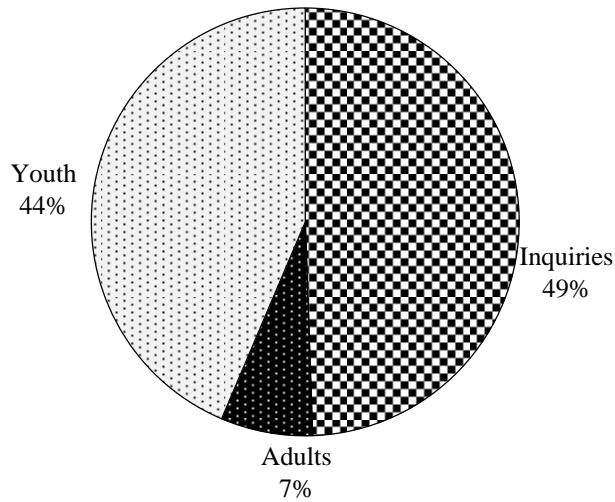
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Oswego County

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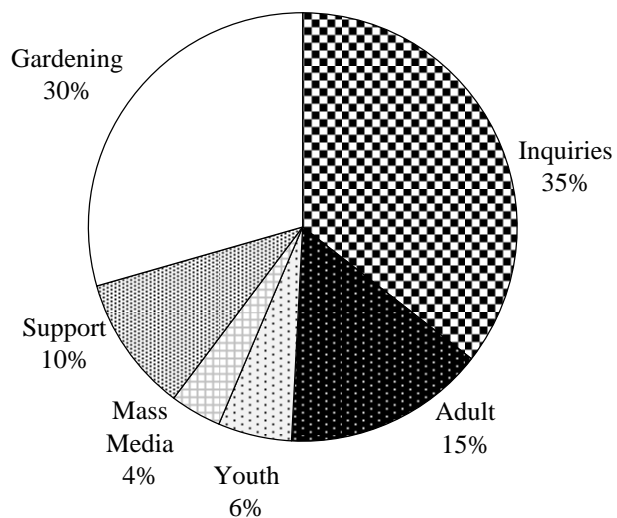


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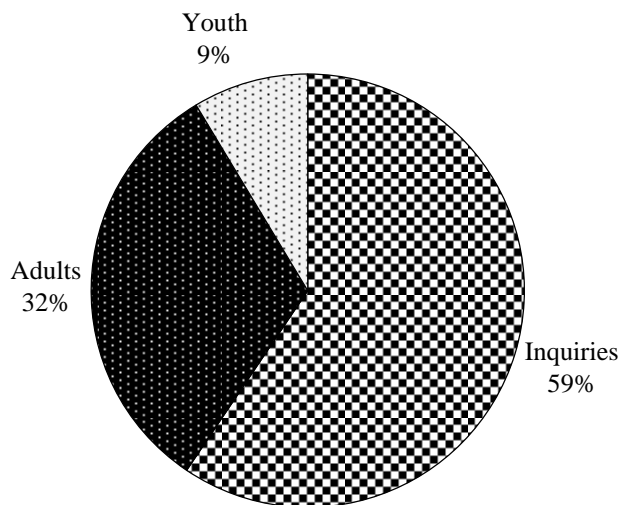
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Rensselaer County

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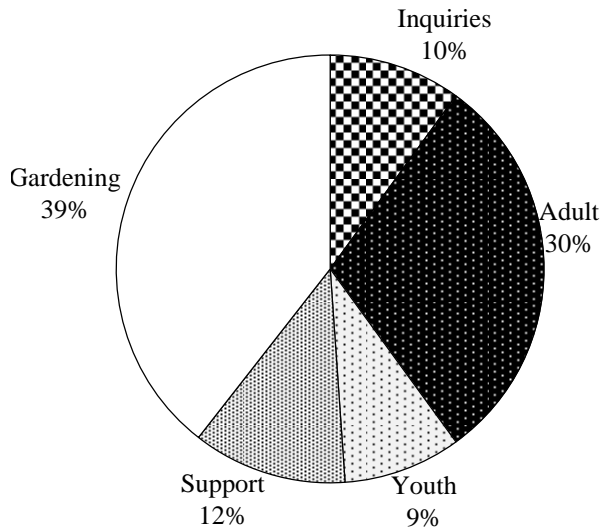


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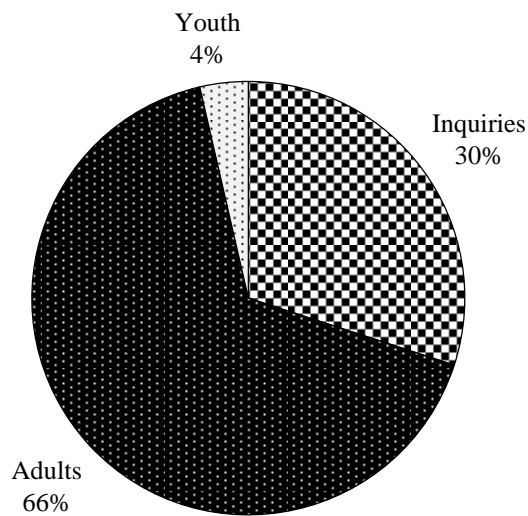
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Rockland County

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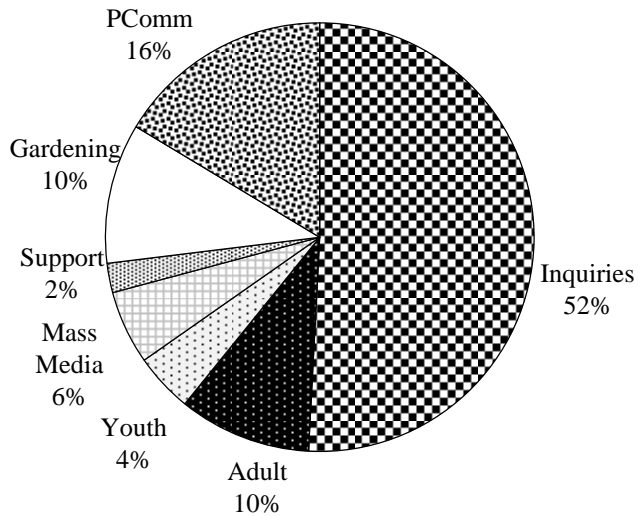


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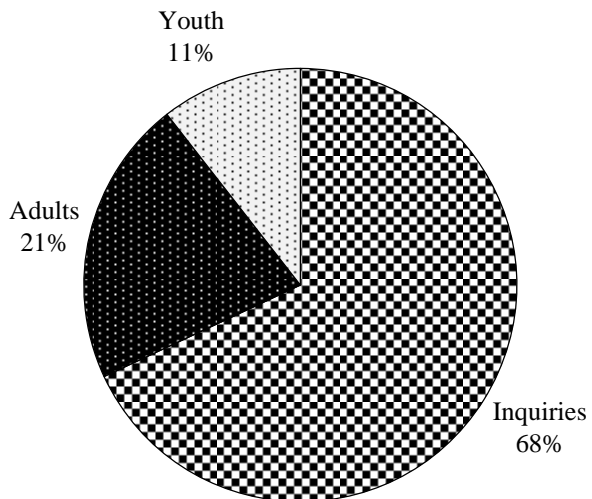
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Saratoga County

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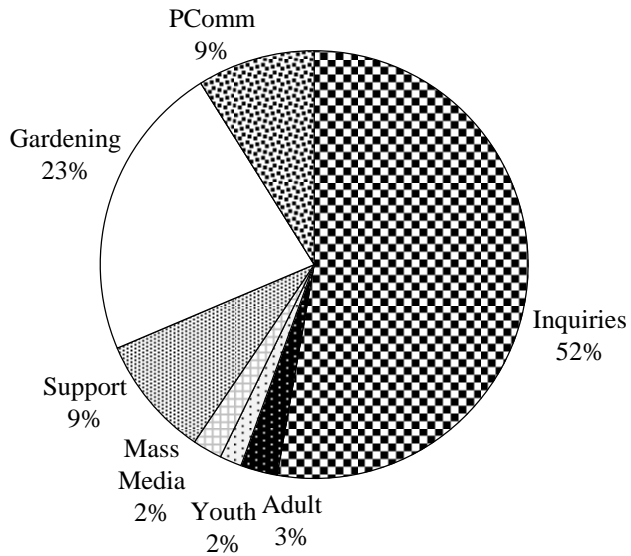


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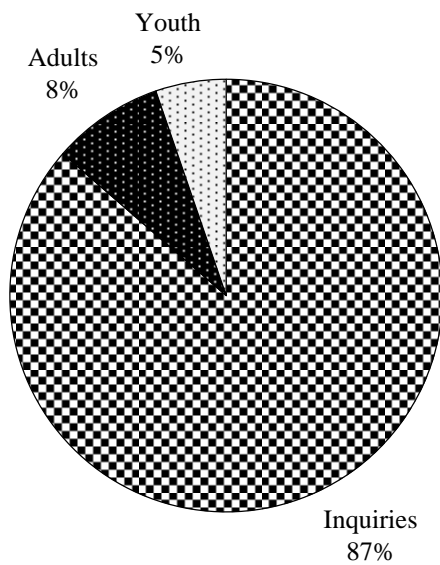
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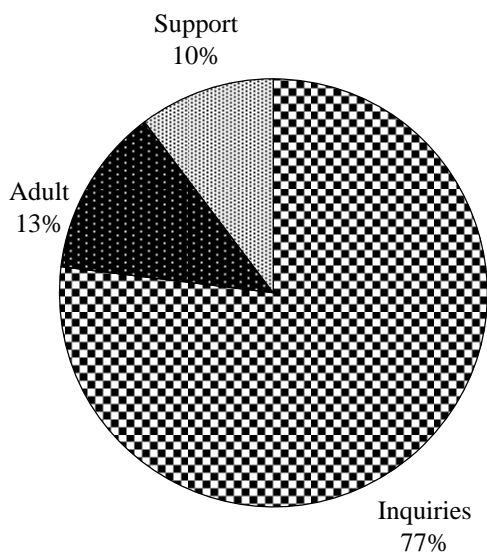


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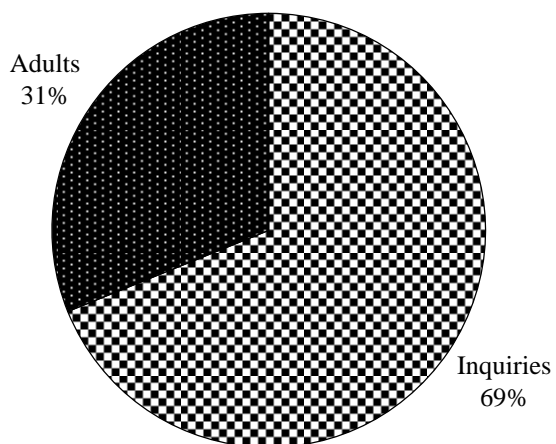
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St. Lawrence County

Distribution of Master Gardener Volunteers' activity



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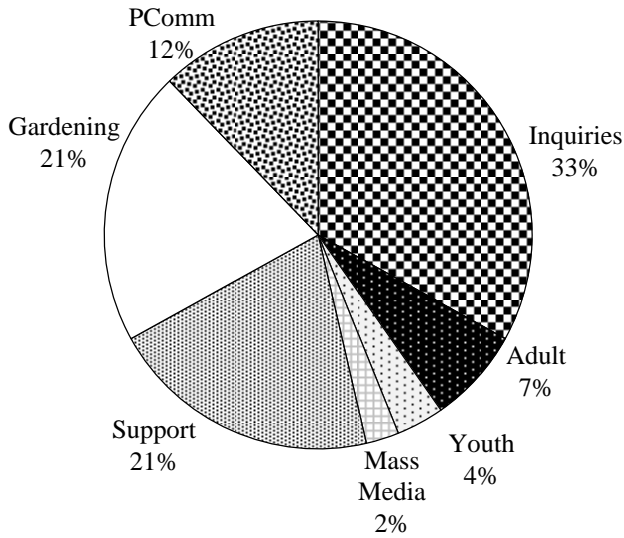


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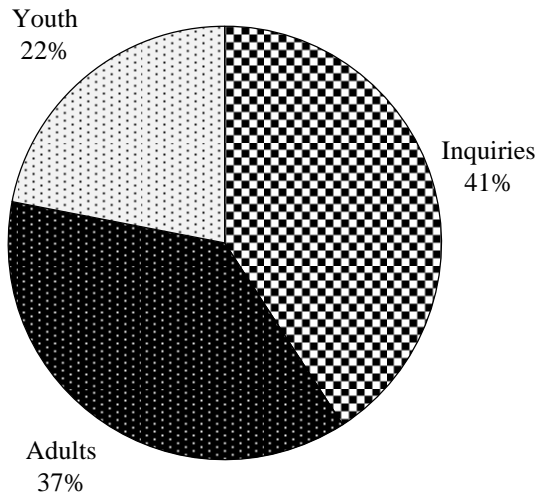
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Ulster County

Distribution of Master Gardener Volunteers' activity



Distribution of Master Gardener Volunteers' direct contacts



New Fields to Cultivate!

2006 was a year for the Master Gardener Volunteers (MGV) of Ulster County to create some new programming. The first venue was the establishment of a winter lecture series which ran four sessions lead by garden professionals. MGV facilitate and attended along with the general public. Each session had 50 participants. It was deemed so successful that a 2007 series is planned.

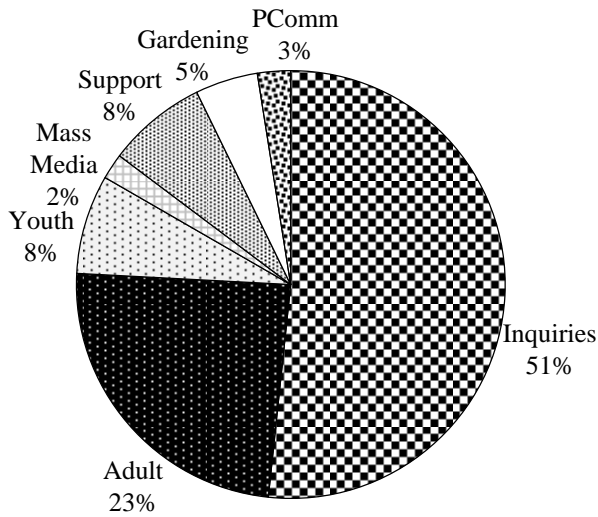
MGV also partnered this year with the 4-H youth development team for a fun "Garden in a Bucket" event. This was held at the local zoo and MGV help to children and youth ages 5 to 19 plant a garden in a sand pail. Young participants select plant material then planted and watered their creations. They were provided with "Care of my Bucket" instructions to help with home care. Of the 20 participants, 4 returned with their buckets and submitted them as horticulture entries at the county fair. One young boy even donated the tomatoes he grew in his bucket to the local Plant a Row program.

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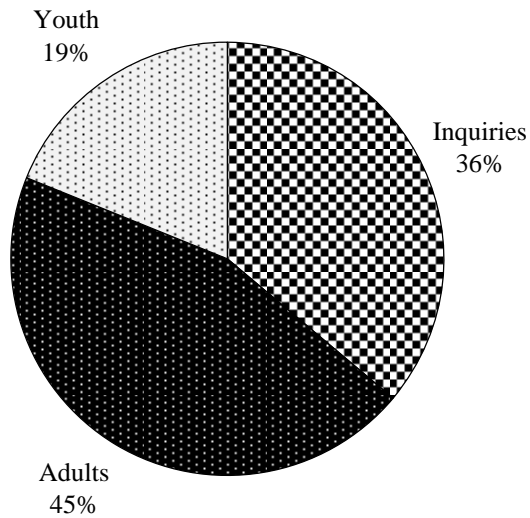
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Allegheny-Cattaraugus County

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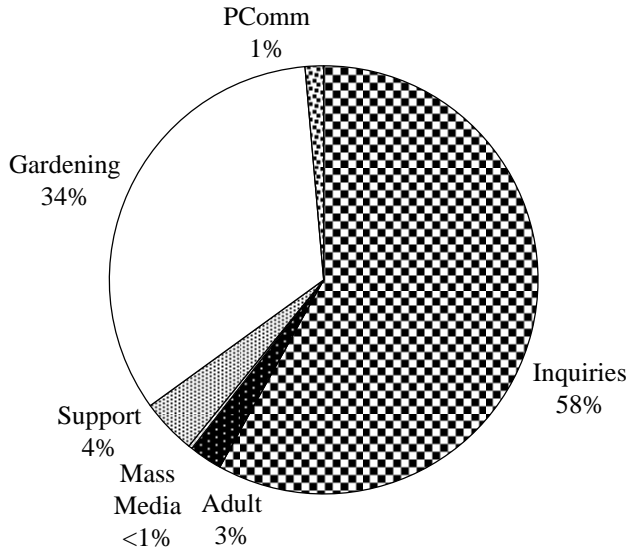


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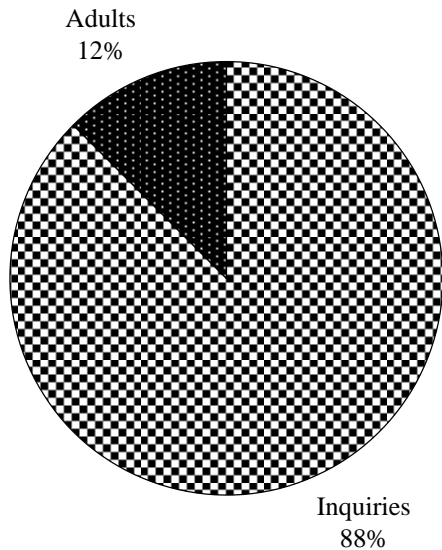
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Cayuga County

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Distribution of Master Gardener Volunteers' direct contacts



Promoting well-being with a living interior

Research has demonstrated that living plant environments positively influence our human creativity, cognitive performance and overall feeling of well-being. Not really a big surprise to gardener enthusiasts. This notion is the inspiration for much gardening work including that of Cayuga County Master Gardener Volunteers.

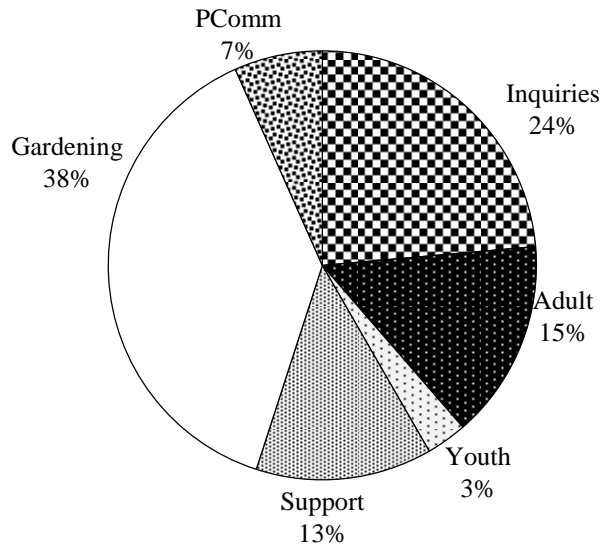
With a \$500 grant from LOWES foundation MGV volunteers transformed an indoor space at the CCE of Cayuga County education center. Their volunteer time and donated plants created an indoorscape that greets visitors and creates a calming environment that is enjoyed year round.

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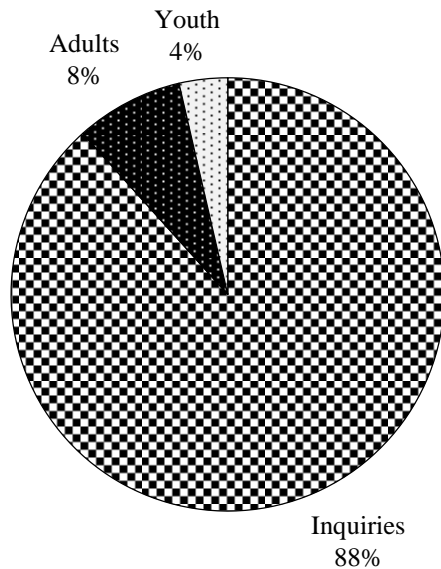
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Chemung County

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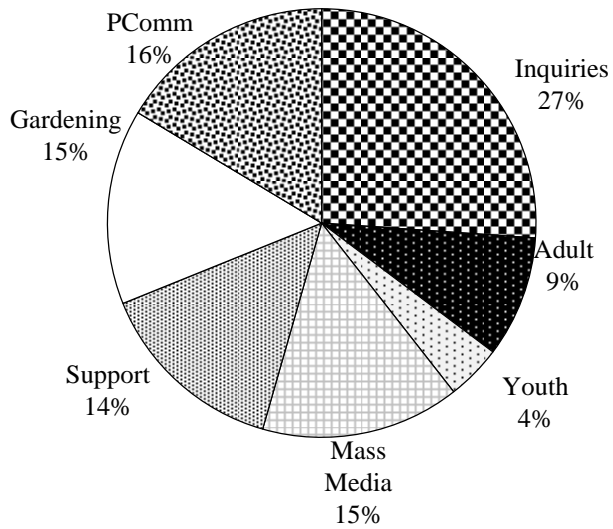


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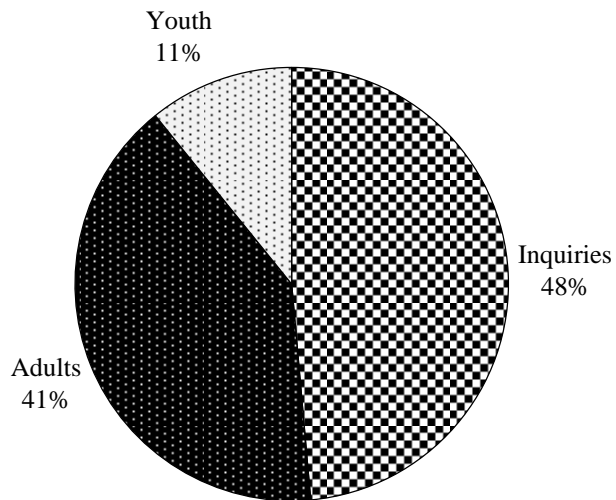
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Chenango County

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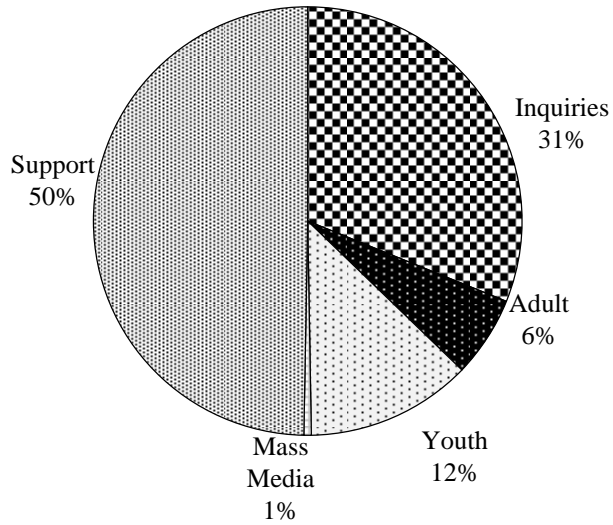


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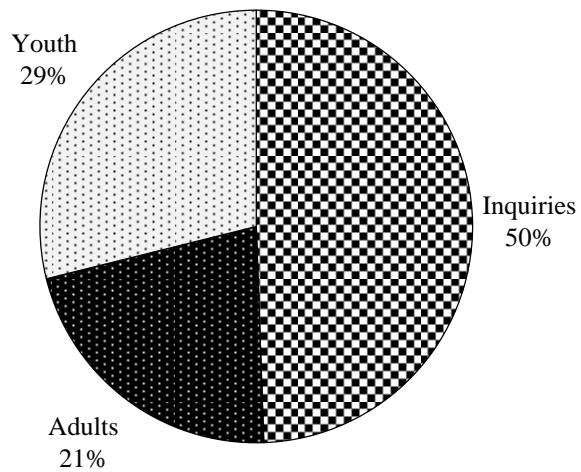
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Clinton County

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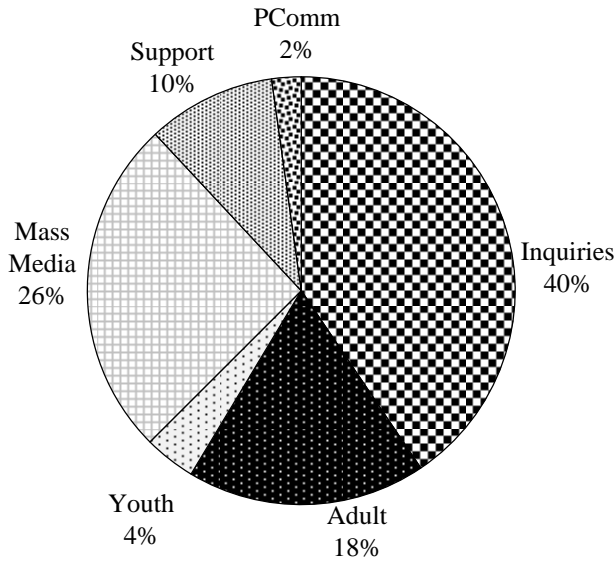


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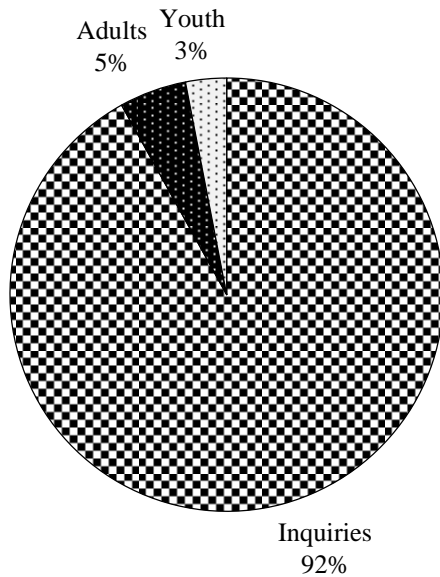
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Columbia County

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**Educational Exhibits at
County Fair**

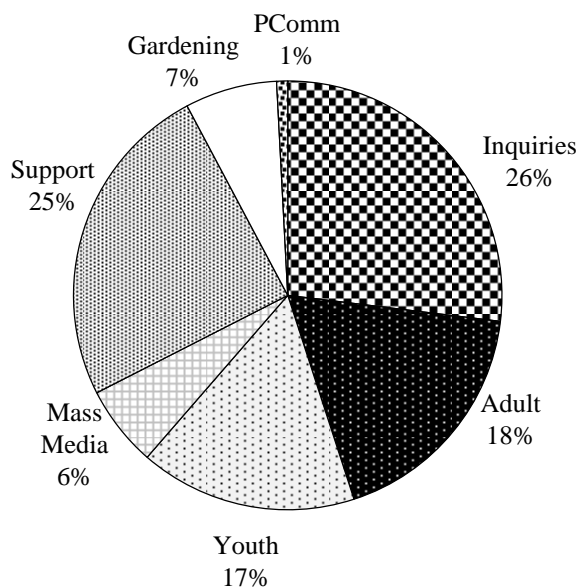
Brainstorming for the annual garden education exhibit at the Columbia County fair held over Labor Day weekend begins in the spring for the Master Gardener Volunteers. Volunteers agree this is one of their most outstanding educational efforts. The display address a specific area of interest or need for the home gardeners in their county. Topics have included: "Where have all the flowers gone?" displaying over 75 samples of the many colorful foliage plants available for the home landscape; "Expanding your Spring Flowering Bulb Horizon emphasizing some of the less common spring bulbs; "Grasses-How do we love thee, let us count the ways" with many dozen different ornamental grasses on display; and " Beware of Garden Thugs- Choose Correctly" with 50 commonly used but invasive plants. Hundreds of handouts leave this display in the hands of gardeners in the community. Master Gardener Volunteers are on hand and answer question of some of the thousands of fairgoers.

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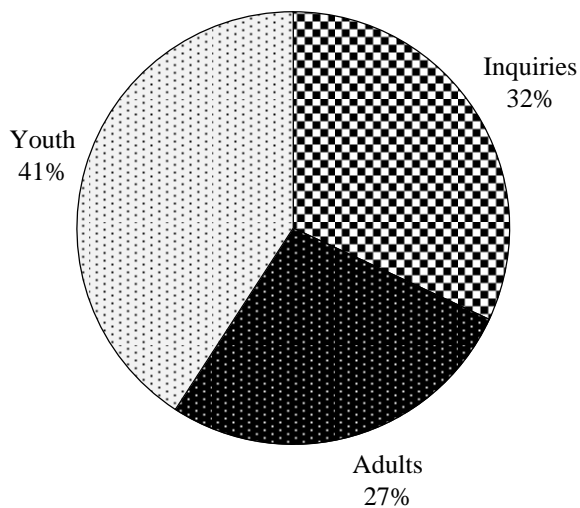
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Essex County

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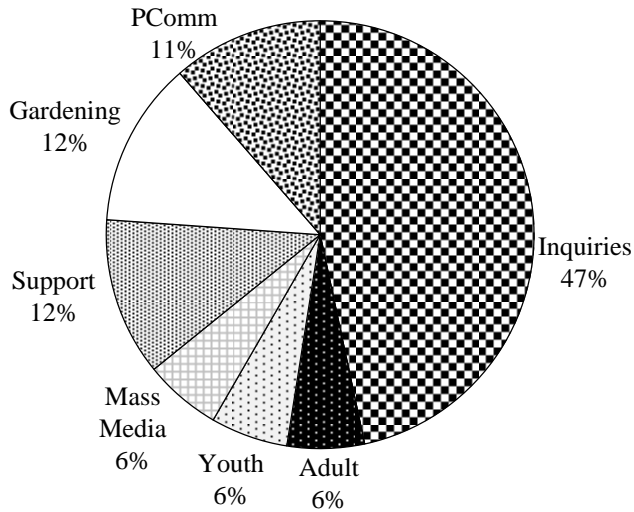


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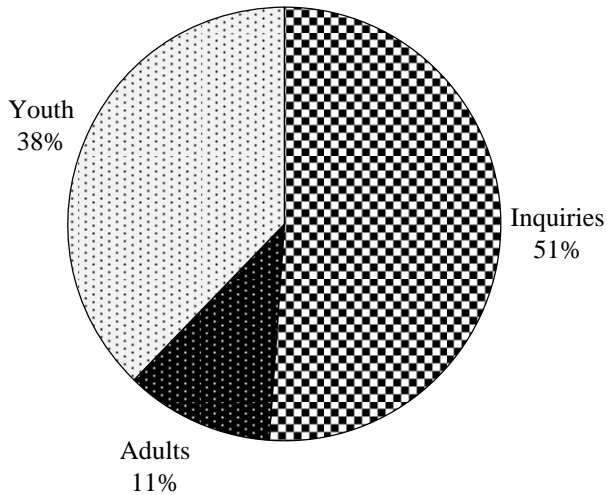
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Genesee County

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**A Public Presence through
Community Gardens**

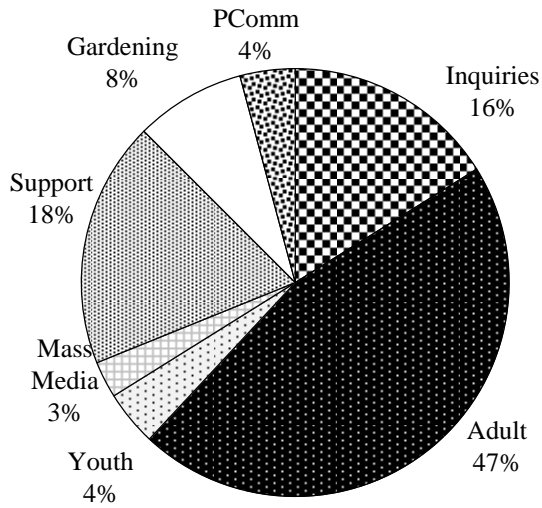
In 2006 the Genesee County Master Gardener Volunteers (MGV) continued their involvement in community gardening. Community gardens were established in the Genesee County Park, Town of LeRoy, Holand Land Office, Kiwanis Garden and the Hospice Memorial Garden in Batavia. MGV also manage gardens at the local animal shelter, the VA hospital, a local baseball stadium and Rotary Park. Each garden has a small plaque stating that MGV maintain it. This beautification effort brings the benefits of a pleasing landscape to many citizens as well as visitors to the area and it serves to raise public awareness about the Cooperative Extension programs of Genesee County.

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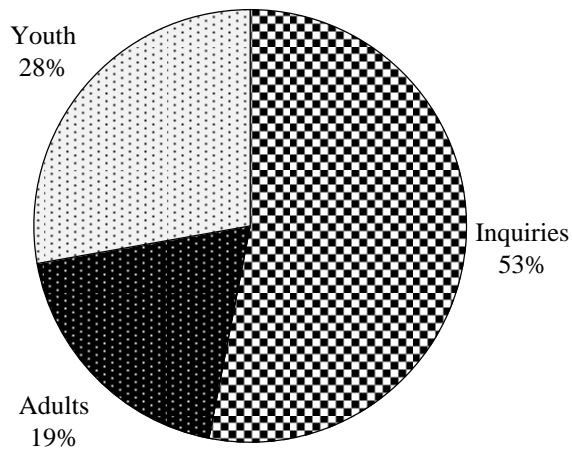
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Greene County

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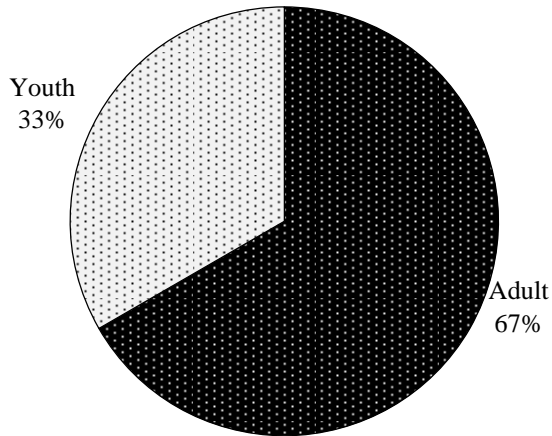


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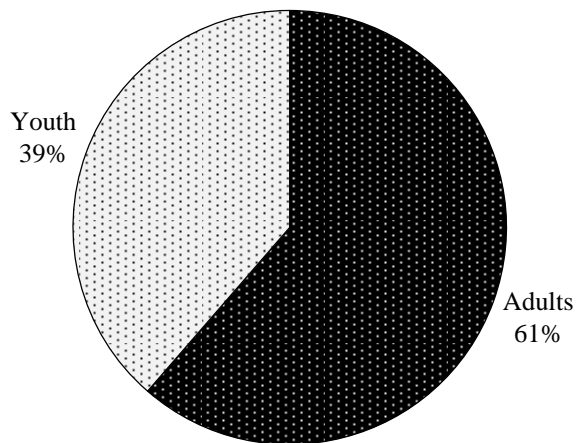
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Herkimer County

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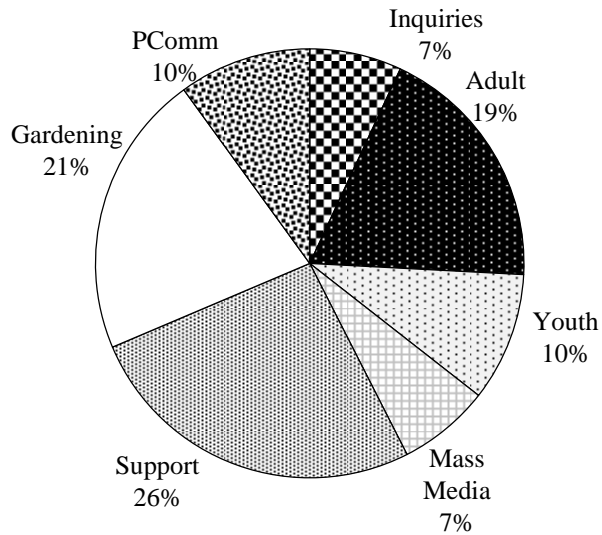


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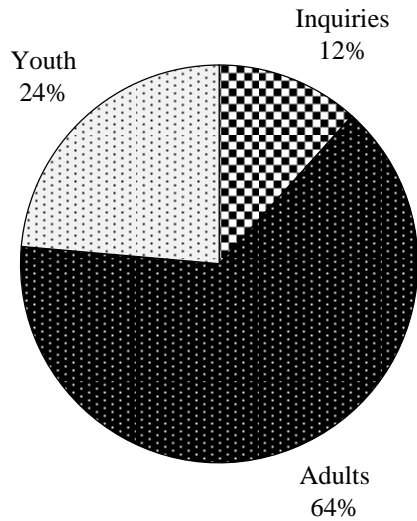
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Livingston County

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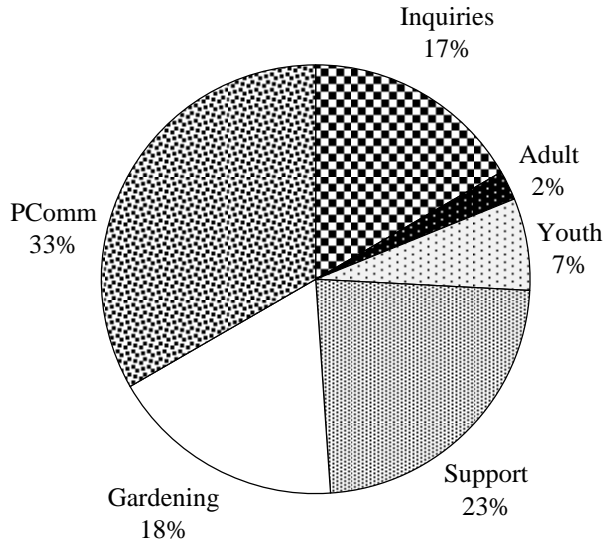


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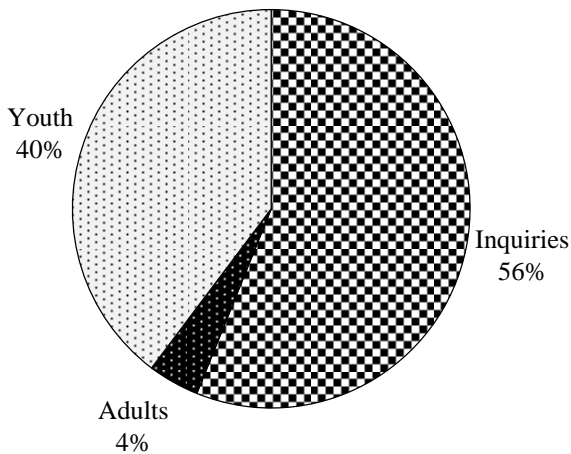
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Orleans County

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A Partnership to Bring the Benefits of Gardening to New Audiences

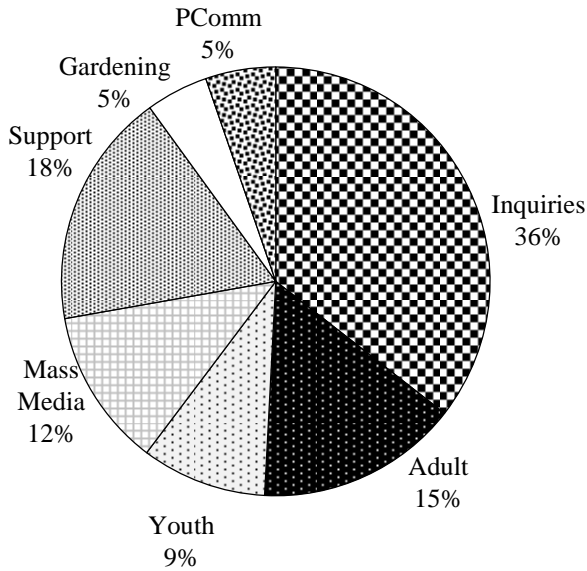
For the second year in a row Master Gardener Volunteers (MGV) in Orleans County have teamed up with Orleans County ARC to teach basic horticulture skills to their clients and help them create and maintain their own gardens. The ARC has a memorial garden adjacent to their complex in Albion as well as a separate vegetable garden to serve the needs of clients living at the center which serves as the teaching and learning sites.

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Otsego County

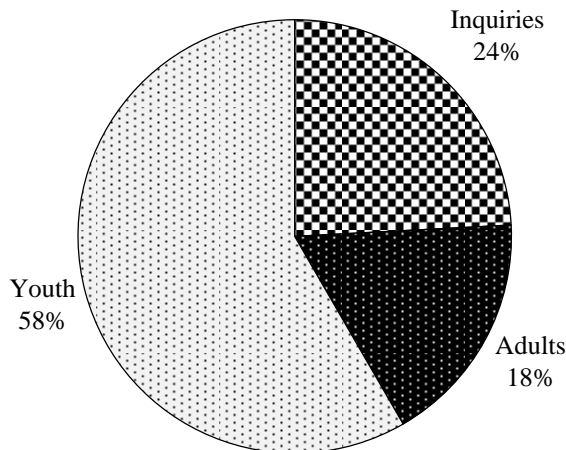
Distribution of Master Gardener Volunteers' activity



Community Activities

A few Master Gardener Volunteers took the time to master the art of creating powerpoint presentations for the public. Others have initiated community gardens in their towns or worked with adult home residents in gardening projects. In cooperation with DSS others conducted three workshops for at-risk teens including Vegetable Gardening in a Pool, Selecting Produce at the Farmer's Market and Making Holiday Decorations from fresh greens. A number of MGV are volunteering more than 100 hours of service each year.

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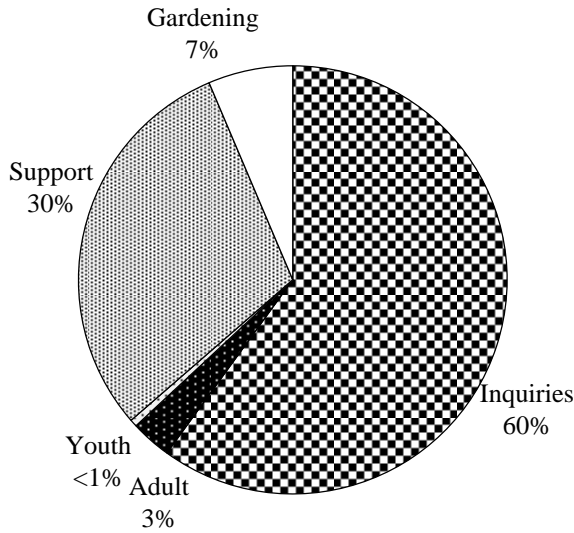


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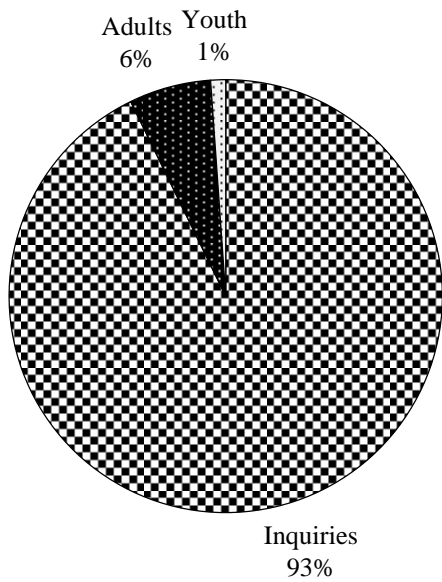
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Putnam County

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Community Activities

The Putnam Master Gardener Volunteers (MGV) completed the research, writing, editing and page layout for *Planting Putnam: A Simple Guide to Gardening in Putnam County*. The spiral-bound book runs 98 pages and has already sold 400 copies at \$15 each. They even have inquires about selling it at local bookstores.

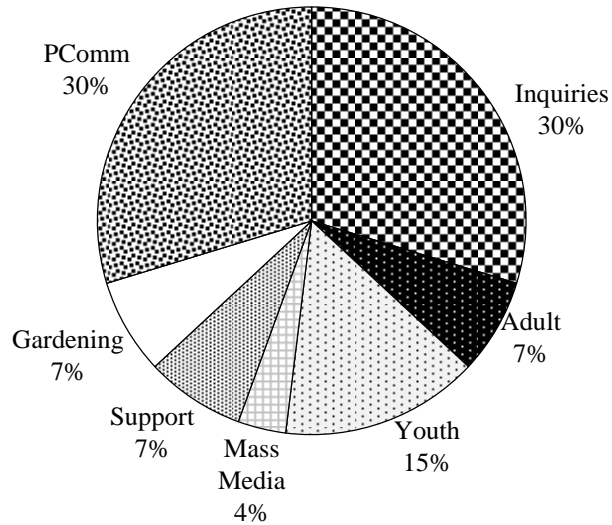
MGV are expanding their involvement with children's programming. They are helping a local school (grades 3-4-5) design, plan and select plants for an entire garden as well as selecting curriculum for this outdoor learning environment.

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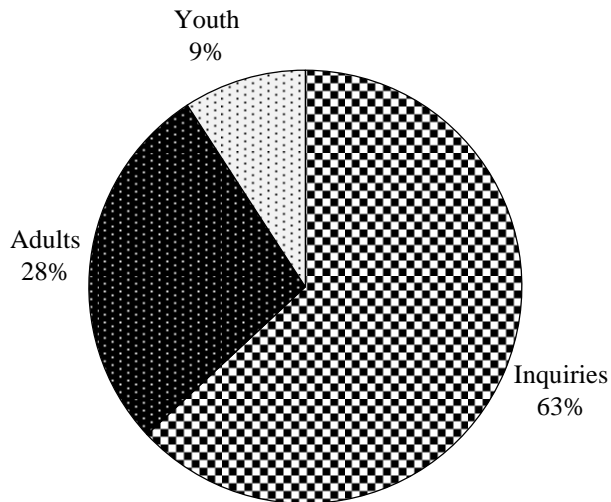
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Schoharie County

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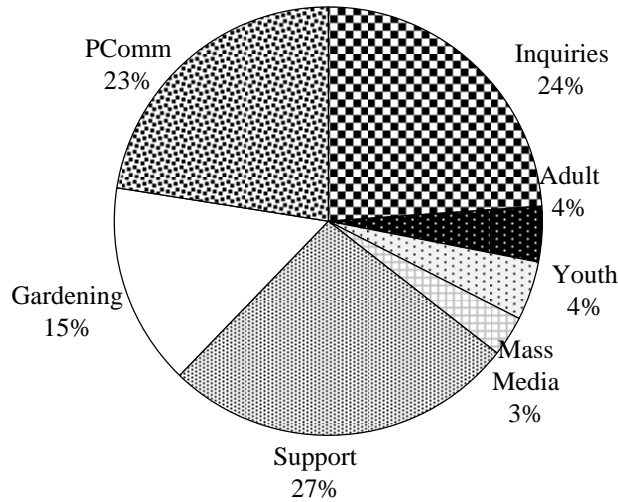


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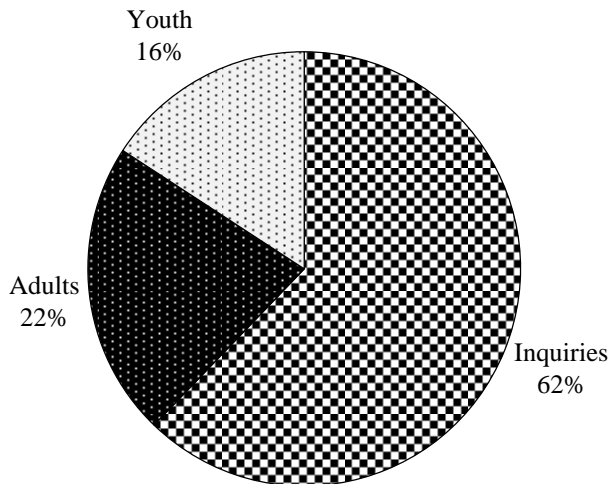
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Seneca County

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Birds, Butterfly, Bat Houses Workshop

Seneca County residents were interested in attracting wildlife to their yards. Seneca County CCE Master Gardener Volunteers (MGV) created a workshop to provide residents with the information and tools to accomplish this. MGV gathered and learned the information they needed to provide participants with a quality hands-on educational workshop.

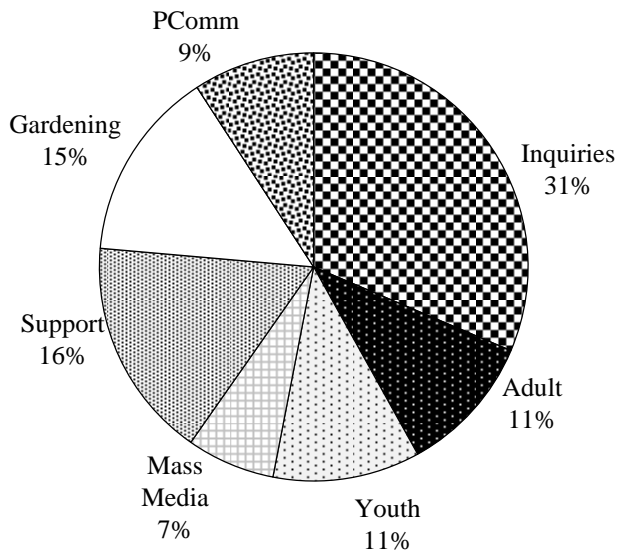
The houses participants built and informational handouts they left with will enhance their quality of life by provide opportunities for watching wildlife, which can reduce stress. Local wildlife will also benefit from the additional food and shelter they are provided. Moreover, helping promote the success of wildlife can reduce the use of pesticides by enhancing the population of birds and bats that eat insects pests of the home landscape.

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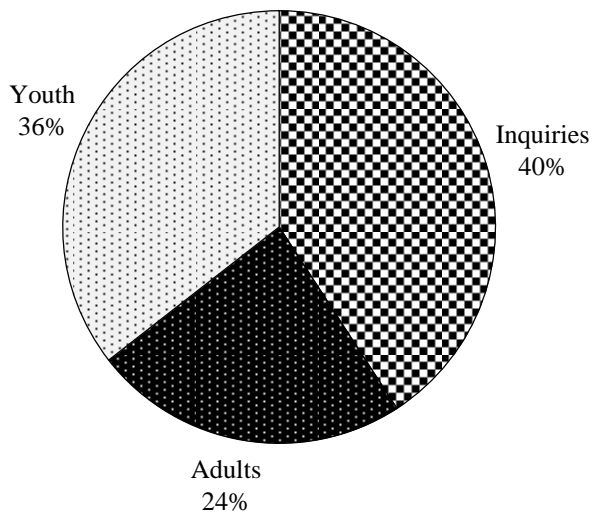
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Steuben County

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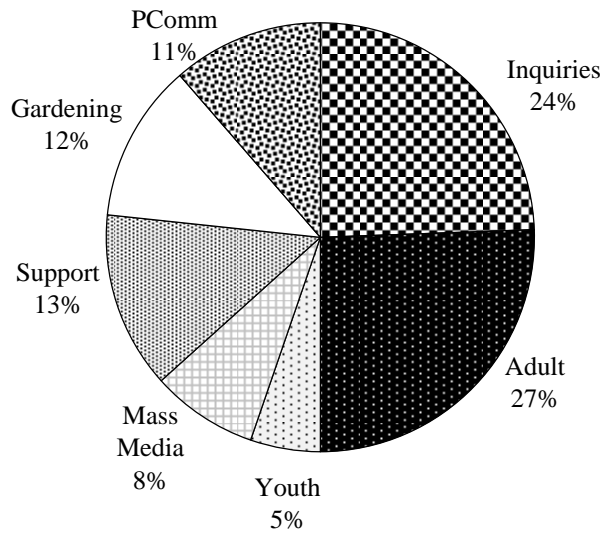


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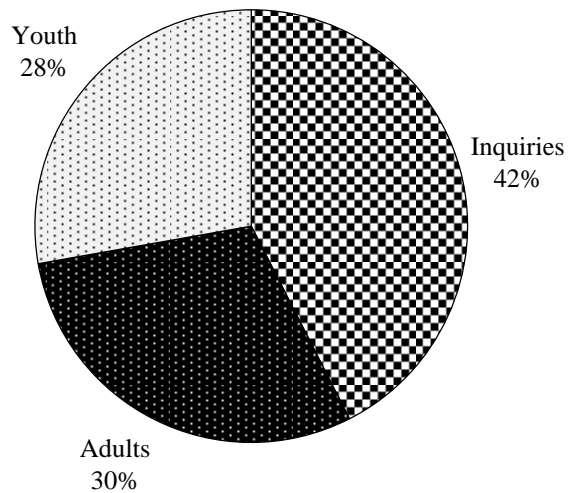
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Sullivan County

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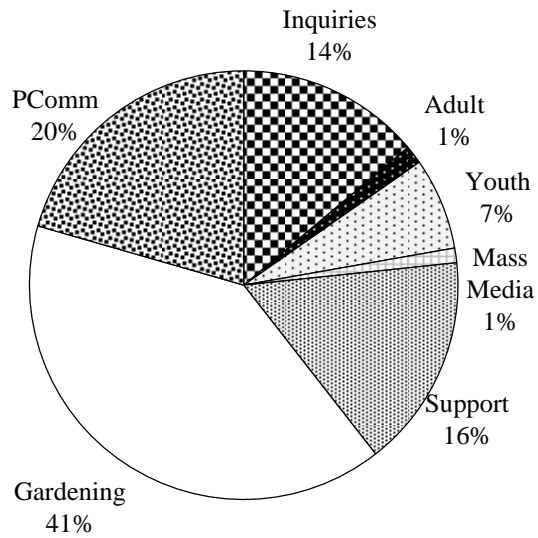


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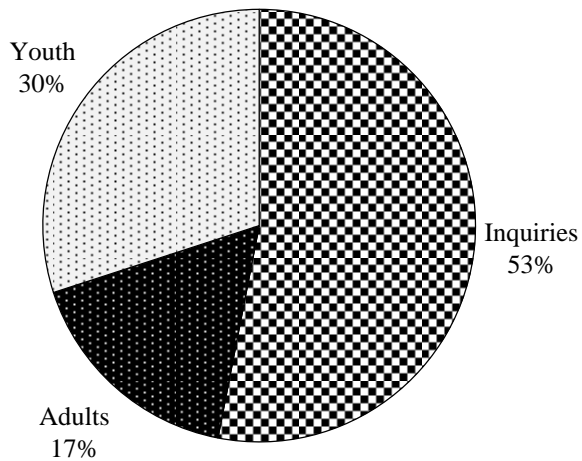
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Tioga County

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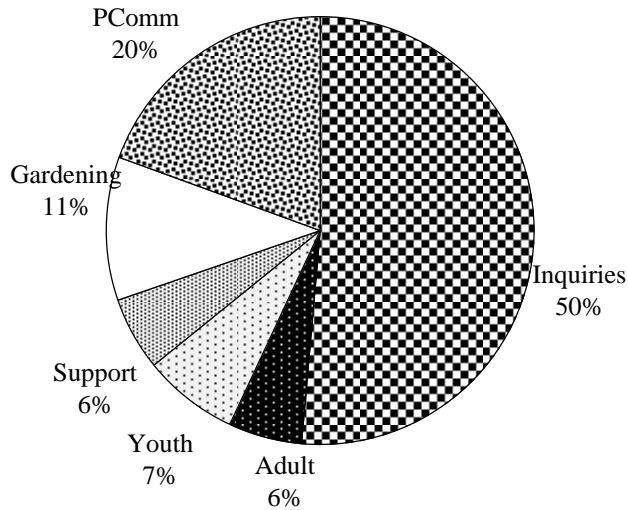


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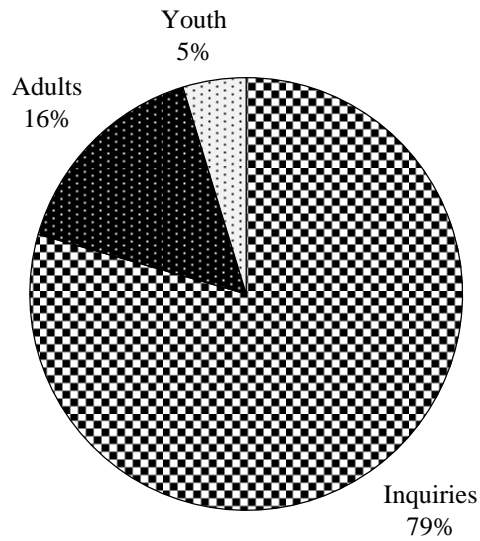
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Tompkins County

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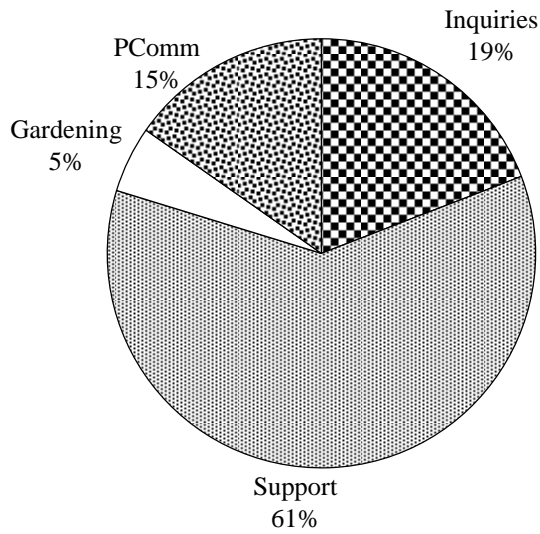


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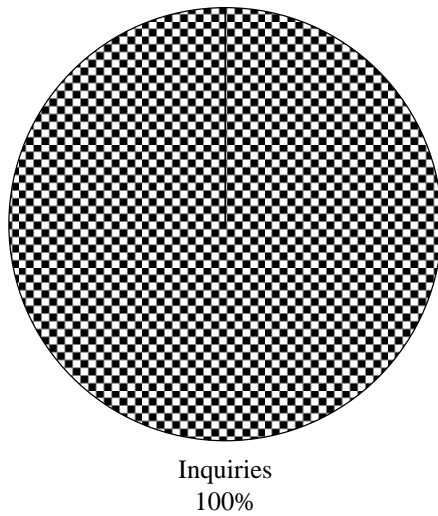
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Warren County

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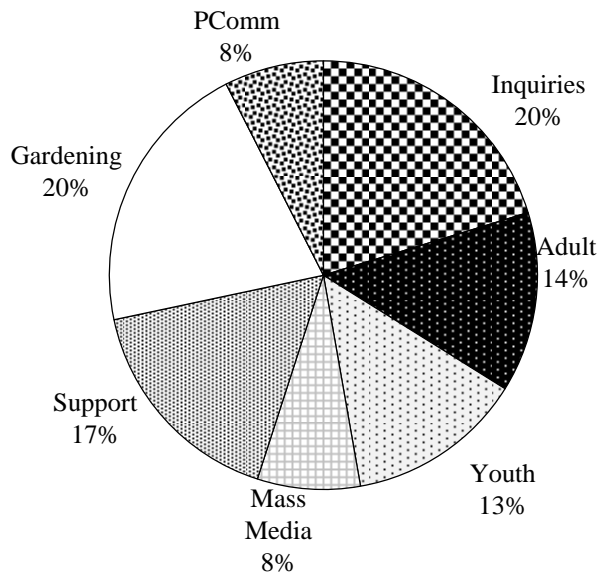


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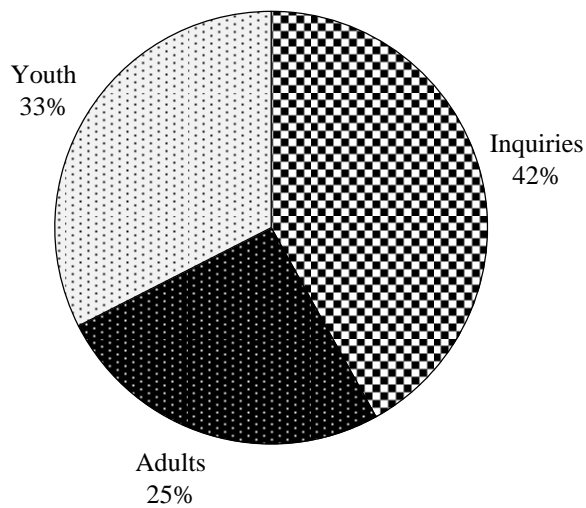
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Washington County

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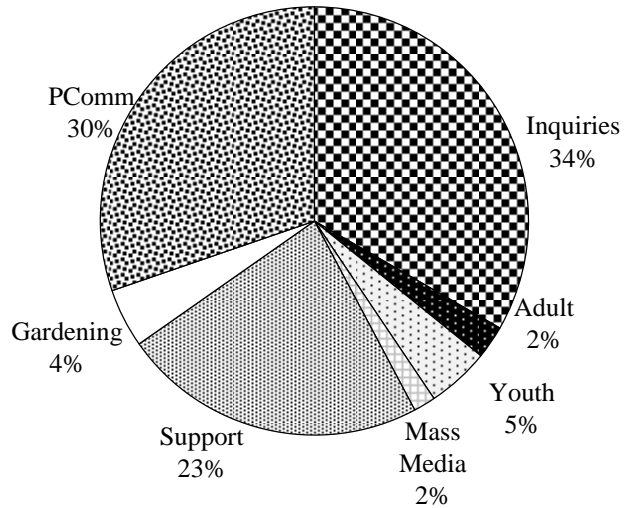


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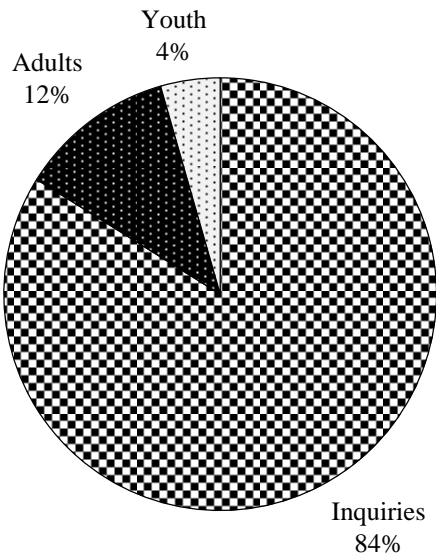
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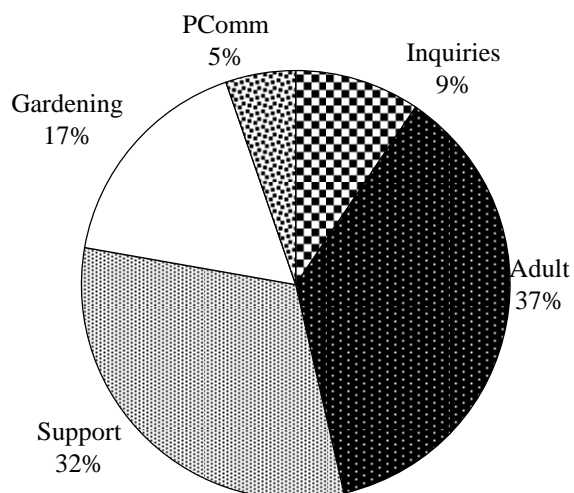


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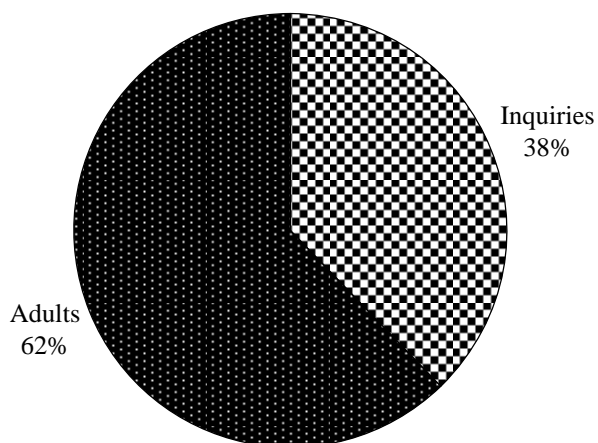
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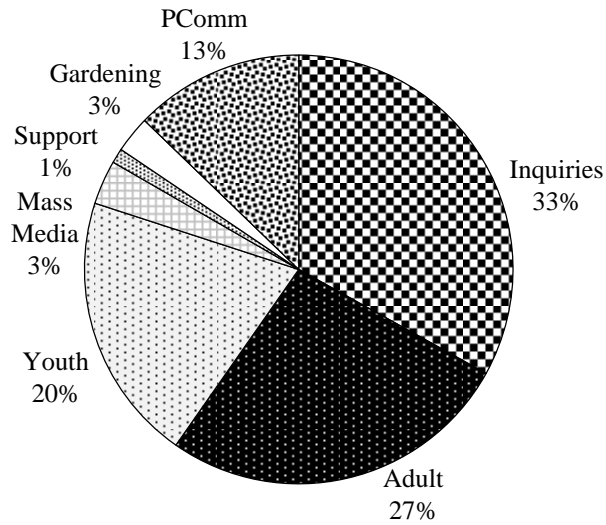


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Yates County

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