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BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES FOR KENTUCKY

OUR FOCUS

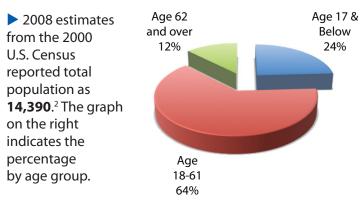
► Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the quality of life for individuals and families in Pendleton County resulting in strong families for Kentucky. Educational programs focus on:

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 **21,637** contacts with Pendleton County families during 2008-2009.¹

OUR PEOPLE

Figure 1. Population by Age Group² (n=14,390)



SPOTLIGHT ON...

MAKING BENEFICIAL LIFESTYLE CHOICES

Pendleton County Extension, in collaboration with other community organizations, presented the "Recipe for Life" cookbook project to 258 fifth-grade students. This projected addressed 10 of the 40 youth Developmental Assets identified as building blocks for healthy development. Students improved their social skills by working in small groups to read and prepare a recipe. They also were encouraged to submit a family recipe and story for the cookbook. During the project, students not only increased their knowledge of recipe reading and preparation, they also learned about proper hand washing, knife safety, table setting and manners. A post-evaluation showed that 62 percent had helped

prepare a recipe for their families from the cookbook. What's more, the project helped the students and their families reap the benefits of eating and preparing meals together.¹





OUR COMMUNITY

Unemployment rates are a key economic indicator. In August 2009, the rate of unemployment in Pendleton County was **11.8%**.³

Mortgage and bank card delinquency rates and foreclosure filings are important financial indicators of community wellbeing. In Pendleton

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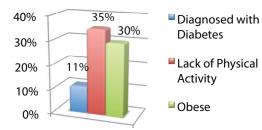
- **416** people were involved in addressing issues of their community.
- **308** people increased their knowledge of governmental process.
- **481** people expanded their knowledge of economic development.

County, **4.33%** of mortgages are 90-days delinquent and 60-day bank card delinquency rates have increased by **1.36%**.⁴ In a one-year period (October 2008 through October 2009), **72** foreclosures were filed.⁵

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

OUR HEALTH

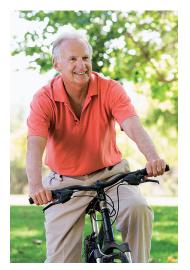
► The health of our people contributes to quality of life. The chart below illustrates health risks of adults in Pendleton County. *Figure 2. Health Risks.*⁶



- As a result of participation in
- Pendleton County Extension programs:¹
- **5,025** people increased knowledge of practices to maintain health and well-being.
- **1,090** people increase knowledge of safe practices to store, handle, and prepare food.
- 1,721 people developed skills to access affordable food.

OUR FAMILIES

- ► Using data from the 2000 U.S. Census, Pendleton County families can be described as follows:²
- 3,971 families reside in the county.
- **390** families (9.8%) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is **\$42,589**.
- **193** grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, **856** people in Pendleton County receive food stamps. The average family food stamp benefit is **\$241.41** per month.⁷

In the county, **12** children live in out-of-home care.⁸

In 2005, there were **46** incidents of adult abuse and **49** incidents of child abuse.⁹

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

- **1,146** adults and youth improved their ability to make informed and effective decisions.
- **191** people adopted money management practices to reduce debt and/or increase savings.
- **281** people increased their knowledge and skills related to parenting and personal relationships.

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