

WAYNE 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 Wayne County resulting in strong families for Kentucky. Educational programs focus on:

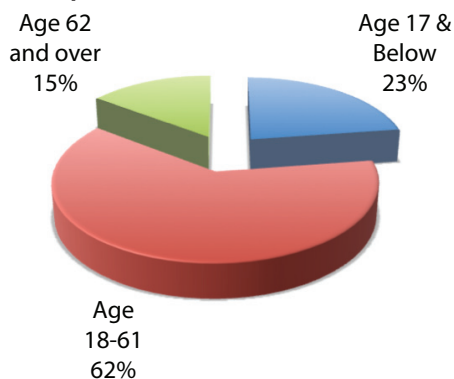
Making Beneficial Lifestyle Choices
Nurturing Families
Embracing Life as You Age
Securing Financial Stability
Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities
Accessing Nutritious Food
Empowering Community Leaders

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **34,944** contacts with Wayne County families during 2009-2010.¹

OUR PEOPLE

Figure 1. Population by Age Group² (n=19,923)

► 2008 estimates from the 2000 U.S. Census reported total population as **19,923**.² The graph on the right indicates the percentage by age group.



SPOTLIGHT ON...

MAKING BENEFICIAL LIFESTYLE CHOICES

Obesity, and especially childhood obesity, is a significant yet preventable problem in Kentucky. Obesity and a lack of physical activity are linked to many deleterious diseases that are on the rise in the United States, such as diabetes. To expose children to the benefits of healthy eating and good nutrition habits early in life, Wayne County Extension taught the Literacy, Eating, and Activity for Preschool (LEAP) curriculum. Participants included 230 children. As a result of their involvement in the learning activities, 230 children were able to demonstrate proper hand washing, 228 children sampled a variety of foods which included fruits and vegetables, and 225 children increased their level of physical activity.¹



OUR COMMUNITY

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

Mortgage and bank card delinquency rates and foreclosure filings are important financial indicators of community well-being. In Wayne County, **3.2%** of mortgages are 90-days delinquent and **1.3%** of bank cards are 60-days delinquent.⁷ In a one-year period (August 2009 through August 2010), **59** foreclosures were filed.⁵

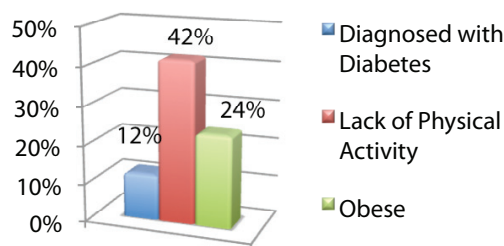
Access to health insurance is another important factor contributing to family well-being. In Wayne County, **19%** of the people under age 65 are uninsured.⁸

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

- **53** people were involved in addressing issues of their community.
- **65** people increased their knowledge of governmental process.
- **31** people expanded their knowledge of economic development.
- Wayne County Extension is involved in **15** community coalitions.

OUR HEALTH

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



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

- **241** people increased knowledge of practices to maintain health and well-being.
- **355** people made lifestyle changes to improve health.
- **361** 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, Wayne County families can be described as follows:²

- **5,812** families reside in the county.
- **1,439** families (**24.6%**) live below poverty level.
- Median family income is **\$24,869**.
- **253** grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.



According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, **2,389** people in Wayne County receive supplemental nutrition assistance. The average family benefit is **\$216.07** per month.³

In the county, **23** children live in out-of-home care. There were **77**

child victims of substantiated abuse.⁴ There were **62** incidents of adult abuse.⁵

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

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

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