

HARDIN 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 Hardin County resulting in strong families for Kentucky. Educational programs focus on:

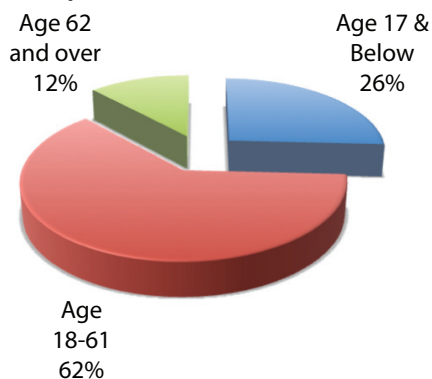
Making Beneficial Lifestyle Choices
Nurturing Families
Embracing Life as You Age
Securing Financial Stability
Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities
Accessing Nutritious Food
Empowering Community Leaders

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **18,913** contacts with Hardin County families during 2009-2010.¹

OUR PEOPLE

Figure 1. Population by Age Group² (n=94,174)

► 2008 estimates from the 2000 U.S. Census reported total population as **94,174**.² The graph on the right indicates the percentage by age group.



SPOTLIGHT ON...

EMPOWERING COMMUNITY LEADERS

Twitter, Facebook, Skype, MySpace—these social-networking sites are critical to the way individuals and businesses communicate now. As of February 2010, 400 million people worldwide were users of Facebook alone. The Cooperative Extension Service provided classes in Hardin County and Boyle County on the history and rapid growth of social media, reaching 52 workshop participants. Participants interacted directly with each social media and even participated in a video conference via Skype. One-hundred percent of the participants who were surveyed at the conclusion stated that they feel the information they received was pertinent and relevant; 47% said that they were now confident that social networking was or was not for them.¹



OUR COMMUNITY

► Unemployment rates are a key economic indicator. In July 2010, the rate of unemployment in Hardin County was **8.9%**.⁶

Mortgage and bank card delinquency rates and foreclosure filings are important financial indicators of community well-being. In Hardin County, **2.2%** of mortgages are 90-days delinquent and **1.4%** of bank cards are 60-days delinquent.⁷ In a one-year period (August 2009 through August 2010), **473** foreclosures were filed.⁵

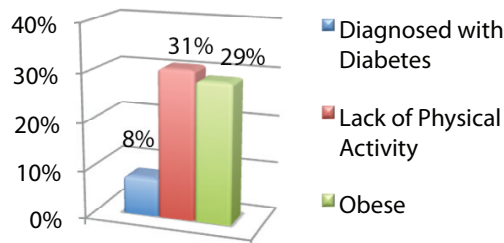
Access to health insurance is another important factor contributing to family well-being. In Hardin County, **13%** of the people under age 65 are uninsured.⁸

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

- **308** people were involved in addressing issues of their community.
- **162** people increased their knowledge of governmental process.
- **75** people were prepared to enter the work force.
- Hardin County Extension is involved in **29** community coalitions.

OUR HEALTH

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



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

- **257** people increased knowledge of practices to maintain health and well-being.
- **257** people increased knowledge of safe practices to store, handle, and prepare food.
- **325** people increased their use of radon testers, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, and other devices to ensure personal safety.

OUR FAMILIES

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

- **25,347** families reside in the county.
- **2,092** families (**8.2%**) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is **\$43,610**.
- **823** grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, **4,765** people in Hardin County receive supplemental nutrition assistance. The average family benefit is **\$260.09** per month.³

In the county, **365** children live in out-of-home care. There were **252**

child victims of substantiated abuse.⁴ There were **315** incidents of adult abuse.⁵

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

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

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