

OLDHAM 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 Oldham County resulting in strong families for Kentucky. Educational programs focus on:

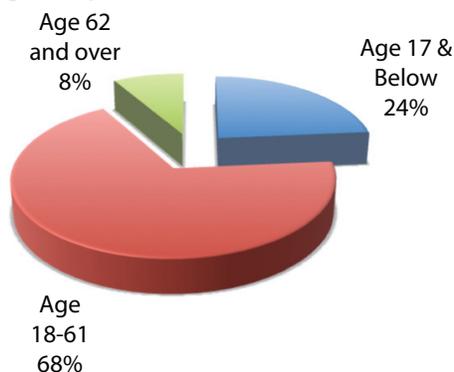
- Making Beneficial Lifestyle Choices**
- Nurturing Families**
- Embracing Life as You Age**
- Securing Financial Stability**
- Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities**
- Accessing Nutritious Food**
- Empowering Community Leaders**

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **19,351** contacts with Oldham County families during 2009-2010.¹

OUR PEOPLE

Figure 1. Population by Age Group² (n=46,178)

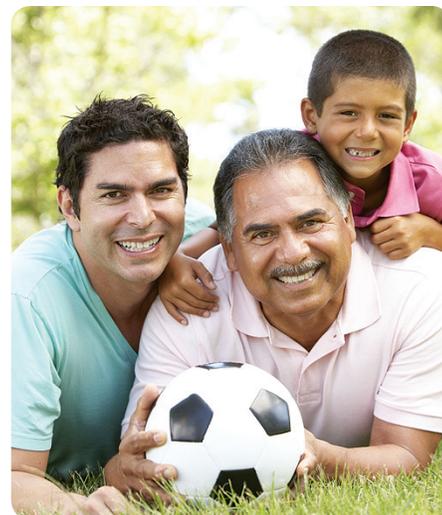
► 2008 estimates from the 2000 U.S. Census reported total population as **46,178**.² The graph on the right indicates the percentage by age group.



SPOTLIGHT ON...

ACCESSING NUTRITIOUS FOOD

Increased unemployment and the rising cost of raising a family have forced some residents of Oldham County to reduce food budgets. The Family and Consumer Sciences Agent collaborated with the Share and Sample Extension Homemaker Club and LaGrange Presbyterian Church to provide monthly “angel food” box distribution to needy residents, some of whom are food-stamp recipients. A box is \$30 but the value is doubled through bulk purchasing. The FCS Agent prepared samples of nutritious recipes with food in the box, and distributed money-saving ideas and tips for healthier living. More than 2,000 residents participated. Fifty percent reported using recipes and saving money on groceries, and many participate in other Extension classes.¹



OUR COMMUNITY

► Unemployment rates are a key economic indicator. In July 2010, the rate of unemployment in Oldham County was **7.9%**.⁶

Mortgage and bank card delinquency rates and foreclosure filings are important financial indicators of community well-being. In Oldham County, **2.2%** of mortgages are 90-days delinquent and **0.8%** of bank cards are 60-days delinquent.⁷ In a one-year period (August 2009 through August 2010), **358** foreclosures were filed.⁵

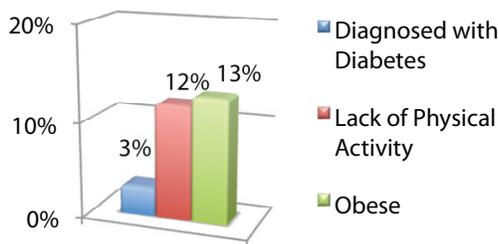
Access to health insurance is another important factor contributing to family well-being. In Oldham County, **8%** of the people under age 65 are uninsured.⁸

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

- **310** people were involved in addressing issues of their community.
- **437** people increased their knowledge of governmental process.
- **164** people expanded their knowledge of economic development.
- Oldham 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 Oldham County. *Figure 2. Health Risks.*⁸



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

- **341** people increased knowledge of practices to maintain health and well-being.
- **221** people increased knowledge of safe practices to store, handle, and prepare food.
- **320** 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, Oldham County families can be described as follows:²

- **12,199** families reside in the county.
- **358** families (**2.9%**) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is **\$70,495**.
- **234** grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, **793** people in Oldham County receive supplemental nutrition assistance. The average family benefit is **\$253.61** per month.³

In the county, **82** children live in out-of-home care. There were **73**

child victims of substantiated abuse.⁴ There were **77** incidents of adult abuse.⁵

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

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

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