

POWELL 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 Powell County resulting in strong families for Kentucky. Educational programs focus on:

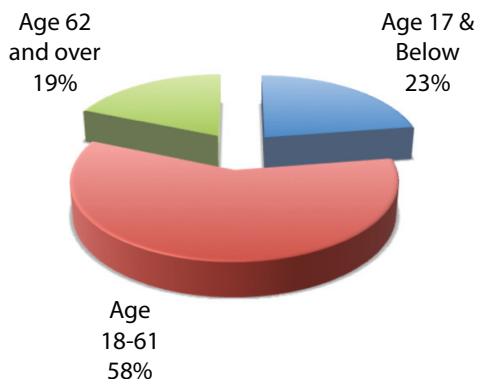
Making Beneficial Lifestyle Choices
Nurturing Families
Embracing Life as You Age
Securing Financial Stability
Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities
Accessing Nutritious Food
Empowering Community Leaders

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **8,687** contacts with Powell County families during 2009-2010.¹

OUR PEOPLE

Figure 1. Population by Age Group² (n=13,237)

► 2008 estimates from the 2000 U.S. Census reported total population as **13,237**.² The graph on the right indicates the percentage by age group.



SPOTLIGHT ON...

SECURING FINANCIAL STABILITY

Nada, Kentucky may be on the National Register of Historic Places for the hand-carved tunnel that leads to Red River Gorge, but it also is one of the poorest areas in the nation. This pocket of poverty received a community sewer in 2006 and a Community Development Block Grant that provided eight families with new 1,000 square-foot homes. Concerns over the families' abilities to maintain the new homes and budget for taxes and insurance gave rise to educational programs. The Extension Agent conducted a six-week course covering budgeting, debt relief, meal planning, green cleaning, and household organization. Children were included in an effort to promote long-term changes through early education.¹



OUR COMMUNITY

► Unemployment rates are a key economic indicator. In July 2010, the rate of unemployment in Powell County was **13.6%**.⁶

Mortgage and bank card delinquency rates and foreclosure filings are important financial indicators of community well-being. In Powell County, **2.5%** of mortgages are 90-days delinquent and **1.6%** of bank cards are 60-days delinquent.⁷ In a one-year period (August 2009 through August 2010), **57** foreclosures were filed.⁵

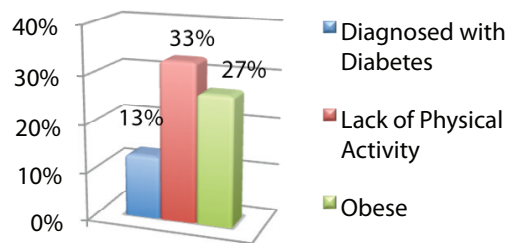
Access to health insurance is another important factor contributing to family well-being. In Powell County, **16%** of the people under age 65 are uninsured.⁸

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

- **80** people were involved in addressing issues of their community.
- **95** people were prepared to enter the work force.
- **102** people expanded their knowledge of economic development.
- Powell County Extension is involved in **9** community coalitions.

OUR HEALTH

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



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

- **700** people increased knowledge of practices to maintain health and well-being.
- **685** people made lifestyle changes to improve health.
- **1,200** 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, Powell County families can be described as follows:²

- **3,784** families reside in the county.
- **719** families (**18.9%**) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is **\$30,483**.
- **145** grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, **1,692** people in Powell County receive supplemental nutrition assistance. The average family benefit is **\$241.51** per month.³

In the county, **44** children live in out-of-home care. There were **91**

child victims of substantiated abuse.⁴ There were **42** incidents of adult abuse.⁵

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

- **510** adults and youth improved their ability to make informed and effective decisions.
- **800** adults and youth improved practical living skills.
- **520** people increased their knowledge and skills related to parenting and personal relationships.

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