

**BULLITT 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 Bullitt County resulting in strong families for Kentucky. Educational programs focus on:

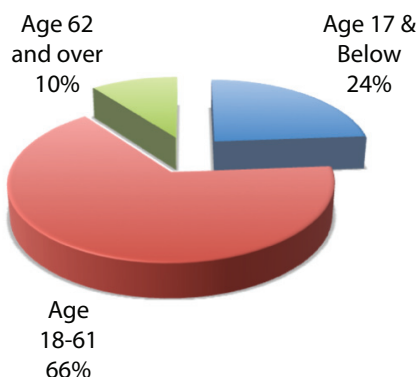
Making Beneficial Lifestyle Choices
Nurturing Families
Embracing Life as You Age
Securing Financial Stability
Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities
Accessing Nutritious Food
Empowering Community Leaders

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **11,870** contacts with Bullitt County families during 2008-2009.¹

OUR PEOPLE

Figure 1. Population by Age Group² (n=75,028)

► 2008 estimates from the 2000 U.S. Census reported total population as **75,028**.² The graph on the right indicates the percentage by age group.

**SPOTLIGHT ON...**

PROMOTING HEALTHY HOMES AND COMMUNITIES

Many health problems continue due to physical inactivity. Changes in our built environment through good sidewalks can provide citizens with an avenue to become more physically active. In order to encourage physical activity in the community, the Bullitt County Cooperative Extension Service, the city of Mt. Washington and the Main Street Committee worked to address their downtown built environment. A design was created to improve the atmosphere, visual appeal and ease of walking throughout the city. Because of this project work, the city was awarded an \$110,000 stimulus grant through Kentuckiana Regional Planning & Development Agency for sidewalk improvements. With improved sidewalks and a pleasant atmosphere, barriers to physical activity will be removed in order to promote better health.¹



OUR COMMUNITY

► Unemployment rates are a key economic indicator. In August 2009, the rate of unemployment in Bullitt County was **10.8%**.³

Mortgage and bank card delinquency rates and foreclosure filings are important financial indicators of community well-being. In Bullitt County, **3.99%** of mortgages are 90-days delinquent and 60-day bank card delinquency rates have increased by **1.84%**.⁴ In a one-year period (October 2008 through October 2009), **327** foreclosures were filed.⁵

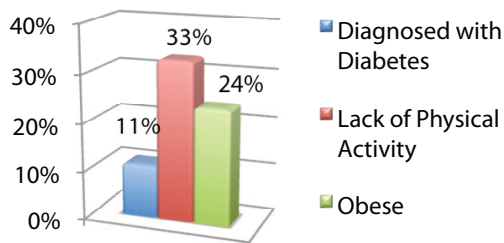
Access to health insurance is another important factor contributing to family well-being. In Bullitt County, **9%** of the people under age 65 are uninsured.⁶

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

- **266** people were involved in addressing issues of their community.
- **341** people increased their knowledge of governmental process.
- **197** 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 Bullitt County.
*Figure 2. Health Risks.*⁶



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

- **360** people increased knowledge of practices to maintain health and well-being.
- **686** people made lifestyle changes to improve health.
- **464** 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, Bullitt County families can be described as follows:²

- **17,745** families reside in the county.
- **1,110** families (**6.2%**) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is **\$49,481**.
- **575** grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, **2,668** people in Bullitt County receive food stamps. The average family food stamp benefit is **\$232.98** per month.⁷

In the county, **167** children live in out-of-home care.⁸

In 2005, there were **315** incidents of adult abuse and **91** incidents of child abuse.⁹

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

- **315** adults and youth improved their ability to make informed and effective decisions.
- **43** people increased their knowledge and skills related to parenting and personal relationships.
- **97** adults or child care providers increased their knowledge and skills related to age appropriate care.

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