

BREATHITT 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 Breathitt County resulting in strong families for Kentucky. Educational programs focus on:

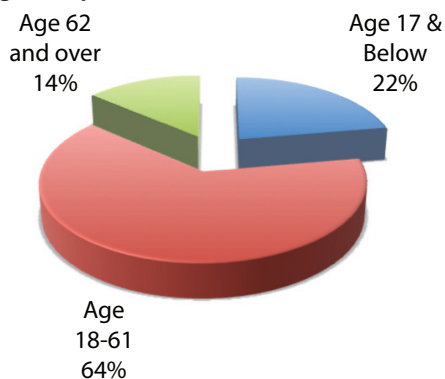
Making Beneficial Lifestyle Choices
Nurturing Families
Embracing Life as You Age
Securing Financial Stability
Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities
Accessing Nutritious Food
Empowering Community Leaders

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **10,647** contacts with Breathitt County families during 2009-2010.¹

OUR PEOPLE

Figure 1. Population by Age Group² (n=15,813)

► 2008 estimates from the 2000 U.S. Census reported total population as **15,813**.² The graph on the right indicates the percentage by age group.



SPOTLIGHT ON...

PROMOTING HEALTHY HOMES AND COMMUNITIES

Because Breathitt County has impaired waterways, advisory groups frequently list water-quality and solid-waste issues as top priorities. The Kentucky River Authority provided a grant to Breathitt County Cooperative Extension Service to conduct teacher training on watershed quality issues. With 127 students, the 4-H After School program covered watershed quality issues and conducted field trips to monitor a local stream. Students were interested in related art projects, resulting in a public art show themed around water quality. Student docents guided guests through the exhibit of watercolor paintings, pencil drawings, photography, and three-dimensional trash sculptures. Continuing this focus on water, an Earth Day after-school program educated thirty-five students on the water cycle and ground water.¹



OUR COMMUNITY

► Unemployment rates are a key economic indicator. In July 2010, the rate of unemployment in Breathitt County was **10.9%**.⁶

Mortgage and bank card delinquency rates and foreclosure filings are important financial indicators of community well-being. In Breathitt County, **1.3%** of mortgages are 90-days delinquent and **2.4%** of bank cards are 60-days delinquent.⁷ In a one-year period (August 2009 through August 2010), **5** foreclosures were filed.⁵

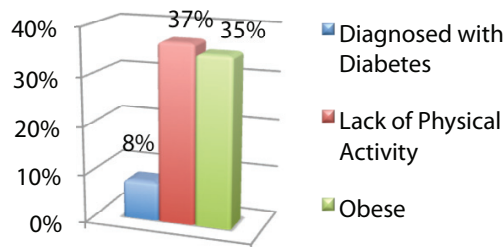
Access to health insurance is another important factor contributing to family well-being. In Breathitt County, **21%** of the people under age 65 are uninsured.⁸

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

- **298** people were involved in addressing issues of their community.
- **562** people increased their knowledge of governmental process.
- **57** people were prepared to enter the work force.
- Breathitt County is involved in **4** community coalitions.

OUR HEALTH

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



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

- **2,964** people increased knowledge and practices to maintain health and well-being.
- **1,431** people increased knowledge of safe practices to store, handle, and prepare food.
- **373** people made lifestyle changes to improve health.

OUR FAMILIES

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

- **4,541** families reside in the county.
- **1,279** families (**28.1%**) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is **\$23,721**.
- **181** grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, **2,485** people in Breathitt County receive supplemental nutrition assistance. The average family benefit is **\$208.38** per month.³

In the county, **27** children live in out-of-home care. There were **84**

child victims of substantiated abuse.⁴ There were **25** incidents of adult abuse.⁵

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

- **118** people adopted money management practices to reduce debt and/or increase savings.
- **78** people increased their knowledge and skills related to parenting and personal relationships.
- **227** adults and youth improved practical living skills.

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