



## GALLATIN 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 Gallatin County resulting in strong families for Kentucky. Educational programs focus on:

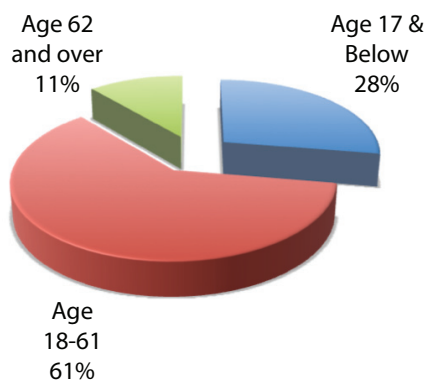
- Making Beneficial Lifestyle Choices**
- Nurturing Families**
- Embracing Life as You Age**
- Securing Financial Stability**
- Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities**
- Accessing Nutritious Food**
- Empowering Community Leaders**

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **47,697** contacts with Gallatin County families during 2008-2009.<sup>1</sup>

### OUR PEOPLE

Figure 1. Population by Age Group<sup>2</sup> (n=7,870)

► 2008 estimates from the 2000 U.S. Census reported total population as **7,870**.<sup>2</sup> The graph on the right indicates the percentage by age group.



### SPOTLIGHT ON...

## SECURING FINANCIAL STABILITY

Gallatin County's unemployment rate rose to 10.4% in January for the first time in decades. In response, Gallatin County Extension partnered with the One Stop Career Alliance to hold two job fairs. More than 200 attended, with 54 people reporting that they had found a job as a direct result. 63% said they made useful contacts with potential employers. To prepare job seekers for the fairs, we sponsored a job readiness workshop the week prior. Workshop attendees worked with local high school computer teachers to prepare and print their resumes, and they learned about such things as interview etiquette and dressing for success. Attendees also discovered the traits that local employers are seeking. Topping the list of traits, they learned according to a survey were integrity and dependability.<sup>1</sup>



## OUR COMMUNITY

► Unemployment rates are a key economic indicator. In August 2009, the rate of unemployment in Gallatin County was **12.2%**.<sup>3</sup>

Mortgage and bank card delinquency rates and foreclosure filings are important financial indicators of community well-being. In Gallatin County, **2.46%** of mortgages are 90-days delinquent and 60-day bank card delinquency rates have increased by **2.25%**.<sup>4</sup> In a one-year period (October 2008 through October 2009), **60** foreclosures were filed.<sup>5</sup>

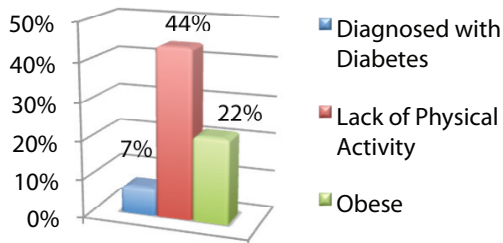
Access to health insurance is another important factor contributing to family well-being. In Gallatin County, **14%** of the people under age 65 are uninsured.<sup>6</sup>

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

- **80** people were involved in addressing issues of the community.
- **50** people increased their knowledge of governmental process.
- **375** 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 Gallatin County. **Figure 2. Health Risks.**<sup>6</sup>



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

- **900** increased knowledge or practices to maintain health and well-being.
- **570** people increased knowledge of safe practices to store, handle and prepare food.
- **425** people implemented practices to maintain health and well-being.

## OUR FAMILIES

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

- **2,136** families reside in the county.
- **249** families (**11.6%**) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is **\$41,136**.
- **48** grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, **507** people in Gallatin County receive food stamps. The average family food stamp benefit is **\$253.14** per month.<sup>7</sup>

In the county, **6** children live in out-of-home care.<sup>8</sup>

In 2005, there were **56** incidents of adult abuse and **16** incidents of child abuse.<sup>9</sup>

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

- **75** adults and youth improved their ability to make informed and effective decisions.
- **74** people adopted money management practices to reduce debt and/or increase savings.
- **166** people increased their knowledge and skills related to parenting and personal relationships.

### 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.