

JOHNSON 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 Johnson County resulting in strong families for Kentucky. Educational programs focus on:

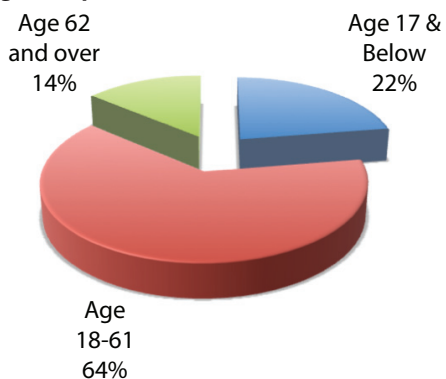
Making Beneficial Lifestyle Choices
Nurturing Families
Embracing Life as You Age
Securing Financial Stability
Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities
Accessing Nutritious Food
Empowering Community Leaders

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **8,179** contacts with Johnson County families during 2009-2010.¹

OUR PEOPLE

Figure 1. Population by Age Group² (n=23,445)

► 2008 estimates from the 2000 U.S. Census reported total population as **23,445**.² The graph on the right indicates the percentage by age group.



SPOTLIGHT ON...

EMPOWERING COMMUNITY LEADERS

Heritage Days promotes tourism and boosts the local economy. Hosted at the 1850s farm Mountain Home Place, the three-day event is a Johnson County tradition, with over 900 people participating in 2009. Children from four counties, adults from several counties, and over 60 volunteers through Cooperative Extension efforts, have created an event that garnered Mountain Home Place a national award. Interactive tours and demonstrations—on spinning, weaving, and quilting; grinding corn; making apple cider, sorghum, and butter; heirloom seeds; farm animals; drying herbs; pottery; metal work; early American schools—further understanding of culture and traditional food security techniques. A Paintsville teacher said it was the most effective program on Kentucky history she had seen in 30 years of teaching.¹



OUR COMMUNITY

► Unemployment rates are a key economic indicator. In July 2010, the rate of unemployment in Johnson County was **10.9%**.⁶

Mortgage and bank card delinquency rates and foreclosure filings are important financial indicators of community well-being. In Johnson County, **3.2%** of mortgages are 90-days delinquent and **1.8%** of bank cards are 60-days delinquent.⁷ In a one-year period (August 2009 through August 2010), **106** foreclosures were filed.⁵

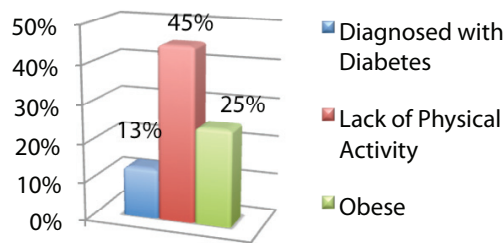
Access to health insurance is another important factor contributing to family well-being. In Johnson County, **16%** of the people under age 65 are uninsured.⁸

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

- **90** people were involved in addressing issues of their community
- **170** people increased their knowledge of governmental process.
- **265** people were prepared to enter the work force.
- Johnson 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 Johnson County. **Figure 2. Health Risks.**⁸



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

- **495** people increased knowledge of practices to maintain health and well-being.
- **45** people used safe practices to store, handle, and prepare food.
- **75** people made lifestyle changes to improve health.

OUR FAMILIES

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

- **6,867** families reside in the county.
- **1,491** families (**21.7%**) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is **\$29,142**.
- **270** grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, **2,798** people in Johnson County receive supplemental nutrition assistance. The average family benefit is **\$228.25** per month.³

In the county, **154** children live in out-of-home care. There were **185**

child victims of substantiated abuse.⁴ There were **94** incidents of adult abuse.⁵

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

- **120** people adopted money management practices to reduce debt and/or increase savings.
- **190** people increased their knowledge and skills related to parenting and personal relationships.
- **550** adults and youth improved practical living skills.

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