

TAYLOR 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 Taylor County resulting in strong families for Kentucky. Educational programs focus on:

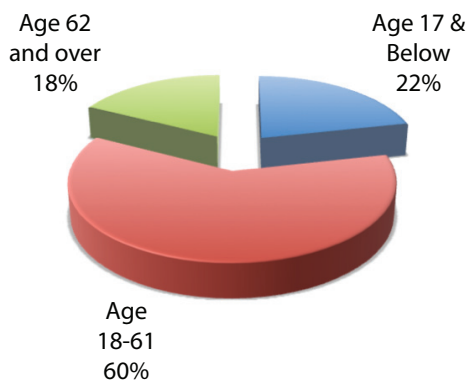
Making Beneficial Lifestyle Choices
Nurturing Families
Embracing Life as You Age
Securing Financial Stability
Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities
Accessing Nutritious Food
Empowering Community Leaders

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **10,697** contacts with Taylor County families during 2009-2010.¹

OUR PEOPLE

Figure 1. Population by Age Group² (n=22,927)

► 2008 estimates from the 2000 U.S. Census reported total population as **22,927**.² The graph on the right indicates the percentage by age group.



SPOTLIGHT ON...

MAKING BENEFICIAL LIFESTYLE CHOICES

Taylor Countians benefited from Cooperative Extension Service efforts to make life better and healthier by offering programs to address local problems of obesity and physical inactivity. Second Sunday in October has engaged hundreds in outdoor activity. "A Matter of Balance," a course for older adults, taught exercises to improve balance and to recognize and reduce the risk of falling. Thirty participants in "Biggest Loser" classes lost 80 pounds. "Life Skills" was taught to thirty-seven parents receiving public benefits. In learning to cook and bake, parents and children saw a greater variety of foods for better nutrition. Thirty-nine drug court participants and 50 public-housing residents learned to plan meals and manage resources.¹



OUR COMMUNITY

► Unemployment rates are a key economic indicator. In July 2010, the rate of unemployment in Taylor County was **12.0%**.⁶

Mortgage and bank card delinquency rates and foreclosure filings are important financial indicators of community well-being. In Taylor County, **1.9%** 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), **50** foreclosures were filed.⁵

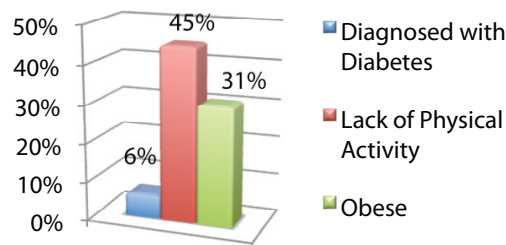
Access to health insurance is another important factor contributing to family well-being. In Taylor County, **15%** of the people under age 65 are uninsured.⁸

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

- **210** people were involved in addressing issues of their community.
- **135** people expanded their knowledge of economic development.
- Taylor County Extension is involved in **22** community coalitions.

OUR HEALTH

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



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

- **424** people increased knowledge of practices to maintain health and well-being.
- **126** people developed skills to access affordable food.
- **263** 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, Taylor County families can be described as follows:²

- **6,559** families reside in the county.
- **932** families (**14.2%**) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is **\$33,854**.
- **112** grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, **1,731** people in Taylor County receive supplemental nutrition assistance. The average family benefit is **\$229.29** per month.³

In the county, **38** children live in out-of-home care. There were **62**

child victims of substantiated abuse.⁴ There were **66** incidents of adult abuse.⁵

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

- **78** people adopted money management practices to reduce debt and/or increase savings.
- **140** adult or child care providers increased their knowledge and skills related to age appropriate care.
- **126** adults and youth improved practical living skills.

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