### TRIMBLE COUNTY

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# BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES FOR KENTUCKY 2011



### OUR FOCUS

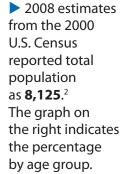
➤ Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the quality of life for individuals and families in Trimble County resulting in strong families for Kentucky. Educational programs focus on:

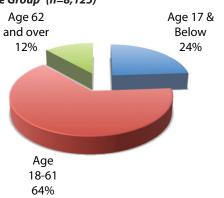
Making Beneficial Lifestyle Choices
Nurturing Families
Embracing Life as You Age
Securing Financial Stability
Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities
Accessing Nutritious Food
Empowering Community Leaders

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **12,442** contacts with Trimble County families during 2009-2010.<sup>1</sup>

### **OUR PEOPLE**

Figure 1. Population by Age Group<sup>2</sup> (n=8,125)



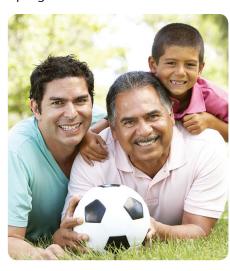


### **SPOTLIGHT ON...**

# MAKING BENEFICIAL LIFESTYLE CHOICES

he health of America's children is at risk because of poor nutrition and physical inactivity. Fewer than 15% of schoolchildren eat the recommended servings of fruit; fewer than 20% eat the recommended servings of vegetables. According to the Kentucky Institute of Medicine, Trimble County lacks appropriate levels of physical activity, which could result in diabetes and obesity. Cooperative Extension Service partnered with Trimble County School System to offer Literacy, Eating, and Activity for Preschools (LEAP) curriculum to approximately 70 preschoolers. This program uses books that focus on

preparing and eating healthy foods and being physically active. Teachers reported that as a result of the program the children were choosing to eat more fruits and vegetables at mealtime.<sup>1</sup>





### **OUR COMMUNITY**

► Unemployment rates are a key economic indicator. In July 2010, the rate of unemployment in Trimble County was 12.1%.6

Mortgage and bank card delinquency rates and foreclosure filings are important financial indicators of community well-being. In Trimble County, 2.3% of mortgages are 90-days delinquent and 1.2% of bank cards

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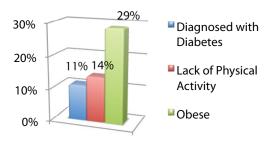
- 71 people were involved in addressing issues of their community.
- 10 people were prepared to enter the work force.
- 20 people expanded their knowledge of economic development.
- Trimble County Extension is involved in 8 community coalitions.

are 60-days delinquent.<sup>7</sup> In a one-year period (August 2009 through August 2010), **48** foreclosures were filed.<sup>5</sup>

Access to health insurance is another important factor contributing to family well-being. In Trimble County, **14%** of the people under age 65 are uninsured.<sup>8</sup>

### **OUR HEALTH**

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



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

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

### **OUR FAMILIES**

- ► Using data from the 2000 U.S. Census, Trimble County families can be described as follows:<sup>2</sup>
- 2,297 families reside in the county.
- 231 families (10%) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is \$41,925.
- 126 grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, **563** people in Trimble County receive supplemental nutrition assistance. The average family benefit is **\$268.83** per month.<sup>3</sup>

In the county, 14 children live in out-of-home care. There were 28

child victims of substantiated abuse.<sup>4</sup> There were **35** incidents of adult abuse.<sup>5</sup>

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

- 315 people adopted money management practices to reduce debt and/or increase savings.
- 317 people increased their knowledge and skills related to parenting and personal relationships.
- **250** adults and youth improved practical living skills.

#### **SOURCES**

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