



## GREEN 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 Green County resulting in strong families for Kentucky. Educational programs focus on:

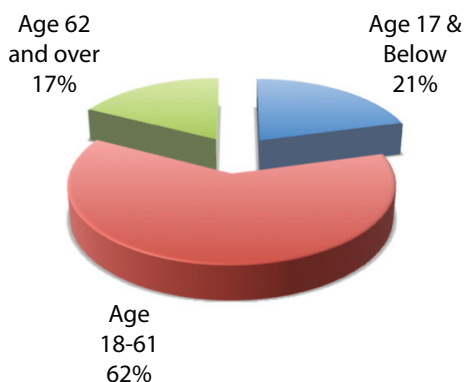
**Making Beneficial Lifestyle Choices**  
**Nurturing Families**  
**Embracing Life as You Age**  
**Securing Financial Stability**  
**Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities**  
**Accessing Nutritious Food**  
**Empowering Community Leaders**

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **6,898** contacts with Green County families during 2008-2009.<sup>1</sup>

## OUR PEOPLE

Figure 1. Population by Age Group<sup>2</sup> (n=11,518)

► 2008 estimates from the 2000 U.S. Census reported total population as **11,518**.<sup>2</sup> The graph on the right indicates the percentage by age group.



## SPOTLIGHT ON...

## ACCESSING NUTRITIOUS FOOD

Recognizing the difficulty some families have in providing food for their families, Green County Extension partnered with Hancock County Extension to create a pilot meal planning and coupon workshop to help those families reduce the cost of their weekly grocery bills. More than 125 participants attended five workshops that focused on efficient meal planning and how to shop using coupons and other available resources. Following the workshops, attendees reported a savings of 30 to 50 percent in their weekly grocery bill. Additionally, one member who attended committed to being an Extension Leadership Volunteer and will teach the workshop to new clientele. This volunteer has also created a page on the social networking site Facebook called "Coupons 101," which has attracted 110 members from both counties in the past three months.<sup>1</sup>



## OUR COMMUNITY

► Unemployment rates are a key economic indicator. In August 2009, the rate of unemployment in Green County was **12.5%**.<sup>3</sup>

Mortgage and bank card delinquency rates and foreclosure filings are important financial indicators of community well-being. In Green County, **0.68%** of mortgages are 90-days delinquent and 60-day bank card delinquency rates have increased by **2.28%**.<sup>4</sup> In a one-year period (October 2008 through October 2009), **1** foreclosures were filed.<sup>5</sup>

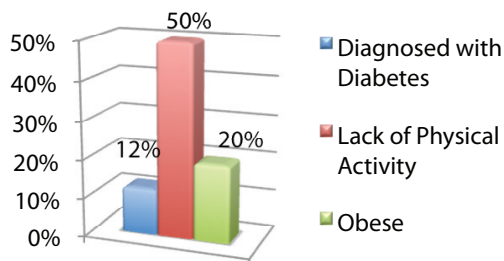
Access to health insurance is another important factor contributing to family well-being. In Green County, **17%** of the people under age 65 are uninsured.<sup>6</sup>

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

- **145** people increased their knowledge of governmental process.
- **152** people were prepared to enter the work force.
- **196** 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 Green County.  
*Figure 2. Health Risks.*<sup>6</sup>



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

- **915** people increased knowledge of practices to maintain health and well-being.
- **799** people increased knowledge of safe practices to store, handle, and prepare food.
- **563** people developed skill to access affordable food.

## OUR FAMILIES

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

- **3,379** families reside in the county.
- **525** families (**15.2%**) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is **\$31,852**.
- **129** grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, **798** people in Green County receive food stamps. The average family food stamp benefit is **\$196.34** per month.<sup>7</sup>

In the county, **42** children live in out-of-home care.<sup>8</sup>

In 2005, there were **40** incidents of adult abuse and **26** incidents of child abuse.<sup>9</sup>

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

- **512** adults and youth improved their ability to make informed and effective decisions.
- **322** people adopted money management practices to reduce debt and/or increase savings.
- **32** adult or child care providers increased their knowledge and skills related to age appropriate care.

### SOURCES

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<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.