

## SCOTT 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 Scott County resulting in strong families for Kentucky. Educational programs focus on:

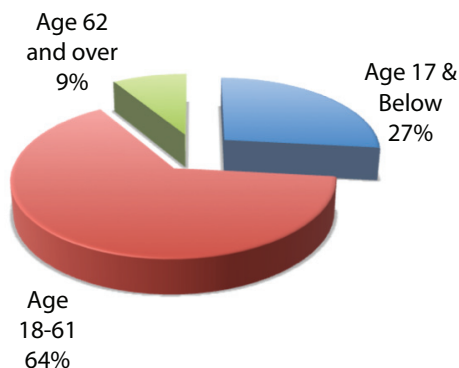
**Making Beneficial Lifestyle Choices**  
**Nurturing Families**  
**Embracing Life as You Age**  
**Securing Financial Stability**  
**Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities**  
**Accessing Nutritious Food**  
**Empowering Community Leaders**

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **15,434** contacts with Scott County families during 2009-2010.<sup>1</sup>

## OUR PEOPLE

Figure 1. Population by Age Group<sup>2</sup> (n=33,061)

► 2008 estimates from the 2000 U.S. Census reported total population as **33,061**.<sup>2</sup> The graph on the right indicates the percentage by age group.



## SPOTLIGHT ON...

### SECURING FINANCIAL STABILITY

“Money Saving Tips” covered basic family financial management practices, training 150 Extension volunteer leaders and guests across a nine-county area. The presentation introduced four government-sponsored websites dedicated to family and individual financial management: UK College of Agriculture Moneywise, eXtension (a partnership of 74 land grant universities), MyMoney.gov, and the Federal Trade Commission’s Money Matters. Seventy-three evaluations were completed from six of the nine counties. Ninety-nine percent of individuals surveyed reported knowledge gained, and 89% reported that the lesson motivated them to make some changes in financial management practices. Changes included developing spending plans, tracking spending, thinking before buying, conserving utilities, planning menus, and avoiding waste.<sup>1</sup>



## OUR COMMUNITY

► Unemployment rates are a key economic indicator. In July 2010, the rate of unemployment in Scott County was **10.7%**.<sup>6</sup>

Mortgage and bank card delinquency rates and foreclosure filings are important financial indicators of community well-being. In Scott County, **3.7%** of mortgages are 90-days delinquent and **1.4%** of bank cards are 60-days delinquent.<sup>7</sup> In a one-year period (August 2009 through August 2010), **328** foreclosures were filed.<sup>5</sup>

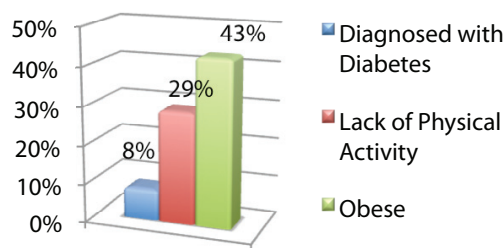
Access to health insurance is another important factor contributing to family well-being. In Scott County, **13%** of the people under age 65 are uninsured.<sup>8</sup>

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

- **69** people were involved in addressing issues of their community.
- **685** people increased their knowledge of governmental process.
- **30** people expanded their knowledge of economic development.
- Scott County Extension is involved in **8** community coalitions.

## OUR HEALTH

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



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

- **695** people increased knowledge of practices to maintain health and well-being.
- **630** people increased knowledge of safe practices to store, handle, and prepare food.
- **770** people developed skills to access affordable food.

## OUR FAMILIES

► Using data from the 2000 U.S. Census, Scott County families can be described as follows:<sup>2</sup>

- **8,990** families reside in the county.
- **657** families (**7.3%**) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is **\$54,117**.
- **222** grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, **2,146** people in Scott County receive supplemental nutrition assistance. The average family benefit is **\$285.87** per month.<sup>3</sup>

In the county, **98** children live in out-of-home care. There were **91**

child victims of substantiated abuse.<sup>4</sup> There were **136** incidents of adult abuse.<sup>5</sup>

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

- **40** adults and youth improved their ability to make informed and effective decisions.
- **75** people adopted money management practices to reduce debt and/or increase savings.
- **2,055** adults and youth improved practical living skills.

### SOURCES

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<sup>4</sup> Annie E. Casey Foundation, Kentucky KIDS COUNT, 2009.

<sup>5</sup> Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts, September, 2010

<sup>6</sup> Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, July 2010.

<sup>7</sup> TransUnion LLC., Trend Data, Quarter 1 2010.

<sup>8</sup> Kentucky Institute of Medicine, The Health of Kentucky: A County Assessment, 2007.