

UNION 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 Union County resulting in strong families for Kentucky. Educational programs focus on:

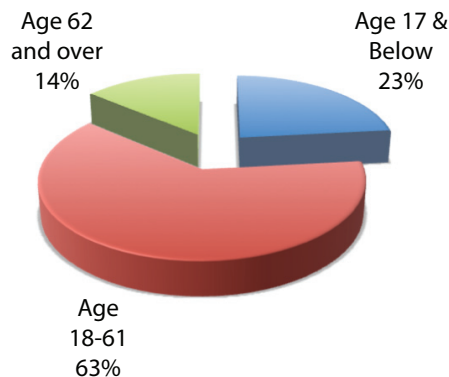
Making Beneficial Lifestyle Choices
Nurturing Families
Embracing Life as You Age
Securing Financial Stability
Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities
Accessing Nutritious Food
Empowering Community Leaders

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **1,990** contacts with Union County families during 2009-2010.¹

OUR PEOPLE

Figure 1. Population by Age Group² (n=15,637)

► 2008 estimates from the 2000 U.S. Census reported total population as **15,637**.² The graph on the right indicates the percentage by age group.



SPOTLIGHT ON...

MAKING BENEFICIAL LIFESTYLE CHOICES

Risk factors for poor nutrition and physical inactivity begin early in life, with a natural link between nutrition, physical activity, and reading. Reading books that focus on preparing and eating healthy foods and physical activity can help children adopt positive food and activity behaviors. The Family and Consumer Sciences Agent used Literacy, Eating, and Activity with Preschoolers curriculum to inspire four-year-olds at God's Little Lambs Preschool to make healthy choices. The two-month Friday program introduced nutritious foods, concepts of staying healthy, and being physically active through storybooks.

Newsletters were sent home after every lesson to help inspire parents as well. Teachers surveyed reported that children looked forward to the program and were also more likely to try different vegetables.¹



OUR COMMUNITY

► Unemployment rates are a key economic indicator. In July 2010, the rate of unemployment in Union County was **10.1%**.⁶

Mortgage and bank card delinquency rates and foreclosure filings are important financial indicators of community well-being. In Union County, **2.0%** of mortgages are 90-days delinquent and **1.5%** of bank cards are 60-days delinquent.⁷ In a one-year period (August 2009 through August 2010), **57** foreclosures were filed.⁵

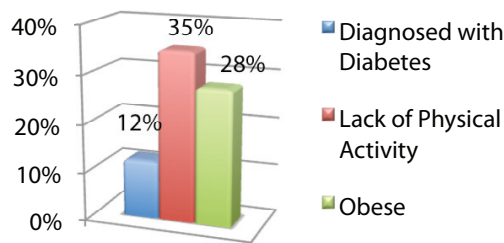
Access to health insurance is another important factor contributing to family well-being. In Union County, **13%** of the people under age 65 are uninsured.⁸

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

- **25** people were involved in addressing issues of their community.
- **9** people were involved in working with government in addressing significant community issues.
- Union County Extension is involved in **6** community coalitions.

OUR HEALTH

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



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

- **215** people increased knowledge of practices to maintain health and well-being.
- **35** people made lifestyle changes to improve health.
- **165** 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, Union County families can be described as follows:²

- **4,081** families reside in the county.
- **380** families (**9.3%**) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is **\$43,103**.
- **65** grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, **968** people in Union County receive supplemental nutrition assistance. The average family benefit is **\$262.36** per month.³

In the county, **42** children live in out-of-home care. There were **62**

child victims of substantiated abuse.⁴ There were **83** incidents of adult abuse.⁵

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

- **345** adults and youth improved their ability to make informed and effective decisions.
- **14** adult or child care providers increased their knowledge and skills related to age appropriate care.
- **345** adults and youth improved practical living skills.

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