### **SHELBY COUNTY**

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# BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES FOR KENTUCKY 2011



### OUR FOCUS

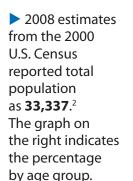
► Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the quality of life for individuals and families in Shelby County resulting in strong families for Kentucky. Educational programs focus on:

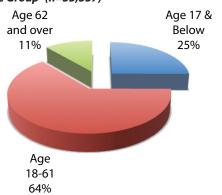
Making Beneficial Lifestyle Choices
Nurturing Families
Embracing Life as You Age
Securing Financial Stability
Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities
Accessing Nutritious Food
Empowering Community Leaders

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **33,929** contacts with Shelby County families during 2009-2010.<sup>1</sup>

### **OUR PEOPLE**

Figure 1. Population by Age Group<sup>2</sup> (n=33,337)



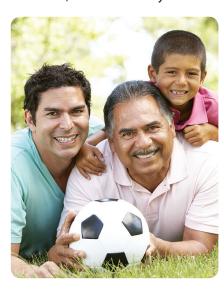


### **SPOTLIGHT ON...**

# MAKING BENEFICIAL LIFESTYLE CHOICES

ccording to the Centers for Disease Control, 59.4% of Kentuckians are obese or overweight. Remarkably, only 21% of Kentuckians report that they eat five or more servings of fruits and vegetables daily. The Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, 4-H Agent, and 4-H Program Assistant presented a nutrition-education program, "Eat Smart, Play Hard," in 25 classrooms for 565 fourth and fifth grade students and 18 middle and high school students at Cropper Alternative School. Students were encouraged to eat breakfast, choose healthy snacks

and nutritious drinks, and eat five servings of fruits and vegetables each day. A follow-up survey indicated that 93% were eating breakfast, 91% were choosing nutritious drinks, and 61% were eating at least five servings of fruits and vegetables.1





### **OUR COMMUNITY**

► Unemployment rates are a key economic indicator. In July 2010, the rate of unemployment in Shelby County was 9.7%.6

Mortgage and bank card delinquency rates and foreclosure filings are important financial indicators of community well-being. In Shelby County, **3.1%** of mortgages are 90-days delinquent and **1.2%** of bank cards are 60-days delin-

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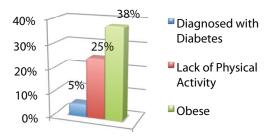
- 121 people were involved in addressing issues of their community.
- 662 people increased their knowledge of governmental process.
- 207 people expanded their knowledge of economic development.
- Shelby County Extension is involved in 10 community coalitions.

quent.<sup>7</sup> In a one-year period (August 2009 through August 2010), **272** foreclosures were filed.<sup>5</sup>

Access to health insurance is another important factor contributing to family well-being. In Shelby County, **12%** 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 Shelby County. *Figure 2. Health Risks.*<sup>8</sup>



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

- **4,041** people increased knowledge of practices to maintain health and well-being.
- **581** people increased knowledge of safe practices to store, handle, and prepare food.
- 495 people made lifestyle changes to improve health.

### **OUR FAMILIES**

- ► Using data from the 2000 U.S. Census, Shelby County families can be described as follows:<sup>2</sup>
- 9,121 families reside in the county.
- 597 families (6.5%) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is \$52,764.
- **229** grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, **1,844** people in Shelby County receive supplemental nutrition assistance. The average family benefit is **\$253.33** per month.<sup>3</sup>

In the county, 127 children live in out-of-home care. There were 122

child victims of substantiated abuse.<sup>4</sup> There were **103** incidents of adult abuse.<sup>5</sup>

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

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

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