



TAYLOR 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 Taylor County resulting in strong families for Kentucky. Educational programs focus on:

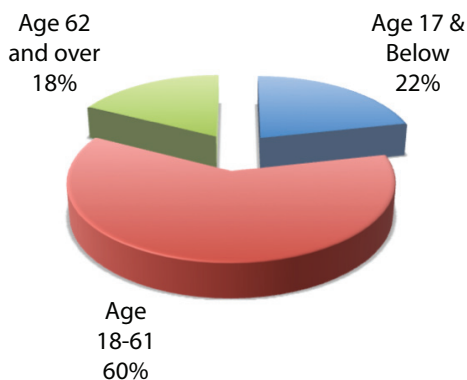
Making Beneficial Lifestyle Choices
Nurturing Families
Embracing Life as You Age
Securing Financial Stability
Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities
Accessing Nutritious Food
Empowering Community Leaders

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **8,738** contacts with Taylor County families during 2008-2009.¹

OUR PEOPLE

Figure 1. Population by Age Group² (n=22,927)

► 2008 estimates from the 2000 U.S. Census reported total population as **22,927**.² The graph on the right indicates the percentage by age group.



SPOTLIGHT ON...

EMBRACING LIFE AS YOU AGE

The fastest-growing segment of Taylor County's population is the elderly. A major health concern among this group is Alzheimer's disease. The disease is the most common form of dementia, but it is not a normal part of aging. To create awareness of Alzheimer's and promote prevention strategies, Homemakers in the 10-county Lake Cumberland area chose "The Longest Goodbye" for one of their lessons in 2008-2009. Fifty-eight lesson leaders participated in the program, which was led by a Family and Consumer Sciences agent. They reported knowledge gain and practice change as a result of the training. Even those who had some prior knowledge of the disease reported learning many new facts. Currently, we are forming a support group for caregivers of the elderly, including those with Alzheimer's.¹



OUR COMMUNITY

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

Mortgage and bank card delinquency rates and foreclosure filings are important financial indicators of community well-being. In Taylor County, **2.37%** of mortgages are 90-days delinquent and 60-day bank card delinquency rates have increased by **1.48%**.⁴ In a one-year period (October 2008 through October 2009), **44** foreclosures were filed.⁵

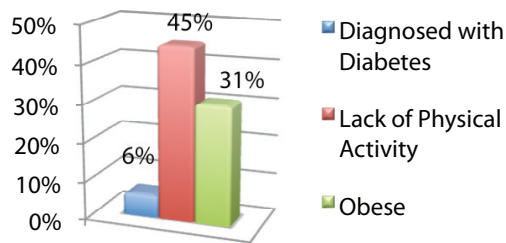
Access to health insurance is another important factor contributing to family well-being. In Taylor County, **15%** of the people under age 65 are uninsured.⁶

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

- **293** people were involved in addressing issues of their community.
- **17** people increased their knowledge of governmental process.
- **140** 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 Taylor County.
*Figure 2. Health Risks.*⁶



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

- **694** people increased knowledge of practices to maintain health and well-being.
- **457** people increase knowledge of safe practices to store, handle, and prepare food.
- **253** people increased their use of radon testers, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, and other devices to ensure personal safety.

OUR FAMILIES

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

- **6,559** families reside in the county.
- **932** families (**14.2%**) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is **\$33,854**.
- **112** grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, **1,682** people in Taylor County receive food stamps. The average family food stamp benefit is **\$206.68** per month.⁷

In the county, **22** children live in out-of-home care.⁸

In 2005, there were **78** incidents of adult abuse and **81** incidents of child abuse.⁹

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

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

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