

BOYLE COUNTY

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BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES FOR KENTUCKY

OUR FOCUS

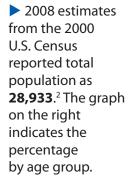
► Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the quality of life for individuals and families in Boyle County resulting in strong families for Kentucky. Educational programs focus on:

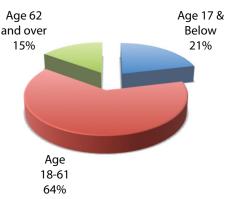
Making Beneficial Lifestyle Choices
Nurturing Families
Embracing Life as You Age
Securing Financial Stability
Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities
Accessing Nutritious Food
Empowering Community Leaders

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **11,416** contacts with Boyle County families during 2007-2008.¹

OUR PEOPLE

Figure 1. Population by Age Group² (n=28,933)





SPOTLIGHT ON...

ACCESSING NUTRITIOUS FOOD

n order to address community concerns about childhood obesity, Boyle County Extension offered the "Exploring My Pyramid with Professor Popcorn" series to schools in the 2008-09 school year. Fifty K, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd-grade classrooms requested the series totaling 1,036 students. Another six pre-school classes in county schools requested a modified version of the vegetables lesson for their 96 students. One teacher commented, "Our students learned tons about nutrition! I think it is a great program because many of my students REALLY needed to learn about what is good for them and what is not to stay healthy!"





OUR COMMUNITY

► Unemployment rates are a key economic indicator. In August 2009, the rate of unemployment in Boyle County was 12.6%.³

Mortgage and bank card delinquency rates and foreclosure filings are important financial indicators of community well-being. In Boyle County,

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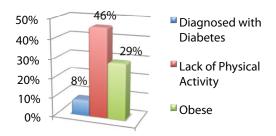
- **150** people were involved in addressing significant community issues.
- 60 people increased their knowledge of governmental process.
- 37 people expanded their knowledge of economic development.

2.47% of mortgages are 90-days delinquent and 60-day bank card delinquency rates have increased by **0.96%**.⁴ In a one-year period (October 2008 through October 2009), **74** foreclosures were filed.⁵

Access to health insurance is another important factor contributing to family well-being. In Boyle County, **11%** of the people under age 65 are uninsured.⁶

OUR HEALTH

► The health of our people contributes to quality of life. The chart below illustrates health risks of adults in Boyle County. Figure 2. Health Risks.⁶

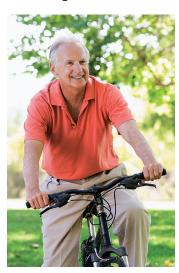


As a result of participation in Boyle County Extension programs:¹

- **1,000** people increased knowledge and practices to maintain health and well-being.
- 107 people made lifestyle changes to improve health.
- **1,000** people increased knowledge of safe practices to store, handle, and prepare food.

OUR FAMILIES

- ► Using data from the 2000 U.S. Census, Boyle County families can be described as follows:²
- 7,345 families reside in the county.
- 668 families (9.1%) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is \$42,699.
- 274 grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, **1,640** people in Boyle County receive food stamps. The average family food stamp benefit is **\$201.41** per month.⁷

In the county, 129 children live in out-of-home care.8

In 2005, there were **101** incidents of adult abuse and **75** incidents of child abuse.⁹

As a result of participation in Boyle County Extension programs:¹

- 225 adults and youth improved their ability to make informed and effective decisions
- 105 people adopted money management practices to reduce debt and/or increase savings.
- **2,000** adults and youth improved practical living skills.

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