



## BOYD COUNTY

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# BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES FOR KENTUCKY

## OUR FOCUS

► Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the quality of life for individuals and families in Boyd County resulting in strong families for Kentucky. Educational programs focus on:

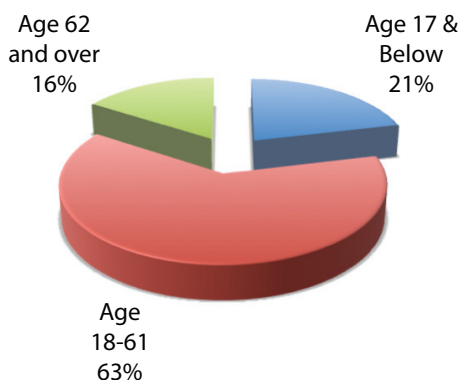
**Making Beneficial Lifestyle Choices**  
**Nurturing Families**  
**Embracing Life as You Age**  
**Securing Financial Stability**  
**Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities**  
**Accessing Nutritious Food**  
**Empowering Community Leaders**

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **13,286** contacts with Boyd County families during 2008-2009.<sup>1</sup>

## OUR PEOPLE

Figure 1. Population by Age Group<sup>2</sup> (n=48,560)

► 2008 estimates from the 2000 U.S. Census reported total population as **48,560**.<sup>2</sup> The graph on the right indicates the percentage by age group.



## SPOTLIGHT ON...

## NURTURING FAMILIES

Some families for a combination of many reasons, struggle to provide for the basic safety, physical, emotional, educational, and nurturing needs of children. Boyd County increased 25% over previous years in the need for foster parents due to child neglect by parents. Early supportive education for parents facing particular challenges can play a critical role in preventing child abuse and neglect. This can enhance young children's development, later school achievement, and life-long social competence. To reach local parents the Family and Consumer Science Agent in Boyd County taught a combination of adult and child activities to teach nurturing skills to families. 200 families were reached in this series of planned activities for youth and adult participants.<sup>1</sup>



## OUR COMMUNITY

► Unemployment rates are a key economic indicator. In August 2009, the rate of unemployment in Boyd County was **8.7%**.<sup>3</sup>

Mortgage and bank card delinquency rates and foreclosure filings are important financial indicators of community well-being. In Boyd County, **2.80%** of mortgages are 90-days delinquent and 60-day bank card delinquency rates have increased by **1.64%**.<sup>4</sup> In a one-year period (October 2008 through October 2009), **156** foreclosures were filed.<sup>5</sup>

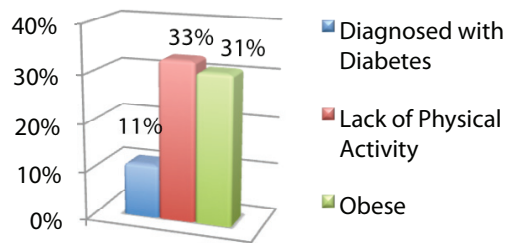
Access to health insurance is another important factor contributing to family well-being. In Boyd County, **13%** of the people under age 65 are uninsured.<sup>6</sup>

### As a result of participation in Boyd County Extension programs:<sup>1</sup>

- **173** people were involved in addressing issues of their community.
- **60** people increased their knowledge of governmental process.
- Boyd County Extension is involved in **27** community coalitions.

## OUR HEALTH

► The health of our people contributes to quality of life. The chart below illustrates health risks of adults in Boyd County.  
*Figure 2. Health Risks.*<sup>6</sup>



### As a result of participation in Boyd County Extension programs:<sup>1</sup>

- **167** people increased knowledge of practices to maintain health and well-being.
- **160** people increased knowledge of safe practices to store, handle, and prepare food.
- **145** people developed skills to access affordable food.

## OUR FAMILIES

► Using data from the 2000 U.S. Census, Boyd County families can be described as follows:<sup>2</sup>

- **14,111** families reside in the county.
- **1,636** families (**11.5%**) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is **\$41,125**.
- **416** grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, **3,834** people in Boyd County receive food stamps. The average family food stamp benefit is **\$219.05** per month.<sup>7</sup>

In the county, **700** children live in out-of-home care.<sup>8</sup>

In 2005, there were **131** incidents of adult abuse and **115** incidents of child abuse.<sup>9</sup>

### As a result of participation in Boyd County Extension programs:<sup>1</sup>

- **76** people adopted money management practices to reduce debt and/or increase savings.
- **36** people increased their knowledge and skills related to parenting and personal relationships.
- **121** adults and youth improved practical living skills.

### SOURCES

<sup>1</sup> Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, Impacting Reporting, FY2009.

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<sup>4</sup> TransUnion LLC., Trend Data, Quarter 1 2009.

<sup>5</sup> Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts, November, 2009.

<sup>6</sup> Kentucky Institute of Medicine, The Health of Kentucky: A County Assessment, 2007.

<sup>7</sup> Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Data Book, June 2008.

<sup>8</sup> Annie E. Casey Foundation, Kentucky KIDS COUNT, 2005.

<sup>9</sup> Kentucky Department for Public Health, County Health Priorities, 2004.