

## CASEY 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 Casey County resulting in strong families for Kentucky. Educational programs focus on:

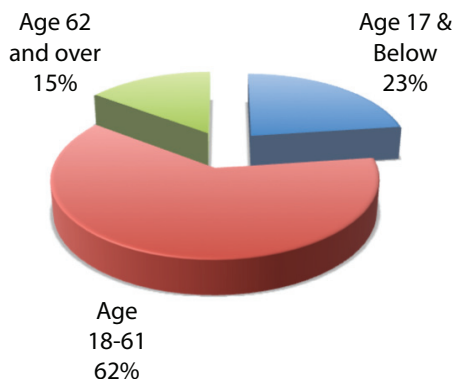
**Making Beneficial Lifestyle Choices**  
**Nurturing Families**  
**Embracing Life as You Age**  
**Securing Financial Stability**  
**Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities**  
**Accessing Nutritious Food**  
**Empowering Community Leaders**

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **6,372** contacts with Casey County families during 2009-2010.<sup>1</sup>

### OUR PEOPLE

Figure 1. Population by Age Group<sup>2</sup> (n=16,214)

► 2008 estimates from the 2000 U.S. Census reported total population as **16,214**.<sup>2</sup> The graph on the right indicates the percentage by age group.



### SPOTLIGHT ON...

## MAKING BENEFICIAL LIFESTYLE CHOICES

**T**o combat deficiencies in literacy, health, and welfare, Literacy, Eating, and Activity for Preschoolers (LEAP) program was offered in Head Start, with fourteen participants. Parents report reading more frequently to children and making positive nutrition changes; teachers report pre-schoolers were trying healthier foods. In conjunction with Commodities Day, which distributes food to about 300 families, Family and Consumer Sciences provided nutrition education. Participants report trying recipes, budgeting, meal planning, and healthier eating. FCS Agent and partners provided a weight-loss program in which six parent-child teams and one individual participated. The top individual lost 122 pounds; the teams lost 414.3 pounds. Also, Weight: the Reality Series was taught twice, with fifteen people losing over 5% of body weight.<sup>1</sup>



## OUR COMMUNITY

► Unemployment rates are a key economic indicator. In July 2010, the rate of unemployment in Casey County was **10.6%**.<sup>6</sup>

Mortgage and bank card delinquency rates and foreclosure filings are important financial indicators of community well-being. In Casey County, **1.2%** 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), **1** foreclosures were filed.<sup>5</sup>

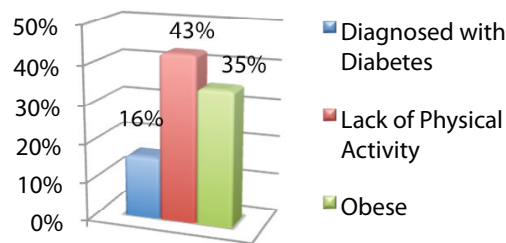
Access to health insurance is another important factor contributing to family well-being. In Casey County, **20%** of the people under age 65 are uninsured.<sup>8</sup>

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

- **324** people were involved in addressing issues of their community.
- **110** people were prepared to enter the work force.
- **90** people expanded their knowledge of economic development.
- Casey County Extension is involved in **5** community coalitions.

## OUR HEALTH

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



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

- **500** people increased knowledge of practices to maintain health and well-being.
- **450** people increased knowledge of safe practices to store, handle, and prepare food.
- **185** people developed skills to access affordable food.

## OUR FAMILIES

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

- **4,421** families reside in the county.
- **918** families (**20.7%**) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is **\$27,044**.
- **131** grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, **1,586** people in Casey County receive supplemental nutrition assistance. The average family benefit is **\$223.06** per month.<sup>3</sup>

In the county, **13** children live in out-of-home care. There were **38**

child victims of substantiated abuse.<sup>4</sup> There were **55** incidents of adult abuse.<sup>5</sup>

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

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

## SOURCES

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

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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.