

BRECKINRIDGE 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 Breckinridge County resulting in strong families for Kentucky. Educational programs focus on:

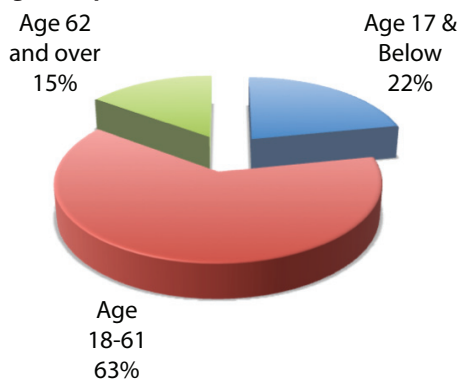
Making Beneficial Lifestyle Choices
Nurturing Families
Embracing Life as You Age
Securing Financial Stability
Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities
Accessing Nutritious Food
Empowering Community Leaders

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **6,268** contacts with Breckinridge County families during 2009-2010.¹

OUR PEOPLE

Figure 1. Population by Age Group² (n=19,132)

► 2008 estimates from the 2000 U.S. Census reported total population as **19,132**.² The graph on the right indicates the percentage by age group.



SPOTLIGHT ON...

ACCESSING NUTRITIOUS FOOD

Is cooking for one or two really worth the effort? Fifteen percent of the population in Breckinridge County is aged 62 and older, and many families consist of a single elderly person, couples just starting out, or single parents with a child. "Cooking for One or Two," taught by the Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent, addressed this issue by encouraging the fourteen participants to prepare meals at home regardless of how many were sitting down for dinner. The lesson covered the benefits of cooking at home and for smaller numbers, including the opportunity to try new recipes; adapting meals to satisfy individual preferences; adjusting quantities; and freezing, organizing, and planning meals.¹



OUR COMMUNITY

► Unemployment rates are a key economic indicator. In July 2010, the rate of unemployment in Breckinridge County was **10.3%**.⁶

Mortgage and bank card delinquency rates and foreclosure filings are important financial indicators of community well-being. In Breckinridge County, **1.3%** of mortgages are 90-days delinquent and **1.7%** of bank cards are 60-days delinquent.⁷ In a one-year period (August 2009 through August 2010), **84** foreclosures were filed.⁵

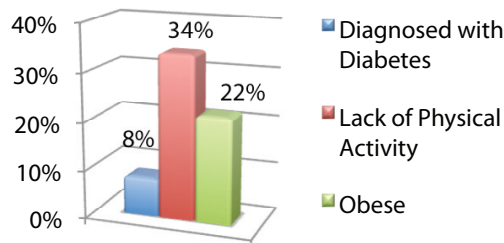
Access to health insurance is another important factor contributing to family well-being. In Breckinridge County, **14%** of the people under age 65 are uninsured.⁸

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

- **80** people were involved in addressing issues of their community.
- **11** people increased their knowledge of governmental process.
- **35** people were prepared to enter the work force.
- Breckinridge County Extension 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 Breckinridge County. **Figure 2. Health Risks.**⁸



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

- **450** people increased knowledge of practices to maintain health and well-being.
- **300** people increased their use of radon testers, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, and other devices to ensure personal safety.
- **50** people made lifestyle changes to improve health.

OUR FAMILIES

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

- **5,307** families reside in the county.
- **633** families (**11.8%**) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is **\$36,575**.
- **194** grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, **1,528** people in Breckinridge County receive supplemental nutrition assistance. The average family benefit is **\$239.95** per month.³

In the county, **63** children live in out-of-home care. There were **34**

child victims of substantiated abuse.⁴ There were **34** incidents of adult abuse.⁵

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

- **44** adults and youth improved their ability to make informed and effective decisions.
- **40** people adopted money management practices to reduce debt and/or increase savings.
- **244** adults and youth improved practical living skills.

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⁵ Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts, September, 2010

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⁸ Kentucky Institute of Medicine, The Health of Kentucky: A County Assessment, 2007.