

KENTON 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 Kenton County resulting in strong families for Kentucky. Educational programs focus on:

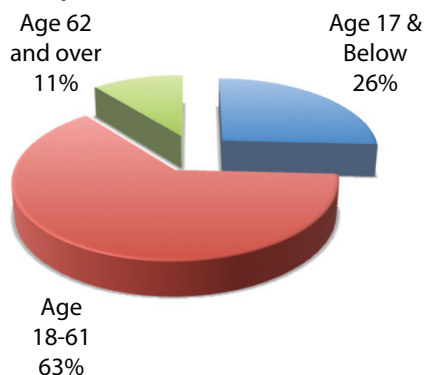
Making Beneficial Lifestyle Choices
Nurturing Families
Embracing Life as You Age
Securing Financial Stability
Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities
Accessing Nutritious Food
Empowering Community Leaders

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **75,107** contacts with Kenton County families during 2009-2010.¹

OUR PEOPLE

Figure 1. Population by Age Group² (n=151,464)

► 2008 estimates from the 2000 U.S. Census reported total population as **151,464**.² The graph on the right indicates the percentage by age group.



SPOTLIGHT ON...

ACCESSING NUTRITIOUS FOOD

Popular once again, home canning offers a way to preserve fresh food, save on grocery bills, reduce carbon footprint by using locally grown foods, and avoid additives and preservatives. To serve this growing interest, Boone and Kenton County Extension offices offered food preservation workshops. Seventy-two participants canned jams and jellies, or carrots and tomatoes, and learned about proper freezing and drying techniques. After completing the class, 88% of participants reported understanding the precise steps that must be taken in order to can food safely. 100% of participants were able to successfully produce two canned products in class. As a result of the workshop the Kenton County Fair canned good entries increased by 123%.¹



OUR COMMUNITY

► Unemployment rates are a key economic indicator. In July 2010, the rate of unemployment in Kenton County was **9.9%**.⁶

Mortgage and bank card delinquency rates and foreclosure filings are important financial indicators of community well-being. In Kenton County, **3.0%** of mortgages are 90-days delinquent and **1.5%** of bank cards are 60-days delinquent.⁷ In a one-year period (August 2009 through August 2010), **1,232** foreclosures were filed.⁵

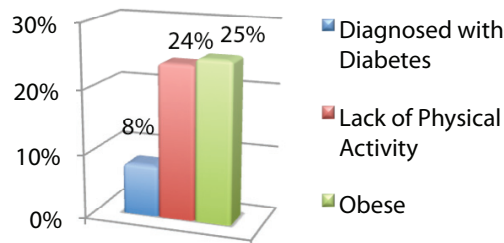
Access to health insurance is another important factor contributing to family well-being. In Kenton County, **10%** of the people under age 65 are uninsured.⁸

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

- **83** people were involved in addressing issues of their community.
- **34** people were prepared to enter the work force.
- **1,022** people expanded their knowledge of economic development.
- Kenton County Extension is involved in **26** community coalitions.

OUR HEALTH

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



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

- **636** people increased knowledge of practices to maintain health and well-being.
- **427** people increased knowledge of safe practices to store, handle, and prepare food.
- **404** 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, Kenton County families can be described as follows:²

- **39,444** families reside in the county.
- **2,797** families (**7.1%**) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is **\$52,953**.
- **1,182** grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, **8,092** people in Kenton County receive supplemental nutrition assistance. The average family benefit is **\$267.75** per month.³

In the county, **589** children live in out-of-home care. There were **596**

child victims of substantiated abuse.⁴ There were **437** incidents of adult abuse.⁵

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

- **638** adults and youth improved their ability to make informed and effective decisions.
- **487** people adopted money management practices to reduce debt and/or increase savings.
- **144** people increased their knowledge and skills related to parenting and personal relationships.

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