### **MCLEAN COUNTY**

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# BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES FOR KENTUCKY 2011



### **OUR FOCUS**

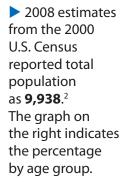
► Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the quality of life for individuals and families in McLean County resulting in strong families for Kentucky. Educational programs focus on:

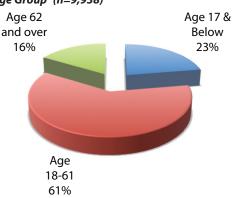
Making Beneficial Lifestyle Choices
Nurturing Families
Embracing Life as You Age
Securing Financial Stability
Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities
Accessing Nutritious Food
Empowering Community Leaders

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **6,683** contacts with McLean County families during 2009-2010.<sup>1</sup>

### **OUR PEOPLE**

Figure 1. Population by Age Group<sup>2</sup> (n=9,938)



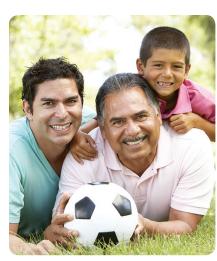


### **SPOTLIGHT ON...**

# PROMOTING HEALTHY HOMES AND COMMUNITIES

cLean County is ranked the 85th healthiest county for overall health in 2010 by Health and Family Services Cabinet. According to Kentucky Heath Facts, in 2009 twenty-five people died from heart disease, four people died due to strokes, and three people died from colorectal cancer in the county. Because of these death rates, Cooperative Extension and community partners hosted three lunch-and-learn sessions during the spring to raise awareness of women's heart disease, colorectal cancer, and stroke prevention. Go Red Luncheon–Women's Heart Disease, Go Blue Colorectal Luncheon, and

Stroke Awareness Luncheon
had 115 total
participants.
One hundred
percent of
participants
indicated they
needed to take
better care of
themselves and
41% planned
to be screened
for colorectal
cancer.<sup>1</sup>





### **OUR COMMUNITY**

► Unemployment rates are a key economic indicator. In July 2010, the rate of unemployment in McLean County was 10.1%.6

Mortgage and bank card delinquency rates and foreclosure filings are important financial indicators of community well-being. In McLean County, 1.3% of mortgages are 90-days delinquent and 2.7% of bank cards are 60-days delin-

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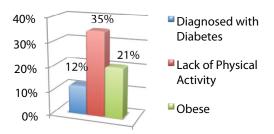
- 934 people were involved in addressing issues of their community.
- 194 people increased their knowledge of governmental process.
- 378 people expanded their knowledge of economic development.
- McLean County Extension is involved in 539 community coalitions.

quent.<sup>7</sup> In a one-year period (August 2009 through August 2010), **16** foreclosures were filed.<sup>5</sup>

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

### **OUR HEALTH**

➤ The health of our people contributes to quality of life. The chart below illustrates health risks of adults in McLean County. *Figure 2. Health Risks.*\*



### As a result of participation in McLean County Extension programs:<sup>1</sup>

- 1,256 people increased knowledge of practices to maintain health and well-being.
- **356** people developed skills to access affordable food.
- 234 people made lifestyle changes to improve health.

### **OUR FAMILIES**

- ▶ Using data from the 2000 U.S. Census, McLean County families can be described as follows:<sup>2</sup>
- 2,881 families reside in the county.
- 399 families (13.7%) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is \$35,322.
- **124** grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, **592** people in McLean County receive supplemental nutrition assistance. The average family benefit is **\$233.53** per month.<sup>3</sup>

In the county, 8 children live in out-of-home care. There were 64

child victims of substantiated abuse.<sup>4</sup> There were **29** incidents of adult abuse.<sup>5</sup>

### As a result of participation in McLean County Extension programs:<sup>1</sup>

- 1,156 adults and youth improved their ability to make informed and effective decisions.
- 456 people increased their knowledge and skills related to parenting and personal relationships.
- 1,285 adults and youth improved practical living skills.

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