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BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES FOR KENTUCKY

OUR FOCUS

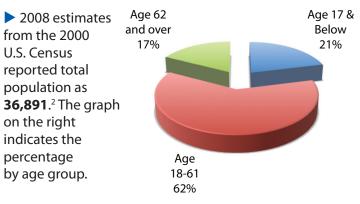
► Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the quality of life for individuals and families in Greenup County resulting in strong families for Kentucky. Educational programs focus on:

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 **8,490** contacts with Greenup County families during 2008-2009.¹

OUR PEOPLE

Figure 1. Population by Age Group² (n=36,891)



SPOTLIGHT ON...

EMBRACING LIFE AS YOU AGE

G reenup County was one of 11 pilot counties that participated in the Mental Healthiness Aging Initiative (MHAI), an educational intervention program designed to increase community knowledge about mental health aging and mental health resources. Seventeen Greenup County leaders were among 200 people who participated in 14 forums held throughout the pilot area, which led to the development of materials used in the program. In addition, the Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) agent in Greenup facilitated a variety of MHAI efforts, including providing instruction to 260 people, reaching 600 people with information about health

fairs and community events, and distributing 400 lesson materials, brochures and fact sheets. MHAI was developed from a successful Alzheimer education program initiated by the District 1 FCS agents.¹





OUR COMMUNITY

Unemployment rates are a key economic indicator. In August 2009, the rate of unemployment in Greenup County was **10.1%**.³

Mortgage and bank card delinguency rates and foreclosure filings are important financial indicators of community wellbeing. In Greenup County, 2.93% of mortgages are 90-

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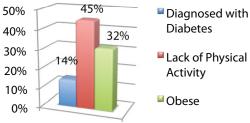
- 199 people were involved in addressing issues of their community.
- 55 people were involved in working with government in addressing significant community issues.
- 200 people expanded their knowledge of economic development.

days delinguent and 60-day bank card delinguency rates have increased by **1.64%**.⁴ In a one-year period (October 2008 through October 2009), 98 foreclosures were filed.⁵

Access to health insurance is another important factor contributing to family well-being. In Greenup County, 13% of the people under age 65 are uninsured.⁶

OUR HEALTH

The health of our people contributes to quality of life. The chart below illustrates health risks of adults in Greenup County. Figure 2. Health Risks.6

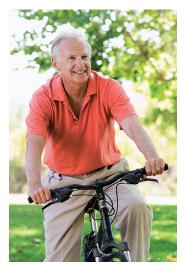


As a result of participation in **Greenup County Extension programs:**¹

- 264 people increased knowledge of practices to maintain health and well-being.
- 186 people increased knowledge of safe practices to store, handle, and prepare food.
- 320 people developed skills to access affordable food.

OUR FAMILIES

- Using data from the 2000 U.S. Census, Greenup County families can be described as follows:²
- 11,026 families reside in the county.
- 1,289 families (11.6%) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is \$38,928.
- 303 grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, 2,311 people in **Greenup County** receive food stamps. The average family food stamp benefit is **\$220.08** per month.7

In the county, **75** children live in out-of-home care.8

In 2005, there were 82 incidents of adult abuse and 93 incidents of child abuse.9

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

- 653 adults and youth improved their ability to make informed and effective decisions.
- 85 people adopted money management practices to reduce and/or increase savings.
- •77 people increased their knowledge and skills related to parenting and personal relationships.

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