

**BOONE COUNTY**

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# BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES FOR KENTUCKY 2011

**OUR FOCUS**

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

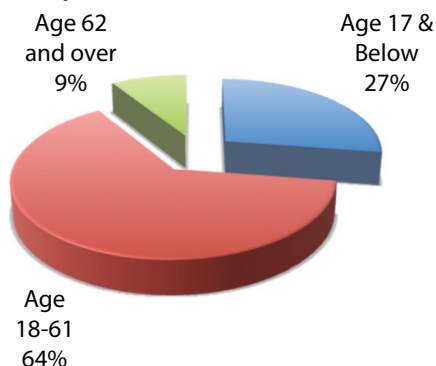
**Making Beneficial Lifestyle Choices**  
**Nurturing Families**  
**Embracing Life as You Age**  
**Securing Financial Stability**  
**Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities**  
**Accessing Nutritious Food**  
**Empowering Community Leaders**

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **14,153** contacts with Boone County families during 2009-2010.<sup>1</sup>

**OUR PEOPLE**

**Figure 1. Population by Age Group<sup>2</sup> (n=115,231)**

► 2008 estimates from the 2000 U.S. Census reported total population as **115,231**.<sup>2</sup> The graph on the right indicates the percentage by age group.

**SPOTLIGHT ON...**

## EMPOWERING COMMUNITY LEADERS

Census statistics indicate that more people from around the world are making Northern Kentucky home. In an effort to bridge cultures, Boone County Cooperative Extension Service started Tuesday Supper Club that met monthly at independent ethnic restaurants. A written evaluation completed five months after the start of the program demonstrated that all (100%) had met people they did not know prior to the club. Seventy-three percent indicated they had improved their ability to interact with others during a meal, and 74% had tried new foods. Sixty-seven percent were more aware of the importance of small business and improved their knowledge of the cultures in the region.<sup>1</sup>



## OUR COMMUNITY

► Unemployment rates are a key economic indicator. In July 2010, the rate of unemployment in Boone County was **9.3%**.<sup>6</sup>

Mortgage and bank card delinquency rates and foreclosure filings are important financial indicators of community well-being. In Boone County, **3.3%** of mortgages are 90-days delinquent and **1.3%** of bank cards are 60-days delinquent.<sup>7</sup> In a one-year period (August 2009 through August 2010), **809** foreclosures were filed.<sup>5</sup>

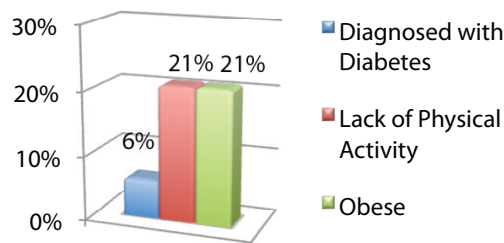
Access to health insurance is another important factor contributing to family well-being. In Boone County, **9%** of the people under age 65 are uninsured.<sup>8</sup>

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

- **147** people were involved in addressing issues of their community.
- **570** people prepared to enter the work force.
- **440** people expanded their knowledge of economic development.
- Boone County Extension is involved in **23** community coalitions.

## OUR HEALTH

► The health of our people contributes to quality of life. The chart below illustrates health risks of adults in Boone County. **Figure 2. Health Risks.**<sup>8</sup>



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

- **4,980** people increased knowledge of practices to maintain health and well-being.
- **3,710** people increased knowledge of safe practices to store, handle, and prepare food.
- **346** developed skills to access affordable food.

## OUR FAMILIES

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

- **23,435** families reside in the county.
- **1,042** families (**4.4%**) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is **\$61,114**.
- **481** grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, **3,011** people in Boone County receive supplemental nutrition assistance. The average family benefit is **\$273.85** per month.<sup>3</sup>

In the county, **66** children live in out-of-home care. There were **112**

child victims of substantiated abuse.<sup>4</sup> There were **210** incidents of adult abuse.<sup>5</sup>

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

- **4,476** adults and youth improved their ability to make informed and effective decisions.
- **410** people adopted money management practices to reduce debt and/or increase savings.
- **5,726** adults and youth improved practical living skills.

### SOURCES

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<sup>4</sup> Annie E. Casey Foundation, Kentucky KIDS COUNT, 2009.

<sup>5</sup> Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts, September, 2010

<sup>6</sup> Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, July 2010.

<sup>7</sup> TransUnion LLC., Trend Data, Quarter 1 2010.

<sup>8</sup> Kentucky Institute of Medicine, The Health of Kentucky: A County Assessment, 2007.