

EXTENSION TRENDS: **FRANKLIN COUNTY**

University of Idaho Extension, Franklin County • www.uidaho.edu/franklin



2025 By the Numbers

- 1,292 direct contacts
- 456 youth participants
- 65 volunteers
- 400 volunteer hours
- \$125,000 extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help shape programming and inform the work we do for UI Extension in Franklin County: Kory Kay, Trevor Jensen, Zac Stewart, Cami Fellows, Stevie Emerson, Roxy Devries and Kelly Adams.

UI Extension Educators



Bracken Henderson
208-852-1097
brackenh@uidaho.edu



Laura Sant
208-852-1097
lsant@uidaho.edu

2025 Impact

Educator Laura Sant is the state contact for Ready, Set, Food Safe—a high school foodservice and food safety program. If students achieve an 80% or higher on the certification exam, they receive an Idaho Food Handler's Certificate which is good for five years. She filled out and distributed 2,041 food handler's certificates throughout the reporting year.

Sant taught two 6-week sessions of Preserve@Home with Extension educators from Idaho and Wyoming. Thirty-one (94%) of 33 participants who completed the class had a grade of 70% or better showing increased knowledge of safe home food preservation practices. Twenty post surveys were collected with an average of 67% learning and 99% planning to do research-based food preservation skills/behaviors.

Sant cotaught two classes with 118 fourth and fifth grade students at Harold B. Lee Elementary in a 30-minute tobacco and vaping prevention lesson to inform about the dangers of tobacco and vaping and prevent children from starting. One hundred pre-and post-surveys about the effectiveness of the program were returned. Students indicated increased knowledge on health risks, addiction and secondhand and thirdhand smoke. More students reported increased confidence in avoiding nicotine products in the future.

4-H in Franklin County

The UI Extension, Frankling County 4-H program had 65 volunteers and 456 4-H members enrolled in 1,266 projects in 2025, completing 1,159 (92%) projects. Sant taught/cotaught six clubs/day camps (17 classes) and assisted in three school enrichment programs (13 classes) and one district sewing volunteer training workshop. She helped to plan and conduct Alpine 4-H Camp for Bear Lake, Caribou, Franklin, Oneida and Power counties and assisted with planning and presenting 4-H projects, contests and activities at the Franklin County Fair and Eastern Idaho State Fair.

On the Horizon

Sant will continue to offer in-person and online health, nutrition, food safety and preservation instruction, including stress management and mental health education.