

BUTLER 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 Butler County resulting in strong families for Kentucky. Educational programs focus on:

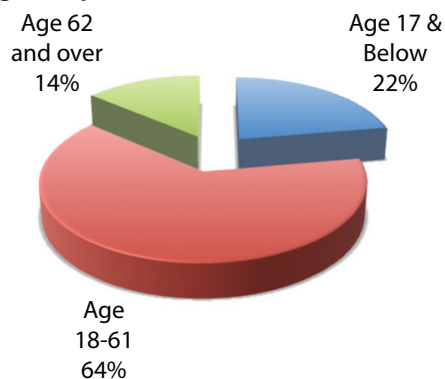
Making Beneficial Lifestyle Choices
Nurturing Families
Embracing Life as You Age
Securing Financial Stability
Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities
Accessing Nutritious Food
Empowering Community Leaders

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **11,266** contacts with Butler County families during 2009-2010.¹

OUR PEOPLE

Figure 1. Population by Age Group² (n=13,276)

► 2008 estimates from the 2000 U.S. Census reported total population as **13,276**.² The graph on the right indicates the percentage by age group.



SPOTLIGHT ON...

SECURING FINANCIAL STABILITY

Mammoth Cave Area Extension Agents, with multiple community partners, developed a family-budgeting program called Add Up the Savings to further fiscal and physical health. In January 338 learned to save money and calories while eating out, with evaluations showing that 100% made better nutritional choices and saved money. In February and March, 94% of 344 gardeners had increased knowledge and 95% said they would use the information to raise a garden this season. In April 43 food shoppers had a 100% increase in knowledge about grocery-store savings. In May, over 100 people learned to prepare more meals at home and maintain freezer and pantry items to prepare simple, quick meals.¹



OUR COMMUNITY

► Unemployment rates are a key economic indicator. In July 2010, the rate of unemployment in Butler County was **12.1%**.⁶

Mortgage and bank card delinquency rates and foreclosure filings are important financial indicators of community well-being. In Butler County, **1.8%** of mortgages are 90-days delinquent and **0.8%** of bank cards are 60-days delinquent.⁷ In a one-year period (August 2009 through August 2010), **25** foreclosures were filed.⁵

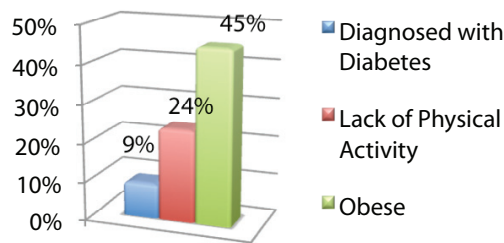
Access to health insurance is another important factor contributing to family well-being. In Butler County, **14%** of the people under age 65 are uninsured.⁸

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

- **100** people were involved in addressing issues in their community.
- **166** people increased their knowledge of governmental process.
- **22** 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 Butler County. **Figure 2. Health Risks.**⁸



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

- **1,005** people increased knowledge of practices to maintain health and well-being.
- **192** people used safe practices to store, handle, and prepare food.
- **732** people made lifestyle changes to improve health.

OUR FAMILIES

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

- **3,709** families reside in the county.
- **488** families (**13.1%**) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is **\$35,317**.
- **126** grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, **1,087** people in Butler County receive supplemental nutrition assistance. The average family benefit is **\$228.22** per month.³

In the county, **35** children live in out-of-home care. There were **41**

child victims of substantiated abuse.⁴ There were **49** incidents of adult abuse.⁵

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

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

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