

DAVIESS 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 Daviess County resulting in strong families for Kentucky. Educational programs focus on:

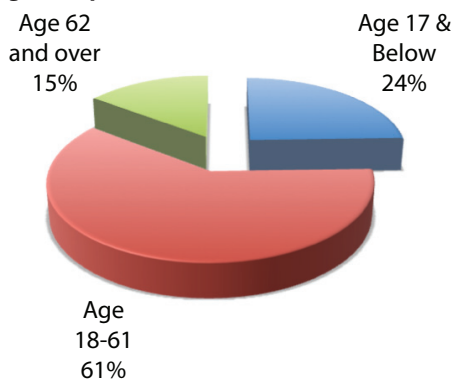
Making Beneficial Lifestyle Choices
Nurturing Families
Embracing Life as You Age
Securing Financial Stability
Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities
Accessing Nutritious Food
Empowering Community Leaders

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **20,228** contacts with Daviess County families during 2009-2010.¹

OUR PEOPLE

Figure 1. Population by Age Group² (n=94,418)

► 2008 estimates from the 2000 U.S. Census reported total population as **94,418**.² The graph on the right indicates the percentage by age group.



SPOTLIGHT ON...

NURTURING FAMILIES

With funding from Daviess County Education Childhood Council, Cooperative Extension and community partners presented a Fun and Fit Family Festival. The festival engaged parents and children through local schools. One goal of the event was to educate families about opportunities to be outside and physically active during summer; seventeen vendors provided this information. A second goal was to provide information that would increase choices for more fulfilling family time. Sessions included Homework Fitness, Fast Food Wheel of Fortune, Physical Fitness, Nutrition, and Family Meals. With over 200 participants from 15 area schools and 25 volunteers, this four-hour program was deemed successful by all participants. "I didn't know the Extension Office offered so many quality programs."¹



OUR COMMUNITY

► Unemployment rates are a key economic indicator. In July 2010, the rate of unemployment in Daviess County was **9.3%**.⁶

Mortgage and bank card delinquency rates and foreclosure filings are important financial indicators of community well-being. In Daviess County, **2.4%** of mortgages are 90-days delinquent and **1.0%** of bank cards are 60-days delinquent.⁷ In a one-year period (August 2009 through August 2010), **377** foreclosures were filed.⁵

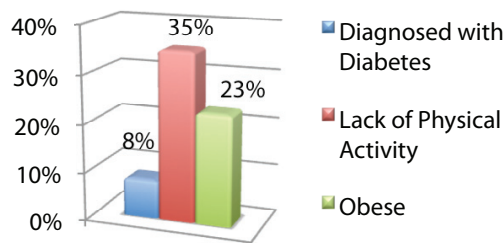
Access to health insurance is another important factor contributing to family well-being. In Daviess County, **11%** of the people under age 65 are uninsured.⁸

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

- **180** people were involved in addressing issues in their community.
- **338** people increased their knowledge of governmental process.
- **67** people were prepared to enter the work force.
- Daviess County Extension is involved in **20** community coalitions.

OUR HEALTH

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



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

- **182** people made lifestyle changes to improve health.
- **680** people increased knowledge of safe practices to store, handle, and prepare food.
- **310** people implemented practices to maintain health and well-being.

OUR FAMILIES

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

- **24,828** families reside in the county.
- **2,364** families (**9.4%**) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is **\$45,404**.
- **633** grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, **5,616** people in Daviess County receive supplemental nutrition assistance. The average family benefit is **\$236.72** per month.³

In the county, **275** children live in out-of-home care. There were **478**

child victims of substantiated abuse.⁴ There were **352** incidents of adult abuse.⁵

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

- **191** people adopted money management practices to reduce debt and/or increase savings.
- **233** people increased their knowledge and skills related parenting and personal relationships.
- **633** adult and youth improved practical living skills.

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⁵ Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts, September, 2010

⁶ Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, July 2010.

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