

## BOYD 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 Boyd County resulting in strong families for Kentucky. Educational programs focus on:

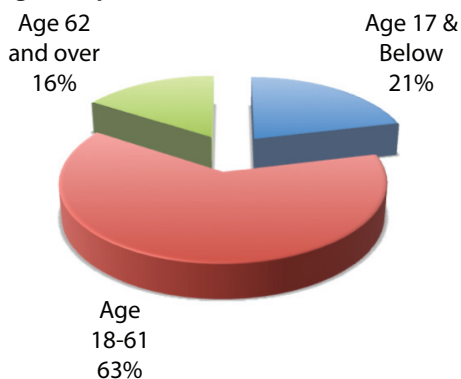
**Making Beneficial Lifestyle Choices**  
**Nurturing Families**  
**Embracing Life as You Age**  
**Securing Financial Stability**  
**Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities**  
**Accessing Nutritious Food**  
**Empowering Community Leaders**

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **10,147** contacts with Boyd County families during 2009-2010.<sup>1</sup>

## OUR PEOPLE

Figure 1. Population by Age Group<sup>2</sup> (n=48,560)

► 2008 estimates from the 2000 U.S. Census reported total population as **48,560**.<sup>2</sup> The graph on the right indicates the percentage by age group.



## SPOTLIGHT ON...

## EMPOWERING COMMUNITY LEADERS

In collaboration with Ashland Independent School System, Ashland Human Rights Commission, the State Human Rights Committee, and the local Ministerial Association, the Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Program celebrated 100 years of civil rights, with over 200 people attending the event. State Representative Rocky Adkins was master of ceremonies; guest speakers included the State Human Rights Commissioner and a State Human Rights Board Member. Directors of United Way, Ashland Chamber of Commerce, and Ashland Community & Technical College attended. The Centennial highlights the focus of Boyd County Cooperative Extension efforts to promote educational opportunities for diverse audiences. Successful programs include Spanish and English language programs, housing, and a Cultural Diversity Fair.<sup>1</sup>



## OUR COMMUNITY

► Unemployment rates are a key economic indicator. In July 2010, the rate of unemployment in Boyd County was **7.8%**.<sup>6</sup>

Mortgage and bank card delinquency rates and foreclosure filings are important financial indicators of community well-being. In Boyd County, **3.6%** of mortgages are 90-days delinquent and **1.6%** of bank cards are 60-days delinquent.<sup>7</sup> In a one-year period (August 2009 through August 2010), **162** foreclosures were filed.<sup>5</sup>

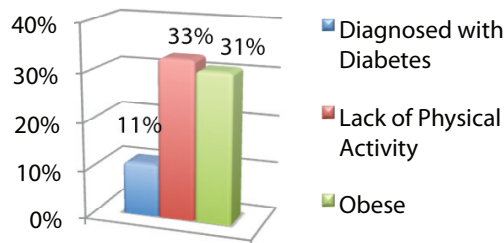
Access to health insurance is another important factor contributing to family well-being. In Boyd County, **13%** of the people under age 65 are uninsured.<sup>8</sup>

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

- **412** people were involved in addressing issues of their community.
- **82** people increased their knowledge of governmental process.
- **95** people expanded their knowledge of economic development.
- Boyd County Extension is involved in **33** community coalitions.

## OUR HEALTH

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



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

- **399** people increased knowledge of practices to maintain health and well-being.
- **271** people used safe practices to store, handle, and prepare food.
- **200** people made lifestyle changes to improve health.

## OUR FAMILIES

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

- **14,111** families reside in the county.
- **1,636** families (**11.5%**) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is **\$41,125**.
- **416** grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, **4,007** people in Boyd County receive supplemental nutrition assistance. The average family benefit is **\$241.85** per month.<sup>3</sup>

In the county, **416** children live in out-of-home care. There were **297**

child victims of substantiated abuse.<sup>4</sup> There were **105** incidents of adult abuse.<sup>5</sup>

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

- **737** adults and youth improved their ability to make informed and effective decisions.
- **712** people increased their knowledge and skills related to parenting and personal relationships.
- **976** adults and youth improved practical living skills.

### SOURCES

<sup>1</sup> Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, Impact Reporting, FY2010.

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census 2000. 2008 Estimates.

<sup>3</sup> Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Data Book, December 2008.

<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.