



CARTER COUNTY

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BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES FOR KENTUCKY

OUR FOCUS

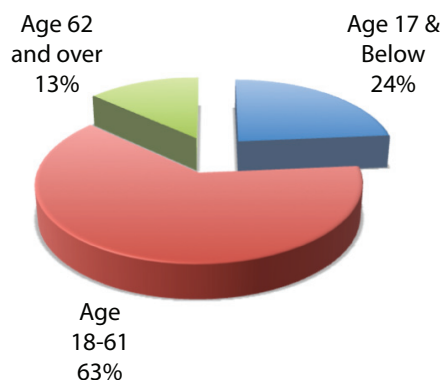
► Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the quality of life for individuals and families in Carter County resulting in strong families for Kentucky. Educational programs focus on:

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

OUR PEOPLE

Figure 1. Population by Age Group² (n=27,454)

► 2008 estimates from the 2000 U.S. Census reported total population as **27,454**.² The graph on the right indicates the percentage by age group.



SPOTLIGHT ON...

ACCESSING NUTRITIOUS FOOD

The East Carter Middle School Family and Consumer Science teacher and the Carter County 4-H Youth Development Agent worked together to encourage healthy eating habits in 550 middle school students. The teacher and 4-H agent both used materials from Extension's Nutrition Education Program, Professor Popcorn, Jump Into Foods and Fitness, Super Star Chef, and MyPyramid to introduce the importance of good nutrition. Evaluations revealed 66% of students tried a new fruit or vegetable during the taste test session, 60% of those students liked a food that they tried and would eat it again, and 22% of the students reported eating a fruit or vegetable at home that they had first tried during that taste test session.¹



OUR COMMUNITY

► Unemployment rates are a key economic indicator. In August 2009, the rate of unemployment in Carter County was **14.1%**.³

Mortgage and bank card delinquency rates and foreclosure filings are important financial indicators of community well-being. In Carter County, **1.48%** of mortgages are 90-days delinquent and 60-day bank card delinquency rates have increased by **2.56%**.⁴ In a one-year period (October 2008 through October 2009), **2** foreclosures were filed.⁵

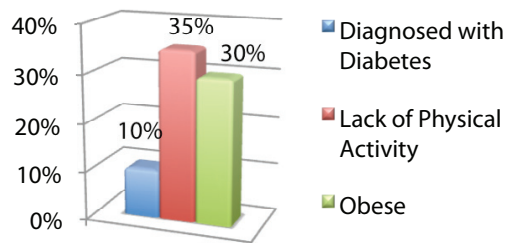
Access to health insurance is another important factor contributing to family well-being. In Carter County, **17%** of the people under age 65 are uninsured.⁶

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

- **59** people were involved in addressing issues of their community.
- **18** people increased their knowledge of governmental process.
- **520** 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 Carter County.
*Figure 2. Health Risks.*⁶



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

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

OUR FAMILIES

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

- **7,741** families reside in the county.
- **1,493** families (**19.2%**) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is **\$31,278**.
- **163** grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, **2,748** people in Carter County receive food stamps. The average family food stamp benefit is **\$227.37** per month.⁷

In the county, **72** children live in out-of-home care.⁸

In 2005, there were **76** incidents of adult abuse and **130** incidents of child abuse.⁹

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

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

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