



FRANKLIN 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 Franklin County resulting in strong families for Kentucky. Educational programs focus on:

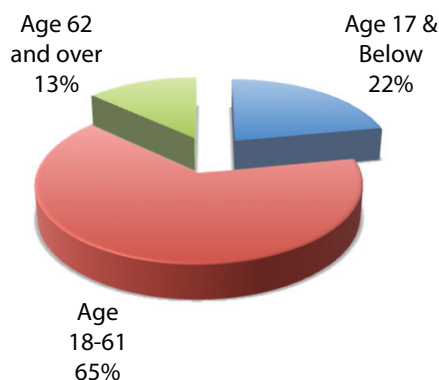
Making Beneficial Lifestyle Choices
Nurturing Families
Embracing Life as You Age
Securing Financial Stability
Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities
Accessing Nutritious Food
Empowering Community Leaders

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **5,307** contacts with Franklin County families during 2008-2009.¹

OUR PEOPLE

Figure 1. Population by Age Group² (n=47,687)

► 2008 estimates from the 2000 U.S. Census reported total population as **47,687**.² The graph on the right indicates the percentage by age group.



SPOTLIGHT ON...

SECURING FINANCIAL STABILITY

The recent economic downturn has caused major financial crises for families throughout Kentucky, including in Franklin County where more than 200 bankruptcies and numerous home foreclosures were reported in 2008. In response, Franklin County Extension partnered with local financial institutions and counseling agencies to present, "A Fresh Start to Financial Wellness." The all-day program drew 50 participants. Experts led sessions on how to develop a budget, communicating with creditors, avoiding financial scams, retirement issues and buying a home for the first time. Following the workshop, a number of participants noted that they now plan to take a more realistic look at their financial situation.¹



OUR COMMUNITY

► Unemployment rates are a key economic indicator. In August 2009, the rate of unemployment in Franklin County was **9.4%**.³

Mortgage and bank card delinquency rates and foreclosure filings are important financial indicators of community well-being. In Franklin County, **2.87%** of mortgages are 90-days delinquent and 60-day bank card delinquency rates have increased by **1.48%**.⁴ In a one-year period (October 2008 through October 2009), **206** foreclosures were filed.⁵

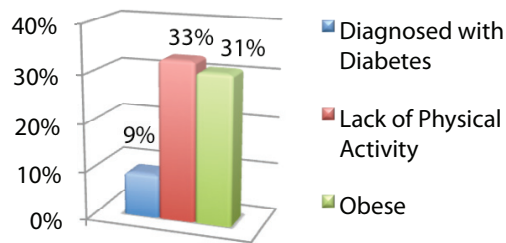
Access to health insurance is another important factor contributing to family well-being. In Franklin County, **11%** of the people under age 65 are uninsured.⁶

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

- **55** people were involved in addressing issues of their community.
- **55** increased their knowledge of governmental process.
- **55** 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 Franklin County. **Figure 2. Health Risks.**⁶



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

- **250** people increased knowledge of practices to maintain health and well-being.
- **72** people increased knowledge of safe practices to store, handle, and prepare food.
- **500** 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, Franklin County families can be described as follows:²

- **12,839** families reside in the county.
- **891** families (**6.9%**) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is **\$51,052**.
- **378** grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, **2,678** people in Franklin County receive food stamps. The average family food stamp benefit is **\$226.87** per month.⁷

In the county, **77** children live in out-of-home care.⁸ In 2005, there were **171** incidents of adult abuse and **165** incidents of child abuse.⁹

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

- **65** adults and youth improved their ability to make informed and effective decisions.
- **25** people adopted money management practices to reduce debt and/or increase savings.
- **Over 90 %** of girls ages 12-16 participating in M.A.D.E. (Mothers and Daughters in Extension) expressed their plan to limit their consumption of junk food after learning how to read food labels.

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