

HARLAN 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 Harlan County resulting in strong families for Kentucky. Educational programs focus on:

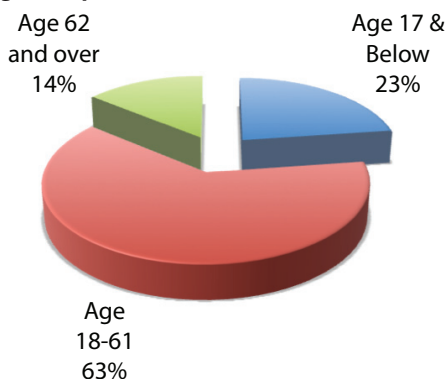
- Making Beneficial Lifestyle Choices**
- Nurturing Families**
- Embracing Life as You Age**
- Securing Financial Stability**
- Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities**
- Accessing Nutritious Food**
- Empowering Community Leaders**

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **11,699** contacts with Harlan County families during 2009-2010.¹

OUR PEOPLE

Figure 1. Population by Age Group² (n=33,202)

► 2008 estimates from the 2000 U.S. Census reported total population as **33,202**.² The graph on the right indicates the percentage by age group.



SPOTLIGHT ON...

NURTURING FAMILIES

The goal of the newly organized Harlan County Extension Homemakers Book Club is to get more people reading. The club has hosted two book give-aways for families reaching 197 children and adults. "Dashing Into Reading with Santa" was held in December at the Harlan County Extension Depot. It featured Harlan County Librarian Rich Haynes as Santa giving away 2 books per child. Several club members, as well as local celebrities read to the children during the program. The second reading event "Jump Into Summer with Reading" was held in May at the Depot and featured local storyteller, Pam Holcomb. Each child was allowed to choose at least 5 books and a book bag to take home.¹



OUR COMMUNITY

► Unemployment rates are a key economic indicator. In July 2010, the rate of unemployment in Harlan County was **11.3%**.⁶

Mortgage and bank card delinquency rates and foreclosure filings are important financial indicators of community well-being. In Harlan County, **1.4%** of mortgages are 90-days delinquent and **2.2%** of bank cards are 60-days delinquent.⁷ In a one-year period (August 2009 through August 2010), **71** foreclosures were filed.⁵

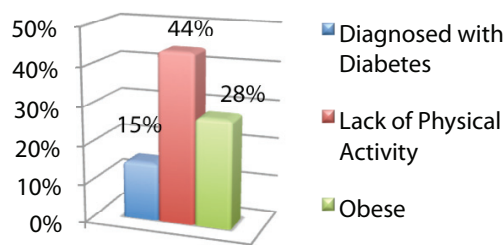
Access to health insurance is another important factor contributing to family well-being. In Harlan County, **20%** of the people under age 65 are uninsured.⁸

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

- **300** people were involved in addressing issues of their community.
- **875** people increased their knowledge of governmental process.
- **50** people expanded their knowledge of economic development.
- Harlan County Extension is involved in **50** community coalitions.

OUR HEALTH

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



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

- **1,550** people increased knowledge of practices to maintain health and well-being.
- **650** people used safe practices to store, handle, and prepare food.
- **1,125** people made lifestyle changes to improve health.

OUR FAMILIES

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

- **9,446** families reside in the county.
- **2,737** families (**29.1%**) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is **\$23,536**.
- **401** grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, **4,492** people in Harlan County receive supplemental nutrition assistance. The average family benefit is **\$231.33** per month.³

In the county, **109** children live in out-of-home care. There were **122**

child victims of substantiated abuse.⁴ There were **130** incidents of adult abuse.⁵

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

- **1,050** adults and youth improved their ability to make informed and effective decisions.
- **450** people adopted money management practices to reduce debt and/or increase savings.
- **1,300** adults and youth improved practical living skills.

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