



ROBERTSON 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 Robertson County resulting in strong families for Kentucky. Educational programs focus on:

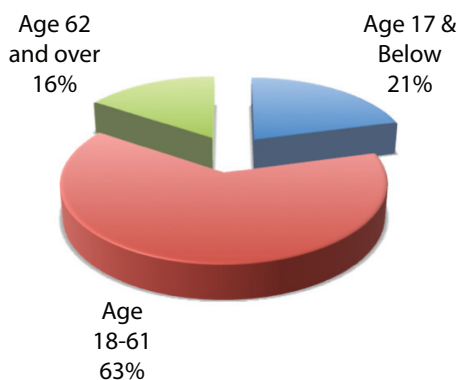
Making Beneficial Lifestyle Choices
Nurturing Families
Embracing Life as You Age
Securing Financial Stability
Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities
Accessing Nutritious Food
Empowering Community Leaders

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **8,909** contacts with Robertson County families during 2008-2009.¹

OUR PEOPLE

Figure 1. Population by Age Group² (n=2,266)

► 2008 estimates from the 2000 U.S. Census reported total population as **2,266**.² The graph on the right indicates the percentage by age group.



SPOTLIGHT ON...

NURTURING FAMILIES

Robertson County Extension and the Early Childhood Council have identified child abuse as an issue that needs heightened awareness in our community. As a result, we organized a multipronged awareness event that reached all age groups, had activities at several locations, and involved nearly every agency and business in the county. Twenty-five sponsors set up exhibits that attracted 86 children and 84 parents. In one, the state police completed fingerprint / DNA kits on the children and in another high school students focused on Internet safety. The event was followed the next day with a seminar for 18 community leaders. A third event in this program was a balloon launch with Head Start children and Early Childhood Council members.¹



OUR COMMUNITY

► Unemployment rates are a key economic indicator. In August 2009, the rate of unemployment in Robertson County was **10.6%**.³

In a one-year period (October 2008 through October 2009), **6** foreclosures were filed.⁴

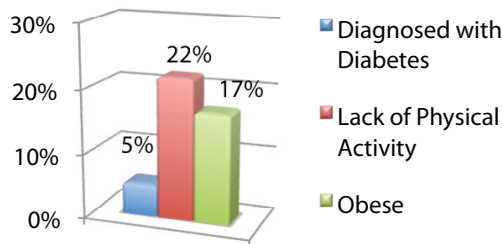
Access to health insurance is another important factor contributing to family well-being. In Robertson County, **13%** of the people under age 65 are uninsured.⁵

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

- **25** people were involved in addressing issues of their community.
- **3** people increased their knowledge of governmental process.
- **5** 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 Robertson County. **Figure 2. Health Risks.**⁵



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

- **135** people increased knowledge of practices to maintain health and well-being.
- **110** people increase knowledge of safe practices to store, handle, and prepare food.
- **115** people implemented practices to maintain health and well-being.



OUR FAMILIES

► Using data from the 2000 U.S. Census, Robertson County families can be described as follows:²

- **622** families reside in the county.
- **107** families (**17.5%**) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is **\$35,521**.
- **38** grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, **160** people in Robertson County receive food stamps. The average family food stamp benefit is **\$238.70** per month.⁶

In the county, **12** children live in out-of-home care.⁷

In 2005, there were **2** incidents of adult abuse and **4** incidents of child abuse.⁸

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

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

SOURCES

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