



BRECKINRIDGE 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 Breckinridge County resulting in strong families for Kentucky. Educational programs focus on:

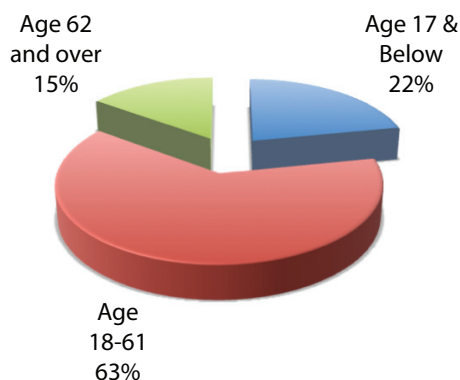
Making Beneficial Lifestyle Choices
Nurturing Families
Embracing Life as You Age
Securing Financial Stability
Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities
Accessing Nutritious Food
Empowering Community Leaders

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **4,713** contacts with Breckinridge County families during 2008-2009.¹

OUR PEOPLE

Figure 1. Population by Age Group² (n=19,132)

► 2008 estimates from the 2000 U.S. Census reported total population as **19,132**.² The graph on the right indicates the percentage by age group.



SPOTLIGHT ON...

ACCESSING NUTRITIOUS FOOD

In order to address the alarming increase in childhood obesity, the Breckinridge County Family and Consumer Science Extension Agent continues to partner with the Breckinridge County Headstart program to provide the LEAP (Literacy, Eating and Activity for Primary) program. The program is now in 5 schools (9 classrooms, approximately 140 students a month). All students participate in answering questions about the story, nutrition and importance of physical activity. Each month a newsletter is sent home with the child to the families about the books that were read, a healthy recipe and activities to do as a family. The Breckinridge County Extension Agent visited the parent meetings at each school and provided information on nutrition, physical activity and budgeting to the parents.¹



OUR COMMUNITY

► Unemployment rates are a key economic indicator. In August 2009, the rate of unemployment in Breckinridge County was **12.3%**.³

Mortgage and bank card delinquency rates and foreclosure filings are important financial indicators of community well-being. In Breckinridge County, **1.43%** of mortgages are 90-days delinquent and 60-day bank card delinquency rates have increased by **1.42%**.⁴ In a one-year period (October 2008 through October 2009), **51** foreclosures were filed.⁵

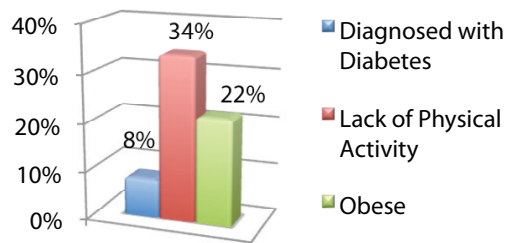
Access to health insurance is another important factor contributing to family well-being. In Breckinridge County, **14%** of the people under age 65 are uninsured.⁶

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

- **90** people were involved in addressing issues of their community.
- **13** people increased their knowledge of governmental process.
- **35** people were prepared to enter the work force.

OUR HEALTH

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



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

- **111** people increased knowledge of practices to maintain health and well-being.
- **226** people increased knowledge of safe practices to store, handle, and prepare food.
- **355** people increased their use of radon testers, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, and other devices to ensure personal safety.

OUR FAMILIES

► Using data from the 2000 U.S. Census, Breckinridge County families can be described as follows:²

- **5,307** families reside in the county.
- **633** families (**11.8%**) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is **\$36,575**.
- **194** grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, **1,416** people in Breckinridge County receive food stamps. The average family food stamp benefit is **\$215.89** per month.⁷

In the county, **87** children live in out-of-home care.⁸ In 2005, there were **26** incidents of adult abuse and **45** incidents of child abuse.⁹

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

- **47** adults and youth improved their ability to make informed and effective decisions.
- **30** people adopted money management practices to reduce debt and/or increase savings.
- **137** adults and youth improved practical living skills.

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