



## BRACKEN 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 Bracken County resulting in strong families for Kentucky. Educational programs focus on:

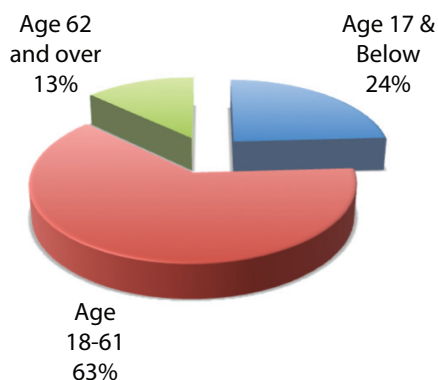
**Making Beneficial Lifestyle Choices**  
**Nurturing Families**  
**Embracing Life as You Age**  
**Securing Financial Stability**  
**Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities**  
**Accessing Nutritious Food**  
**Empowering Community Leaders**

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **7,824** contacts with Bracken County families during 2008-2009.<sup>1</sup>

## OUR PEOPLE

Figure 1. Population by Age Group<sup>2</sup> (n=8,569)

► 2008 estimates from the 2000 U.S. Census reported total population as **8,569**.<sup>2</sup> The graph on the right indicates the percentage by age group.



## SPOTLIGHT ON...

## MAKING BENEFICIAL LIFESTYLE CHOICES

In order to instill good healthy living habits, children need to learn early in life about the importance of eating healthy foods. 54 children participated in Bracken County's LEAP (Literacy, Eating, Activity, for Pre-School Children) Programs. The LEAP Curriculum was taught with the help of the teachers and extension staff. Nine books were read and lessons were given every 2 weeks for 5 months. A newsletter went home with each student after the lesson. Students learned healthy snacks to eat, the importance of physical activity, food safety, and eating more fruits and vegetables. As a result of this program 90% of the children tried a food they had never tried before and 85% could name the food groups on the food pyramid.<sup>1</sup>



## OUR COMMUNITY

► Unemployment rates are a key economic indicator. In August 2009, the rate of unemployment in Bracken County was **10.4%**.<sup>3</sup>

Mortgage and bank card delinquency rates and foreclosure filings are important financial indicators of community well-being. In Bracken County, **1.85%** of mortgages are 90-days delinquent and 60-day bank card delinquency rates have increased by **3.03%**.<sup>4</sup> In a one-year period (October 2008 through October 2009), **35** foreclosures were filed.<sup>5</sup>

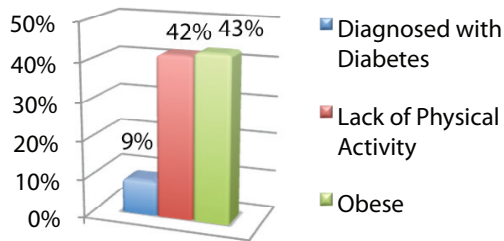
Access to health insurance is another important factor contributing to family well-being. In Bracken County, **12%** of the people under age 65 are uninsured.<sup>6</sup>

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

- **68** people were involved in addressing issues of their community.
- **129** people increased their knowledge of governmental process.
- **46** people expanded their knowledge of economic development.

## OUR HEALTH

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



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

- **115** people increased their knowledge of practices to maintain health and well-being.
- **40** people made lifestyle changes to improve health.
- **44** people developed skills to access affordable food.

## OUR FAMILIES

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

- **2,346** families reside in the county.
- **178** families (**7.6%**) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is **\$40,469**.
- **136** grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, **537** people in Bracken County receive food stamps. The average family food stamp benefit is **\$245.57** per month.<sup>7</sup>

In the county, **2** children live in out-of-home care.<sup>8</sup>

In 2005, there were **21** incidents of adult abuse and **22** incidents of child abuse.<sup>9</sup>

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

- **274** adults and youth improved their ability to make informed and effective decisions.
- **41** people increased their knowledge and skills related to parenting and personal relationships.
- **54** adults and youth improved practical living skills.

### SOURCES

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

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<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.